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Dear EBAA Nominating Committee,


I would like to offer my **strongest support** for the nomination of Winston D. Chamberlain MD PhD to the EBAA Board of Directors as **Chair**. Dr. Chamberlain has been actively involved in EBAA service and leadership in the most important committees for over 13 years:

- Physician leadership conference 2011
- Accreditation board 2012-present
- Medical advisory board 2015-present
- Medical advisory board Co-chair 2018-2012
- Medical advisory board Chair 2021- present
- Policy and Position Review Subcommittee 2018-present
- Board of Directors 2021-present

Dr. Chamberlain is Professor of Ophthalmology at the Casey Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon, where he is also the Director of Cornea and Refractive Surgery, and Director of the Cornea and Refractive Surgery Fellowship. He is an NIH/NEI funded researcher, prolific author of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and sought after speaker at national and international meetings. He has also served on the FDA Ophthalmic Devices Panel Advisory Committee from 2013-2020. Dr. Chamberlain has been the co-medical director of the Portland VisionGift Eye Bank since 2013.

I have known Dr. Chamberlain for over 10 years and during that time, he has consistently been a team player and leader, demonstrating elevated thinking and communication in a thoughtful and clear manner, whether in-person at meetings, or in writing for policy. He is extremely responsive and responsible. He clearly cares about all activities he engages with and puts in 100% effort. I have also worked with him on the ASCRS Clinical Cornea Committee and have seen him produce the same efforts and results. Dr. Chamberlain is universally well-respected and liked because of his intellect, sincerity, collegiality, dedication, and ability to get things done. He is open-minded, flexible, and operates with the highest level of ethics. With his preexisting knowledge of the Board and broad EBAA committee experience, I have every confidence he will lead the Board as Chair in a positive and strong direction, incorporating the thoughts of the Association as a whole. He has a deep understanding of the challenges eye banking faces in the future, and exceptionally well-equipped to lead as Chair.

Respectfully,


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