



LIONS MEDICAL EYE BANK
and Research Center of Eastern Virginia

To: EBAA 2022 Nominating Committee
2022 EBAA House of Delegates

Date: March 22, 2022

RE: Candidacy of Brian Philippy, BChE, BS, CEBT for EBAA Chair-Elect

In an organization replete with like-minded overachievers, it is not uncommon to find individuals with the dedication and perseverance to serve in the upper echelons of this institution. In my decades of service to eye banking and the EBAA, I have met and worked with many dedicated individuals. Brian Philippy, BChE, BS, CEBT, whom I have known since 2005 when he first came to the Lions Eye Bank and Research Center of Eastern Virginia, is one of those. He has excelled at every project assigned to him and every task which he self-assigned according to his education and abilities. Brian has a unique combination of scientific background, commitment, and ingenuity which he collectively employs to help solve the many unique problems that arise at the local, regional, national and even global level.

Over the last decade, Brian has demonstrated his abilities in the digital world to help our eye bank and others in the EBAA make the transition to being paperless. This has transformed our operations locally, and I'm sure has led to major changes across the eye banking nation. His knowledge and abilities in statistical evaluation of ongoing projects have proven invaluable to the profession.

Brian has sought out and held numerous positions within the EBAA board and committee structure that help run and steer eye banking at the national level. It is his understanding of the functioning of these committees that have been so valuable to me in my duties at the local level.

Having served at this level myself, I have an understanding of the effort required on top of daily duties to perform at the highest level. His colleagues recognize his abilities, attitude, commitment to excellence, and his willingness to put in those extra hours to get the job done.

I am sure that the members of the Board of Directors and House of Delegates are familiar with Brian's curriculum vitae, and know Brian at the individual level. It is my opinion that Brian will be a tremendous leader and ambassador for the EBAA membership.

I highly recommend Brian Philippy to serve as EBAA Chair-Elect.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Bodner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Bruce I. Bodner, MD

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