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2017 ASMBS Presidential Address

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It is truly an honor to be standing here today to deliver the 34th Presidential address to you.

The ASMBS has been my professional home since I began my academic career and it was only ten years ago that I sat in that audience, a fellow working at the Cleveland Clinic, wondering how I could get more involved in this society. Phil Schauer was the president that year which was the year we added the word “metabolic” to our name. I knew everyone up here and no one knew me, but it was pretty clear to me then that this was a society full of energy and passion, and it was a professional society that offered the chance to advance based on your hard work.

So I was asked if I wanted to be on this new committee that Eric DeMaria was chairing called the Clinical Issues Committee. I of course jumped at the opportunity to be on a committee with a famous surgeon like Dr. DeMaria. So I sat down in my first ever committee meeting at the 24th Annual Meeting in San Diego and found myself sitting next to Dr. Michael Sarr in a room full of people whose work had been reading for years. And when someone brought up a topic that we were going to write a position paper about, I spoke up and offered to use

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