**Short Biographical Sketch**

David Aronoff, MD, FIDSA, FAAM is Professor of Medicine and holds the Addison B Scoville, Jr. Chair in Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He is Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases and the founding Director of the Vanderbilt Pre3 Initiative (*Pre*venting adverse *Pre*gnancy outcomes and *Pre*maturity), a transdisciplinary collaborative program aimed at improving maternal-child health through innovation, education, discovery, and implementation.

Dr. Aronoff received his Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Indiana University and Medical Degree at Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Aronoff stayed at Vanderbilt to complete a clinical fellowship in Infectious Diseases and a research fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology. He then joined the faculty in Infectious Diseases at the University of Michigan, where he also completed a research postdoctoral fellowship in immunology. Dr. Aronoff remained at the University of Michigan until 2013, when he was recruited back to Vanderbilt.

The Aronoff Lab studies reproductive immunology and host-microbial interactions in the context of pregnancy, with a focus on Group B *Streptococcus* (GBS) infections. Primary areas of focus include mechanisms of disease pathogenesis involved in GBS infections causing chorioamnionitis, membrane rupture, preterm birth, stillbirth and neonatal sepsis.

Dr. Aronoff is a Fellow in the Infectious Diseases Society of America and a Fellow in the American Academy of Microbiology. He is past President of the Anaerobe Society of the Americas, a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and serves Section Editor for *The Journal of Immunology*. He is a Section Editor for the *Journal of Immunology* and is Chair of the Pregnancy and Neonatology (PN) Study Section for the NIH. He also serves as a grant reviewer for the March of Dimes. Dr. Aronoff is a past President of the Anaerobe Society of the Americas and is Chair of the Meeting Strategy Committee for the American Society for Microbiology.

Dr. Aronoff has been quite active in ASRI over the past decade. Service activities have included serving on the Program Committee for the 2013 ASRI Annual Meeting and serving as a Council Member from 2017 to the present time. Since 2018, Dr. Aronoff has been the Chair of the Website and Social Media Committee and a member of the Nomination Committee. He has both submitted and peer-reviewed manuscripts for the society journal, *AJRI*.

Personal statement:

I am a proud member of, and volunteer for, the ASRI. The field of reproductive immunology is incredible and the work we do is critical. If elected President I will work to support our mission to foster the development of reproductive immunology research, increase intellectual exchange between clinical and basic branches of reproductive immunology and provide mentoring for new scientists interested in reproductive immunology. High priority goals for me are to enhance diversity (both in our scientific portfolio and our membership) and foster early career development. My experiences with the ASRI have given me a keen appreciation for the critical role that *meeting and communicating* play in accelerating our science and our careers. The ways through which we share knowledge, including in person and through the internet, are likely to change significantly in the near future and I want to help ASRI innovate in this space. Thank you for considering me as a candidate to serve the ASRI at this high level.