

April 27, 2026

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Adam Kaufman for Secretary/Treasurer

Eye Bank Colleagues,

I am pleased to be able to offer a personal recommendation in support of Dr. Adam Kaufman's candidacy for the EBAA Board of Directors position of Secretary/Treasurer. I had the pleasure of serving on the Board with Adam from 2024-2025, until my term as Member-at-Large ended. He is a true servant leader, not only serving our association with professionalism and dedication for more than a decade, but also serving many others in various capacities:

- Ophthalmologist and Corneal Specialist
- Vice Chair for Education at the University of Cincinnati
- Residency Director at the University of Cincinnati
- Medical Director and Board Member of the Cincinnati Eye Bank
- Member of the American University Professors of Ophthalmology
- Husband
- Father
- Grandfather

Adam helped guide our profession through one of the most challenging times as a member of the Policy and Position Research MAB subcommittee during the pandemic. He's also current Chair and long-time member of the Finance Committee, both of which make him eminently qualified to continue serving as Secretary/Treasurer.

His only regret? That he did not become active in the EBAA as soon as he started practicing. With that in mind, he counseled his son Aaron, who recently finished his Corneal Fellowship at Harvard, to become active with the EBAA right away.

One last thought – the Board needs to have a balance of physicians and eye bankers, and it has been a challenge to find physicians willing to serve. Without Dr. Kaufman on the Board, there will only be 3 MD members. Dr. Kaufman is not only willing to serve, but does so with reliability, thoughtfulness, and impact. I am confident that Dr. Kaufman will be a wonderful representative on the Board for both small and large eye banks.

Respectfully submitted.



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