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It is an honor to be nominated for the role of Secretary/Treasurer of the Society of Behavioral Medicine. As a member of SBM for 18 years, I have always appreciated the innovative strategies the society has taken to engage learners and early career researchers, to recognize career achievements at every level, and to provide networking opportunities. The annual meeting is of course the premier event – but SBM’s resources and networks are available throughout the year. From SBM-sponsored webinars and social media to the receptions and local meet-ups, there are so many ways to stay connected to the SBM community. The strategy and financing that enables this important work to continue and grow every year requires the commitment and dedication of those who have seen the remarkable impact it can make.

I am qualified for the position of Secretary-Treasurer because I have experienced the benefits of SBM’s well-organized community outreach, scholarship, education, advocacy, and networking and because I have over a decade of experience managing large research and education programs at my own institution and as a team scientist. If elected, I will diligently serve as steward of SBM’s decision-making and finances in pursuit of transparency and benefits to all members.