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Kevin P. Corchran, CAE
President and CEO
Eye Bank Association of America

Dear Kevin,

I am writing in response to your request for a recommendation for the position of Chair- Elect of the EBAA.

I have known Jim Quirk for over 31 years and followed his impressive achievements. His discipline, energy and exploration of new possibilities has led to the admiration he receives from all constituencies. An indication of his staff loyalty is a lack of turnover and the enthusiasm that each member of the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley demonstrates.

Jim Quirk has several significant accomplishments that are unique for an eye bank director. He has created a collaboration between donor families and recipient families who meet and communicate regularly. He is working hand-in-hand with the Gift of Life Donor Program (OPO) in the Delaware Valley, which has created mutual benefits. He was instrumental in the developed NACT, The National Ambassadors for Cornea Transplantation; this groups serves as a council and support for people awaiting corneal surgery.

Jim has a world view and an outstanding national reputation. He wants to start an eye bank CME program for physicians in order to consolidate the relationship throughout the region. Most important of all is that he is a true gentleman and respects "the other", a rare trait in contemporary society. His ethics, communication skills and strong leadership confirms that he would be an outstanding leader for the EBAA as Chair- Elect and a sense of pride for the institution for years to come. I appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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