

April 19, 2019

Dear Nominating Committee:

I wholeheartedly and without reservations endorse Stephen Kaufman, MD as a candidate for the Eye Bank Association of America Board of Directors. I have known Dr. Kaufman for many years and had the pleasure of working closely with him when he joined The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration Medical Advisory Board in 2015. During his three year tenure, which included a leadership role as Secretary of the MAB, he generously gave of his time and expertise.

With Dr. Kaufman's active participation, we successfully conducted a scientific study to evaluate the efficacy of adding amphotericin B in cornea storage media to reduce the risk of fungal infection post cornea transplant. Dr. Kaufman also volunteered as a member of our faculty for our *Wing Chu, MD Cornea Fellow Day*, a one-day educational event that included a didactic session in the morning and a DMEK wet lab in the afternoon. Additionally, he volunteered to participate on our Strategic Planning session, a two-day event that included representatives from the Board of Directors, Medical Advisory Board and staff leadership. His experience and understanding of reviewing research projects provided valuable assistance to The Eye-Bank when we were approached by outside organizations looking to collaborate with us.

Dr. Kaufman appreciates the challenges that eye banks face today and is committed to helping find the best solutions for everyone to succeed. He is thoughtful in his deliberations, willing to share his opinion and capable of seeing the big picture. I see him as a valuable asset for the EBAA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Patricia Dahl
Executive Director/CEO