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It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for Dr. Winston Chamberlain for the position of Chair Elect to the Eye Bank Association of America's Board of Directors. I have known Dr. Chamberlain for several years and feel I can confidently attest to his professional and personal qualities that I believe make him an ideal candidate for this position.

Dr. Chamberlain's experience in cornea and eye banking is extensive. He has been the co-director of his local eye bank VisionGift since 2013. Most importantly, he has been an engaged member of the EBAA for many years. He has participated in the physicians leadership conference in 2011 and currently serves on the Accreditation board, Policy and position review Subcommittee, the Medical Advisory Board, for which he is currently the Chair, and the Board of Directors. He has also actively participated in the EBAA's educational activities including the annual meeting and the fall educational symposium. His many contributions to our association over the past decade are a testament of his commitment to the association and the field of eye banking.

Dr. Chamberlain is also an inspiring leader. He is the chief of the cornea and refractive surgery division at Casey Eye Institute and is also director of the cornea fellowship program. I have had the opportunity to see Dr. Chamberlain's leadership skills and style first hand during his tenure as MAB chair and also during the time we've had together in the EBAA board of directors. He is extremely thoughtful, always trying to look at every angle of a particular issue. He never makes decisions before having a complete understanding of both sides and having carefully considered unintended consequences. However, he also has the courage and willingness to think outside the box and make difficult choices when he truly believes it would ultimately benefit our eye banks and the association. He always conducts himself guided by a strong sense of ethics and with a keen awareness to potential conscious or unconscious bias. At the same time, he is easily approachable, fostering open discussion and the exchange of ideas when leading a group.

I truly believe that Dr. Chamberlain is one of the strongest candidates that we as an association could hope for the position of Chair Elect and I can think of no better person to lead our association in this fast-changing environment and the challenges that lie ahead. He brings in rich experiences as cornea surgeon, educator, researcher, medical director, departmental leader and MAB chair that will be invaluable to help shape the future of the association. Personally, I am grateful he has chosen to volunteer his time to the EBAA. I urge you to strongly consider his candidacy and please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss his qualifications further.

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