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Place of Birth: Melbourne, Australia

Candidate for: Councilor

Statement of Interest: I attended my first ASBMR meeting as a post-doctoral fellow in New Orleans in 1989 and found it a wonderful encounter. I left that meeting with new ideas and collaborations that continue to this day. This experience cemented ASBMR as my scientific and professional home and shaped my views about the importance of supporting young investigators. I became an ASBMR member and a regular attendee at Annual Meetings. I went on to serve as a member (2005-2008) and then Chair of the Women in Bone and Mineral Research committee (WBMRC) from 2008 to 2012. One of the committee's missions is to ensure that women are nominated as speakers, for awards and the elected positions of ASBMR and over the last 9 years the number of women nominated has increased by more than 70%. During my tenure as Chair, I initiated the Speed Networking event at the annual meeting in 2009 and it has been very popular with both young investigators and senior scientists. This event has been held at the 2010, 2012 and 2013 meetings.

While I was Chair of WBMRC I instigated the Paula Stern Achievement Award in 2010 specifically for mid-career women as it is well known that this is a difficult period for women to maintain their research careers. This award was adopted by the ASBMR Council as one of the Society's Esteemed Awards.

Mentoring postgraduate students and younger academics is one of the most fulfilling facets of my career. This interest in young investigators and promoting career development for women culminated in 2012 with the first Phoebe Leboy Professional Development Award. This award is given to a woman who is at the beginning of their independent career, does not reside in the US and preference is given to women from emerging countries. As an international member of ASBMR I am very conscious of the need to reach out to researchers outside the US and show them how ASBMR can provide both great science and mentorship.

I was awarded the Shirley Hohl award in 2012 for service to ASBMR and I believe that I can be of further service to ASBMR as a Councilor. I have demonstrated that I have the vision, and commitment to strategies to improve the meeting experience for all members and to increase the involvement of young investigators in ASBMR.

Education/Training/Positions: BSc, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Australia, 1977; MSc, The University of Melbourne, Parkville, Australia, 1981; PhD, Monash University, Clayton, Australia, 1987; FFSc, Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, 2012; Graduate Research Assistant, Renal Unit and The University of Melbourne, Department of Medicine, Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Australia, 1977-1983; Guest Researcher, Brain Biochemistry Section, Neurosciences Branch, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A. 1983-1985; Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The University of Melbourne, Department of Medicine, Heidelberg, Australia, 1986-1989; Australian Research Council Fellow, St. Vincent's Institute of Medical Research (SVIMR), Fitzroy, Australia, 1989-1991; R. Douglas Wright Fellow, SVIMR, 1992-1995; NHMRC Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow, SVIMR, Australia, 1997-2006; Principal Fellow, The University of Melbourne, Department of Medicine, Austin Health, 2003-present; Head of Histopathology and Associate Professor, 2006-present.

Honors/Awards: American Association of University Women International Fellowship, 1983-1984; McGauran Trust Fellowship, 1989-1991; Wellcome Ramaciotti Research Travel Grant, 1992; Bilateral Science and Technology Collaboration Program Grant, (Australian Government, Department

of Industry, Science and Technology) 1994; Wellcome Ramaciotti Research Travel Grant, 1995; Australian Academy of Science and Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering Scientific and Technology Exchange Program with the Royal Society, 1996; Shirley Hohl Award, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, 2012.

Editorial Duties/Peer Review Panels: Editorial Board: *General and Comparative Endocrinology*, 2005-2010; Handling Editor, *General and Comparative Endocrinology*, 2010-2012; Review Editorial Board, *Frontiers in Endocrinology*, 2010-present; Ad hoc reviewer, *Nature*, *JBMR*, *Bone*, *JCI*, *Cancer Research*, *Endocrinology*, *Am J Pathol*, *J Pathol*, *Development*. Peer Review Panels: Ad hoc reviewer, National Health and Medical Research Council, 1989-present; New Zealand Health Research Council, 1987-present; Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (UK), 1996- present; National Science Foundation (USA), 2001-present; International reviewer, Australian Research Council, 1992-present.

Professional Societies: American Society for Bone and Mineral Research; International Bone and Mineral Society; Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia; European Society of Comparative Endocrinologists; Austral Comparative Endocrinologists; Histology Group of Victoria

Current Research: The comparative endocrinology of parathyroid hormone-related protein (PTHrP). Comparative oncology of breast and bone cancer.

Disclosures: Chair, Organizing Committee, Comparative Endocrinology of Calcium Regulation Workshop, International Bone and Mineral Society.