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Dr. Louise Dembry is the current President of SHEA. She joined SHEA in 1993 as an Infectious Diseases Fellow and served on various SHEA committees and task forces. She was the Scientific Program chair of the 2004 Annual Meeting and chaired the Publications Committee 2007-2010. She participated in several SHEA review groups and served as faculty for the SHEA/CDC course for many years as well as the HAI Regional Training program. She was SHEA Treasurer 2010-2012 and returned to the SHEA Board as Vice President in 2014. She participated in the creation of the SHEA Education and Research Foundation (ERF) while Treasurer and has continued to serve on the SHEA ERF

Board through 2015. She has been a member of the IDWeek Planning Committee for the last three years and has served as an abstract reviewer.

Dr. Dembry joined the faculty of the Yale University School of Medicine in 1993 after completing her Infectious Diseases fellowship at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She was promoted to Professor of Medicine Epidemiology in 2013. Upon joining Yale, she initially served as the Yale-New Haven Hospital Associate Hospital Epidemiologist, Epidemiology Laboratory Director and VA Connecticut Healthcare System Hospital Epidemiologist. In 2001 she was appointed Hospital Epidemiologist for Yale-New Haven Hospital; a position in which she served until October 2012. She was then appointed Associate Director of Hospital Epidemiology for the newly integrated Yale-New Haven Hospital and former Hospital of St. Raphael Hospital Epidemiology programs. She currently serves as Director, Healthcare Epidemiology for the VA CT Healthcare System. Her main interests include 1) the prevention and control of transmission of antibiotic resistant organisms in healthcare settings, 2) healthcare facility public health emergency preparedness and 3) training and education for hospital epidemiology and public health emergencies. She has mentored twelve Yale ID Fellows during one-year Hospital Epidemiology Fellowships performed under her supervision. More recently she has taken on a new role as mentor to several junior ID faculty; encouraging involvement in SHEA as a way to help them grow their careers. She directs the Yale School of Public Health Healthcare Epidemiology course that is taught annually, has published more than 65 peer reviewed articles and book chapters, and serves on several state and national committees and councils (AHRQ National Advisory Council 2010-2012).

In 2008, Dr. Dembry completed her MBA degree program. She decided to go to business school in 2006 in order to gain formal education and training in skills that hospital epidemiologists are called upon to use daily in their work: program development and management, strategy and strategic thinking as well as leadership and staff development to name a few. She is looking forward to putting these skills to work to guide SHEA in the coming year when we, as a society as well as our members, will continue to face many challenges to our profession as well as gain new opportunities for growth.