

Nominee Statement: M. Babar Qureshi

Position: IAPB Vice-President

Nominee Job Title

Director, Inclusive Health

Nominee Organisation

CBM Christian Blind Mission

Nominating IAPB member organisation

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Nominated by

Rainer Brockhaus

Nominating Statement

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Nag and Rainer ask for your vote for Dr. Babar Qureshi to be the next Vice-President of IAPB. He is the right person at the right time to help lead IAPB in fulfilling its role as the key advocate for eye health in our world.

Seconded IAPB member organisation

L V Prasad Eye Institute

Seconding by

Gullapalli N Rao

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I am deeply honoured to be nominated for a second term as IAPB Vice President. Since 2022, my focus has been unwavering: to prevent blindness and transform the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired. It would be a privilege to continue championing these efforts.

Over the past four years, IAPB has ascended to new heights in global awareness and engagement—outcomes I am pleased to have contributed to. We exceeded our "Love Your Eyes" pledge target with more than 13 million pledges (surpassing the initial 10-million goal), garnered coverage in over 18,000 publications worldwide, and generated 466 million social media impressions (a 133% increase from the previous year). Alongside other achievements, these milestones have amplified IAPB's international prominence and reinforced our commitment to equitable eye health.

We are advancing integrating People-Centered Eye Care (IPEC) into Universal Health Coverage and IAPB's Vision 2030 in Sight. IAPB must remain a catalyst for progress, and the Vice President's role is central to aligning our sector under the shared aspiration of "Vision for Everyone by 2030."

My dedication to advocating universal eye health is unwavering, and I will continue to advance IAPB's mission through constant representation and



communication. My diverse background—involving local, regional, national, and international engagements in medical, disability, education, and NGO spheres—has helped me establish broad networks essential for raising awareness of eye health and the importance of IAPB’s work.

As someone who has been involved with IAPB for decades and served on its board for many years, I possess a profound understanding of our organization’s structure and strategies. My leadership experience and strategic outlook will enable me to work hand in hand with the IAPB Senior Management Team, guide IAPB’s future course, and regularly measure our progress against established objectives.

If re-elected, I will focus on three strategic priorities for the coming four years:

1. Championing Vision 2030 in Sight.
2. Work towards making the Global summit a huge success.
3. Unify our membership to maximize our collective potential and realize accessible, inclusive, quality eye care worldwide.

I am committed to achieving equitable, inclusive, and integrated eye health for all, and I ask for your support in re-electing me as the next IAPB Vice President.