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Please accept this letter of support for Brian Philippy pertaining to his upcoming run for Chair-Elect of the EBAA Board of Directors. Brian is a conscientious eye banker with an extensive history of service to the EBAA and its members. He has had a remarkable career in eye banking first as the Director of Transplant and Research at the Lions Medical Eye Bank and Research Center of Eastern Virginia since 2005. He has been active with the EBAA also since 2006 in multiple capacities leading up to his appointment to the Board of Directors in 2020. One of his greatest achievements for the EBAA has been the creation of a new statistical data system contributing to the Annual Statistical Report. Based on his indepth knowledge in this effort, I along with my colleagues invited him to participate in a joint effort of the Cornea Society and the EBAA in the creation of a corneal transplant registry. He has been immensely helpful on this committee which hopefully will succeed in this much needed registry. As Senior Editor for *Cornea*, I have called on Brian on multiple occasions to review eye banking related papers; these reviews have been insightful and very helpful in the review process. The strongest recommendations of his achievements to date in eye banking is his selection at the 2021 Heise Award Winner, a most worth recognition.

As a strong leader with a reputation for data-driven decisions and solid visions for the future, I strongly support Brian for further service on the Board of Directors as Chair-Elect.

Sincerely



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