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SBM's mission is aligned with my vision for the future of behavioral medicine. As my primary professional home, SBM provided a base across my career in the federal government where I focused on behavioral medicine practice, policy, and research. SBM's success is directly related to the compassion, creativity, commitment, intellect, and drive of its members. If elected as President, I would be honored to serve the membership and advance SBM's mission through committed leadership and engagement.

Meaningfully and equitably improving health for all people is our shared goal. To deliver effective, sustainable, and multilevel health solutions requires systematic development of the evidence base and engagement with a range of end users to turn that evidence into action. We must acknowledge the scientific complexity of the challenges we face while also communicating that the integration of behavioral medicine into all facets of health is crucial to addressing the challenges. To do this, we must foster a strong sense of belonging within the membership, seek out different perspectives, critically challenge our assumptions, and foster learning and growth. As President, I would strive to enhance SBM's impact by advancing rigorous science that is grounded in principles of inclusivity, equity, respect, engagement, and belonging.