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Dear Eye Banking Colleagues,

It is my distinct pleasure and honor to nominate **Michelle K. Rhee, MD** as an at-large member of the Eye Bank Association of America Board of Directors. Dr. Rhee is an outstanding candidate and I am thrilled that she wishes to serve the Association as a member of the Board of Directors.

I have known Dr. Rhee for 20 years, starting with her post-fellowship days and then as our eye bank's Associate Medical Director under Dr. Wing Chu; followed by becoming our Medical Director ten years ago. Dr. Rhee has successfully served the Association as co-chair of the Scientific Committee, co-chair of the Accreditation Board, and as a member of the Medical Advisory Board. Additionally, she currently serves as the Editor-in-chief of the EBAA's *Journal of Eye Banking and cornea Transplantation*. She understands fully the challenges that eye banks are facing today and is committed to maintaining the EBAA as an Association of innovative, non-profit organizations dedicated to the mission of providing quality donor tissue for sight-saving surgeries and valuable research.

I know Dr. Rhee to be a conscientious and thoughtful leader, who is highly intelligent, trustworthy and insightful – all characteristics that have served her well as The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration's Medical Director.

Dr. Rhee understands the importance of effective communication and collaboration, as well as the significance of holding a strong position for non-profit, community eye banking. I encourage you to select Dr. Rhee to become one of the next members of the Eye Bank Association of America Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dahl
Executive Director/CEO