



INSPIRATION. COLLABORATION. INNOVATION.

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EBAA Nominating Committee
RE: Letter of Support for Sean Poppoff

It has been my privilege to work with Sean Poppoff since he entered eye banking. Sean is a seasoned ophthalmic administrator and university executive with a powerful passion for eye banking and has excelled in becoming a successful eye bank executive. I wish to deliver my strong recommendation for him as a member of the Board of Directors of the Eye Bank Association of America.

Sean has been the Executive Director for Lions Gift of Sight (LGS) at the University of Minnesota for the past six years. Prior to that he was the administrator for the department of ophthalmology where his duties included supervision of the clinic as well as business oversight of the eye bank housed within the University of Minnesota. As the LGS Executive Director, he quickly picked up on EBAA practices, potential threats and the value of networking to achieve success. Speaking directly, LGS had faced many challenges in the years prior, both operational and political, and Sean has been integrally involved in creating a solid foundation and prosperous program.

Sean has a plethora of experience as an administrator for departments of ophthalmology, brain research as well as pediatrics and neonatology. In these roles, Sean has managed large budgets, diverse faculty and missions requiring 100% dedication to the cause. Sean serves on the board of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology and has been a board member of the Association of Administrators in Academic Pediatrics. He is no stranger to board service.

The primary requirement for board service is a desire to serve. He brings medical administrative experience at a time when the EBAA board is faced with business challenges and opportunities presented in the world of ophthalmology. The addition of Sean will inspire motivation within the association by helping eye banks prepare for the future and how that will look different to small, medium, and large eye banks. He understands that our landscape is changing as more technology comes to bear in our profession. He believes that the EBAA should be forward thinking to inspire innovation, networking, collaboration and to develop and offer tools that serve all member banks.

I ask that you give every consideration to appointing Sean Poppoff to the EBAA Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

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