

Saving Sight June 19 Board Meeting Brief

The board of directors met in person at Saving Sight's Kansas City office on June 19, 2021. The following are some highlights from the meeting.

- Saving Sight had the recent opportunity to be the host of the virtual Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) meeting, and had lots of great opportunities to have staff present and share about our program successes.
- On June 1, 2021, Saving Sight entered into an agreement with the Kansas Eye Bank, another eye bank that had been operating in Wichita, KS. The agreement integrated operations between the two organizations and now Saving Sight is operating the Wichita facility as a division of Saving Sight. This has expanded Saving Sight's eye banking operations to cover the entire state of Kansas, expanding our ability to save sight for even more individuals in our service area.
- The board of directors reviewed and approved Saving Sight's operating budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021.
- The board of directors approved a \$35,000 contribution to KidSight to be paid before the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2021). This adds to a total of \$65,000 that Saving Sight has contributed to KidSight during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- The board discussed the idea of establishing a quasi-endowment fund and use earnings from it to contribute to qualifying nonprofits with a similar mission to Saving Sight's. This would help further a board-led objective of planning for reinvestment as a nonprofit organization. No action has been taken yet on this project and the board will discuss next steps at a future board meeting.
- Saving Sight thanked the following individuals to their service to its board of directors upon the expiration of their terms: Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark, representing M-1 from 2015-2021; PDG Roger Tiemann, representing M-3 from 2018-2021; CC George Winkler, representing MD-26 during 2020-2021.
- Saving Sight welcomed the following new board members: PDG Scott Sattler, representing M-1 for a three-year term; DG Mike Sliger, representing M-3 for a three-year term; CC Bob Noellsch, representing MD-26 for a one-year term; VCC Devin Struttman, representing MD-26 for a one-year term; and Marc Vincent, new community board member. Additionally, community board member Amy Leslie was re-elected for a three-year term.
- New board officers were voted in for the FY2021-2022 year: PCC Larry Boettcher as President, Lion Pat Martchink as Vice-President, Lion Mike Oldelehr as Treasurer and PDG Scott Sattler as Secretary.
- The next meeting of Saving Sight's board of directors will be on Friday, September 17, 2021 at a location TBD in St. Louis. Any Lions who wish to attend may contact Saving Sight's Communications team at pr@saving-sight.org or 800-753-2265 for more information.