

Letter of Support for Stephen Kaufman, MD, PhD

I have known and worked together with Dr Stephen Kaufman for the past 30 years. We have worked side-by-side on several committees, including the Medical Advisory Board, Research Committee, and Scientific Programs Committee (which he chaired from 2010 – 2013). Steve and I also alternate every year coordinating and serving as moderator for the Midwest Cornea Society Meeting.

I can think of no one better equipped to provide service as an EBAA Board Member. Dr. Kaufman has been involved in eye banking and ocular tissue storage research since medical school, when he conducted research which led to the first 14 day cold storage media (K-Sol) and other projects which improved the availability, quality, and safety of our donor corneal tissue. In addition to many years of EBAA volunteer work, Steve has served on the board of two eye banks and the Cornea Society.

Dr. Kaufman offers a quite unique combination of experience, humility, kindness, and commonsense approach to help solve and resolve the many challenges encountered by eye bankers, physicians, and research scientists. I believe his honesty and curiosity drive his ability to innovate with an open mind. These are attributes that serve the EBAA well.

Sincerely,

David Verdier, MD