



Eye Bank Association of America

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EBAA ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2008-2009

During its June 2008 Annual Meeting in Florida, the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) elected members to serve on its Board of Directors as well as the following individuals as Officers:

Bruce Varnum, Board Chair, is Chair, President & CEO of the Georgia Eye Bank, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Varnum, a double corneal transplant recipient, had his sight restored over 40 years ago. His procedure was performed by Dr. Ramon Castroviejo, esteemed corneal surgeon and namesake of the former Castroviejo Society (now, The Cornea Society).

Marian Macsai, MD, Chair-Elect, is Medical Director of the Medical Eye Bank of West Virginia. Dr. Macsai also serves as Professor of Ophthalmology and Vice-Chair of Ophthalmology at Northwestern University.

Edward J. Holland, MD, Immediate Past-Chair, is the Director of Cornea Services at the Cincinnati Eye Institute and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Cincinnati.

Monty Montoya, Secretary, is President and CEO of SightLife – Vision Share, in Seattle, Washington, one of the largest eye banks in the country.

Woodford Van Meter, MD, re-elected as **Treasurer**, is the Medical Director of the Lions Eye Bank of Lexington – Vision Share. Dr. Van Meter is also Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Kentucky.

The following individuals comprise the Board of Directors for 2008-2009:

Victoria Adler – Lions Eye Bank of Albany, Albany, NY

Patricia Aiken-O'Neill - President and CEO of the EBAA.

Michael Belin, MD – Sight Society of Northeastern NY – Albany, NY

Gerald Cole – Tissue Banks International, Baltimore, MD

Linda Fraser – Rochester Eye & Human Parts Bank, Rochester, NY

David G. Glasser, MD – Medical Eye Bank of Maryland and Washington Eye Bank--TBI, Columbia, MD

Christopher Hanna – Utah Lions Eye Bank, Vision Share, Salt Lake City, Utah

David Korroch – Lions Medical Eye Bank & Research Center of Eastern Virginia, Inc., Vision Share, Norfolk, VA

Alan Kozarsky, MD –Georgia Eye Bank, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Garret Locke – Iowa Lions Eye Bank, Vision Share, Iowa City, Iowa

Ginger Miller, RN – Baton Rouge Regional Eye Bank, Baton Rouge, LA

Michael Nordlund, MD – Cincinnati Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

John J. Requard – Vision Share, Apex, NC

Doyle Stulting, MD, PhD – Georgia Eye Bank, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Susan Sullivan, PhD – Upstate New York Transplant Services, Buffalo, NY

Jason Woody – Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research, Inc., Vision Share, Tampa, FL

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), established in 1961, is the oldest transplant association in the nation. The EBAA is dedicated to the restoration of sight through the promotion and advancement of eye banking. It has led the transplantation field with the establishment of medical standards for the recovery, processing and distribution of eyes/corneas and comprehensive training and certification programs for eye banking personnel. These standards have been used as models for other transplantation organizations. Member eye banks operate in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. These eye banks make possible more than 50,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants annually.

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