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Re: Letter of Support for Edwin Roberts, MPA, for EBAA Board Member At-Large

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to support the candidacy of Edwin Roberts for EBAA Board Member At-Large.

Ed has worked at the Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration in New York since 1999 and has been well trained in the culture and science of eye banking since that time. Since joining EBSR, Ed has benefited from the guidance and mentorship of past chair and CEO Pat Dahl. This year, he was vetted and selected to lead EBSR into the future as Executive Director and CEO, continuing a legacy of respected leadership in eye banking in the United States and around the world.

Ed has served on the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) since 2020 and the Policy and Position Review Subcommittee (PPRS) of the MAB since 2024. His knowledgeable and personable insights in both capacities demonstrated his experience and wisdom in the complexities of the eye banking world and make him a solid choice to help lead the EBAA into a changing environment that is far more complex than R. Townley Paton might have envisioned 60 years ago. His education in the nuances of eye banking, and the future of eye banking, in that environment make him well prepared to help the EBAA navigate present and future issues that eye banking will face.

I have known Ed personally for much of his time with EBSR and found him to be a good listener and a good problem solver with the ability to analyze situations and adapt to changing parameters as they present themselves. It is my pleasure and privilege to support his candidacy for an At-Large Board position with the EBAA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Woodford S Van Meter MD'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the 'MD' at the end being particularly stylized.

Woodford S Van Meter, MD

Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Kentucky

Past Chair, EBAA, 2020-2022