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Place of Birth: Madison, Wisconsin, USA

Candidate For: Council

Statement of Interest: I have been a member of the ASBMR since 2004 and have benefited tremendously from the society's programs and meetings. The opportunity to present our work at the opening plenary session of the 2004 ASBMR meeting is one of the most important events in my career as it allowed my laboratory to establish a presence in the bone disease-related research field. This presentation, as well as others that have followed over the course of the last decade, have provided networking opportunities that have greatly benefited my research program. This includes the opportunity to serve on numerous NIH study sections. For example, I served as a charter member of the NIH study section on Skeletal Biology Development and Disease for three years and have also served as an *ad hoc* member of the NIAMS Special Grants Review Committee (AMS) and a NIAMS P30 review panel. In total, I have served as a member of over 20 NIH study sections or grant review panels during the last 9 years. This was all a direct result of the networking opportunities provided by attendance at the ASBMR Annual Meeting.

My participation in ASBMR activities has included being an ad hoc member of the Publications Committee, and I am currently in my second year of participation as a member of the Advocacy and Science Policy Committee. In addition, I am also the current ASBMR representative to the FASEB committee on NIH issues, a member of the ASBMR Development Work Group, a member of the JBMR Editorial Board, and have served for numerous years as an abstract reviewer for the annual meeting.

My recent service on the ASBMR Advocacy and Science Policy Committee has allowed me the opportunity to observe some portions of the ASBMR Winter Council Meeting. This experience has provided me with an even greater appreciation of the opportunities and challenges facing ASBMR, and I would enjoy the opportunity to work with the outstanding group of individuals who serve on the ASBMR Council to assist in formulating and promoting the mission of ASBMR to advance research, education, and clinical care.

Education/Training/Positions: BS, Carroll College, Waukesha, WI, 1991; Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (mentor: Tyler Jacks), Cambridge, MA, 1991-1996; Postdoctoral Fellowship (mentor: Harold Varmus), National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, 1996-1999; Investigator, Van Andel Research Institute (VARI), Grand Rapids, MI, 1999-2006; Senior Investigator (Associate Professor), VARI, Grand Rapids, MI, 2006-2013; Professor, VARI, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013-present; Director, Program for Skeletal Disease and Tumor Microenvironment, VARI, Grand Rapids, MI, 2010-present; Director, Center for Cancer and Cell Biology, VARI, Grand Rapids, MI, 2014-present

Honors/Awards: Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Research Fund Post-doctoral Fellowship, 1996-1999, Young Investigator Travel Grant Award, American Association of Cancer Research-Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research, 1996 Most Outstanding Abstract, ASBMR 2004 Annual Meeting

Editorial Duties/Peer Review Panels: Editorial Board, JBMR, 2009-present; Editorial Board, Bone Research, 2013-present; Editorial Board, PLOS ONE, 2012-present; Editorial Board, Endocrinology, 2011-present; Editorial Board, GENE, 2011-present; Consulting Editor, Journal of Clinical Investigation, 2012-present; Editorial Board, Journal of Biological Chemistry, 2003-2008; Scientific Reviewer, California Breast Cancer Research Program, 2003-2006; Ad hoc Reviewer, NIH SBSR Study Section, 2005-2007; Ad hoc Reviewer, NIH SBDD Study Section, 2007-2008; Ad hoc Reviewer, NIAMS Special Grants Review Committee, 2010; Ad hoc Reviewer, NCI Mouse Models of Human Cancer Consortium, 2009; Ad hoc Reviewer, NCI Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics Panel, 2012; Ad hoc Reviewer, NIAMS P30 Review Panel, 2013; Permanent Member, NIH SBDD Study Section, 2008-2012; Ad hoc Reviewer, NIH SBDD Study Section, 2013; Scientist Reviewer, DOD CDMRP Prostate Cancer Research Program, 2007-

2012; Scientific Reviewer, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, various review panels, 2011-2013; Scientific Reviewer, Cancer Prevention Research Initiative of Texas, 2014-present; Additional Ad hoc Reviewer Service: Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Children's Tumor Foundation, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Wellcome Trust, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, A-STAR-Singapore, Italian Ministry of Health, Cancer Research UK, Prostate Cancer Charity UK, ASBMR Bridge Funding Panel, National Osteoporosis Foundation, Broad Medical Research Program, Italian Association for Cancer Research

Professional Societies: American Society for Bone and Mineral Research: Abstract or Category Reviewer for the Annual Meeting, 2007-2009 and 2011-2014; Ad hoc Member, Publications Committee, 2009-2010; Session Chair ASBMR Annual Meeting, 2009, 2011, 2013; Development Work Group, 2014-present; Development Work Group Subgroup on Private and Corporate Foundations, 2014-present; Young Investigatory Travel Award Review Panel, 2014; Member, Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee, 2012-present; ASBMR Representative on FASEB NIH Issues Subcommittee, 2012-present; Speed Networking and Breakfast Networking Events, ASBMR Annual Meeting, 2012-2014; Annual Meeting Poster Competition Judge, 2011-2012; Meet the Professor Presentation, ASBMR Annual Meeting 2013; ASBMR Bridge Funding Review Panel, 2008

Current Research: Analyzing the role of Wnt signaling in bone disease with an emphasis on the development and characterization of genetically engineered mouse models.

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