



# LIONS EYE BANK WEST CENTRAL OHIO



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To Whom It May Concern:

The EBAA Chair Elect position is one that involves a commitment of time and learning to fully apprehend and execute the responsibilities of EBAA Board Chair. Additionally, this position serves as an advisory role when becoming the Immediate-Past-Chair. The importance of the selection of this position is highly regarded as it requires someone with knowledge and expertise from the industry. This letter is to recommend Brian Philippy for the EBAA Chair Elect position.

Brian is an industry leader, and this year will reach a 25-year milestone for his contributions in eye banking. In that time, Brian's name has become well known. He is a resource for other eye bankers and has tirelessly volunteered his time in at least 30 EBAA Committees, subcommittees, and taskforces over the years. And that is just an example of his commitment to the EBAA. Brian is also involved in Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations, the Lions International Non-Profit Eye Bank Action Group, Cornea Journal, as a peer reviewer, and as a professor through Universitat de Barcelona.

Brian's knowledge and history in the industry make him a prime candidate for the Chair Elect of the EBAA Board of Directors. In addition to his expertise, Brian has a strong handle on the current changes and transitions in the eye banking industry. He is progressive in proposing change and consistently backs this up with strong rationale. Brian networks with many different people and is often an opinion leader in the industry. Brian has also had many notable accomplishments and has worked both on the front line and behind the scenes on many different projects. From the Corneal Collaborative and the statistical data systems to Ocular Network Exchange and "The Lens", Brian has been a leader and involved in it all.

Brian's caliber of expertise in the industry is often unmatched and is highly regarded. He has been a mentor to other employees in helping them develop their footing and a successful career in eye banking. He is a strong support for other eye bank programs in quality, distribution, and overall operations. Lastly, Brian is a strong supporter for the concept of collaboration over competition. Conceptualizing this has proven essential time and again, to staying connected to the altruistic mission of each of our eye banks.

In reflection of his career, accomplishments, and the level of commitment and knowledge required, it is obvious to see why I am recommending him and why Brian is the prime candidate for EBAA Chair Elect.

Sincerely,

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