



LV Prasad Eye Institute

(A Hyderabad Eye Institute organization)

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Elizabeth Kurian –Nomination Statement - LVPEI

I have known Elizabeth Kurian for nearly two decades ever since she entered the field of eye care as the Deputy to the CEO at Sightsavers, India and later as CEO. Elizabeth brought a lot of new energy into the organisation and through that into our field. She has evolved into a major force very quickly, building a large number of partnerships nationwide, with notable impact. She moved on to join Mission for Vision (MFV) as its CEO, and over the past 10 years her talent helped this organisation to grow very rapidly. She helped to strengthen multiple programs and added new ones. This impacted more than a population 21 million people in 22 states of India through partnerships with 44 leading institutes. The Bhutan School Sight Programme along with IAPB (SEAR), support for SEAR strategy meetings, Vision Atlas etc was a pioneering and successful effort.

Her superb governance and leadership skills, and her advocacy efforts, have led to significant growth and transformation through social policy change, including accessible banking for persons with visual impairment in India (Amendment of Copyright Act 1957 and the positioning of disability & UHC in the SDGs).

Her analytical thinking and looking at problems from all perspectives prior to making an objective decision, and her willingness to learn made her a formidable leader among eye care NGOs, very quickly.

She has done extensive fundraising ever since I have seen her from Sightsavers to MFV and under her leadership MFV's funding base has more than tripled in a very short time covering diverse aspects of eye care.

As a person, Elizabeth is very passionate about her work, and she is true to her essential inner values. She has tremendous patience to listen to others, ability to learn from others and constantly strives for team work. I have seen the passion she brings to the job and the commitment that she shows to any assignment she takes up. A people's person, she is always ready to support and stand by those who have been with her. She is very well respected in our field and played a pivotal role in VISION2020: The Right to Sight – India and in strengthening partnership with the government.

I believe her presence on IAPB Board will go long way in fulfilling IAPB's multiple strategic priorities. It is with greatest enthusiasm that I recommend her candidature for a position on the Board.

Thanking you,
Yours Faithfully

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Network Director

