



April 21, 2020

EBAA Nominations Committee Chair

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for **Eric Meinecke**, EBAA Board of Directors

It has been my privilege to serve and work with Mr. Eric Meinecke since he started eye banking 20 years ago. During that time, I have observed Eric in a variety of work groups and committees. As a result, I wish to deliver a strong recommendation nominating him to the EBAA Board of Directors.

Eric is analytical and uses a systematic approach to problem solving. He excels at eye banking and is a leader in our national community. Eric and I worked together at Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank (RMLEB) for many years. At RMLEB, Eric trained as a “full-service” eye bank technician in the days before job specialization. As a result, he is uniquely familiar with all aspects of eye banking art and science. We have collaborated on numerous EBAA committees and related business work groups over the years. Mr. Meinecke demonstrates strength in leadership, teaching, writing, public speaking and critical thinking. He has served as trainer, technical manager and Chief Operating Officer. Eric has been President and CEO of the Georgia Eye Bank for the last six years.

Eric Meinecke has an impressive and diverse record of service to the EBAA. Of particular note, Eric has served on those committees and EBAA work groups designed to enhance the technical execution of eye banking and promote patient safety. He has served in leadership roles for the Accreditation Board and Medical Advisory Board for many years. In his role as Eye Bank CEO, Eric has demonstrated skill in working with board members and consensus building. Mr. Meinecke has served on the EBAA board in the past. His participation is warmly remembered by those who served with him.

For these reasons, I call for the Nominating Committee to give every consideration in advancing Eric Meinecke’s name to the ballot for EBAA Board Member.

Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. [dvavra@miraclesinsight.org](mailto:dvavra@miraclesinsight.org) or 336-231-6671.

Sincerely,

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