Nomination statement: President IAPB

Having had the honour of holding the position of President and Chairman of the Board for the past four years I welcome the opportunity to briefly state my ambitions for IAPB and for my role within it as I seek your support for another term.

The past four years have been dominated by attention to matters of governance and management. While this will always be important I hope to be able to turn my attention outwards to deal with matters affecting the core business of IAPB during this term.

The Working Groups appear to be working better and allow so many members to contribute their expertise across a range of aspects of eye health. I hope this will continue.

The new area of focus in which I may be able to make a contribution is innovative financing. I believe there is a role for IAPB in researching the options and sharing information and advice with our members, particularly the smaller members. Some of the larger members are already breaking new ground in this area and this provides a basis on which to build.

However, the principal focus for the next four years is likely to be implementation of the GAP and the SDGs. This is not new work but it remains core business for IAPB. Making sure that the global community does not take its eyes off the needs in eye health and the cost effective opportunities which it can generate.

IAPB will also face some internal challenges during this next four year period. We will need to bed down the new structure, develop the new role of Director of Advocacy and maintain attention on our key relationships including the very important Seeing is Believing initiative of SCB.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue to contribute to this work if you were to give me the opportunity to continue to serve.

Bob McMullan