

**Personal Statement: Lisa Carter-Bawa, PhD, MPH, APRN, FAAN**

As an active SBM member since 2013, I've witnessed firsthand the power of our collective voice. I'm honored to be considered for Member-Delegate and amplify that voice even further. Equity is my guiding principle. I believe every member, regardless of career stage or background, deserves to be heard and valued. Through a platform for diverse perspectives, I will work to ensure all voices shape SBM's future. We thrive when we learn from and empower each other. That is why I'm dedicated to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment. My advocacy passion stems from a deep personal belief that despite the challenges we face, we can defy expectations and create positive change. As a descendent of slaves born to multiethnic parents during a time when interracial marriage was illegal, this is the lens that I bring to my strong belief in the equitable representation of all voices. As your Member-Delegate, I will work diligently with all leadership to disrupt the status quo and empower this incredible organization to evolve even further to be the quintessential leader in what equity looks like in a professional organization. Together, let's build a stronger, more equitable SBM that represents the vibrant tapestry of our membership.