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Lynda F. Bonewald, Ph.D., Takes Office as President of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

Washington, DC (October 12, 2012) – Lynda Bonewald Ph.D., will begin her term as president of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR), on October 15, 2012, the final day of the ASBMR 2012 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. ASBMR is the world's leading scientific organization for bone health research.

“We are at an exciting and pivotal time as new discoveries in the interactions of bone with muscle, kidney, energy metabolism and neural regulation are creating opportunities to improve the health and quality of life for patients of all ages. Our research is helping to build strong bones among children and adolescents, preventing bone and muscle deterioration among older adults, and finding better ways to coordinate care for patients who have experienced a fracture,” Dr. Bonewald said. “We are committed to accelerating the translation of research into clinical practice, which is one of the most pressing issues in our field today.”

Dr. Bonewald is currently the Interim Vice Chancellor for Translational and Clinical Research at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She is Director, Bone Biology Research Program in the UMKC School of Dentistry, Department of Oral Biology, and Director of the UMKC Center of Excellence in the Study of Dental and Musculoskeletal Tissues. Her research focuses on osteocyte biology, mechanotransduction and crosstalk with other tissues, specifically muscle.

A graduate of University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Bonewald received her doctorate in 1984 from the Medical University of South Carolina in immunology and microbiology. She performed her postdoctoral fellowship with Makio Ogawa in the area of hematopoietic stem cell growth factors, before joining Gregory Mundy's group at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in 1986 as an assistant professor. Dr. Bonewald moved to the UMKC in 2001 as a full professor.

In addition, Dr. Bonewald is an associate editor for *Journal for Bone and Mineral Research* and serves on the editorial boards for the *Journal of Biomolecular Techniques*, *Bone* and *Experimental Biology and Medicine*. She is the recipient of the Distinguished Scientist Award in the area of mineralized tissue from AADR/IADR and the Remodeling in Bone Award from the Sun Valley Workshop and serves on the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council.

Prior to stepping into the role of president-elect and now president of ASBMR, Dr. Bonewald served the Society as Secretary/Treasurer from 2009 to 2011.

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About ASBMR

The American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) is the leading professional, scientific and medical society established to bring together clinical and experimental scientists involved in the study of bone and mineral metabolism. ASBMR encourages and promotes the study of this expanding field through annual scientific meetings, an official journal (*Journal of Bone and Mineral Research*), the Primer on Metabolic Bone Diseases and Disorders of Mineral Metabolism, advocacy and interaction with government agencies and related societies. To learn more about upcoming meetings and publications, please visit www.asbmr.org.

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