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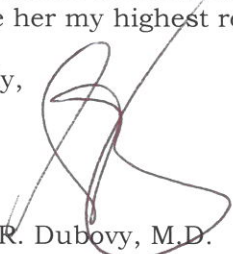
Dear EBAA Board Nominations Committee,

I am writing a letter with my strongest support for Elizabeth Fout who has been nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the EBAA. I have known Elizabeth for nearly twenty years having served as the Medical Director of the Florida Lions Eye Bank (FLEB) while she has worked in a variety of capacities including Cornea technician, Quality Assurance Director and, since 2005, Executive Director.

Elizabeth has done a fantastic job in her various positions at the FLEB. Under her guidance the eye bank has grown tremendously in size and scope. We have grown from an eye bank that did not charge for our services, providing tissue primarily from medical examiner's offices to one that procures tissue from a variety of locations and provides PK, DSEK, DMEK and preloaded tissues as well as providing serum tears and operating a specialty specific ophthalmic pathology laboratory, all located in the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. While most eye banks have undergone many of these changes over the past years, the ease and seamless manner in which we have transitioned has been remarkable. Elizabeth oversaw the founding of the Beauty of Sight Foundation and most recently obtained a COVID PPP loan for the FLEB. Elizabeth demonstrates a tremendous attention to detail both from a financial, personal and institutional perspective. She has developed vital working relationships with all of the employees, medical examiners, cornea surgeons, organ procurement staff members and faculty and staff at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. She has handled all aspects of the position with poise and aplomb. Most importantly, she is deeply interested in eye banking and our goal of giving the gift of sight to our recipients while honoring the memory of our donors.

Elizabeth has been involved in a great deal of service work and has a long history of EBAA involvement, having served on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Chair), Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee, Governance Review Committee and Membership and Expansion Taskforce. Elizabeth, one of my most valued co-workers, is a vital member of both the FLEB and the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, where we are located. Given her experience and dedication to eye banking I know that Elizabeth will be a tremendous asset to the EBAA board and give her my highest recommendation for this important position.

Sincerely,



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