



March 2, 2026

Dear Eye Banking Colleagues,

It is a sincere pleasure to nominate Chris Hanna for Chair-elect of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) Board of Directors. Chris is an exceptionally qualified candidate whose decades of dedication to our profession make him an ideal choice for this vital leadership role.

I have had the privilege of working alongside Chris as past members of the Accreditation and Medical Advisory Boards, as well as the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Eye Banking. Through our shared service on an important strategic planning committee, I have seen firsthand that Chris is a conscientious, insightful, and trustworthy leader. These qualities have defined his success as the Executive Director of the Utah Lions Eye Bank and during his recent two terms as an EBAA Board member.

Additionally, Chris was recently named the 2026 Leonard Heise Award recipient, the highest honor in eye banking. This recognition underscores his extraordinary devotion to the EBAA's mission and his status as a pillar of our community.

Chris is a champion for collaboration and a steadfast advocate for the EBAA's core values, especially non-profit, community eye banking. I am confident he will be an outstanding Chair-elect, and I strongly encourage you to join me in voting for him.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dahl
Executive Director/CEO