



Caryl's Pledge as our new Chairperson

My dear colleagues, my friends, It is with deep humility and great honour that I accept the role of Chairperson of Retina South Africa. My commitment to this role is fuelled by my passion for our vision and mission — to serve, to uplift, and to create lasting impact in the lives of those we support.

I wish to thank our board for electing me to this position and entrusting me with this responsibility. Our stalwarts Mariza, Jean, Claudette, Anton, and Renesh, your support is the backbone of our work, and I stand here not alone, but as part of a team united by purpose and strengthened by shared values. I warmly welcome our new board members, Ferdie Danzfuss, Shannon Pretorius, Karla Rossouw and Lauren Jonas whose talents, expertise, and diverse experiences will enhance our leadership and help guide our organisation into the future.

As Chairperson, I pledge to uphold the highest standards of governance, transparency, and accountability. I will work tirelessly to ensure that our organisation remains true to its mission, responsive to the needs of our beneficiaries, our members, those who support us, our community, our sponsors, our grantors and Scientific council, and aligns with the principles of integrity and service.

Together, we will build on the foundation laid by those who came before us. We will broaden our programmes, expand our reach, and deepen our impact. Our work is not just about projects or policies — it is about people, dignity, and hope. With the continued support of our members, our supporters, sponsors, and grantors, we will achieve even greater milestones.

I look forward to working hand-in-hand with our dedicated staff and support staff and in close partnership with our CEO Manny Moodley, and special events and para-sports manager Linsay Engelbrecht, as together we drive our mission forward with unity and commitment.

I wish to build strong collaborations with other like-minded organisations, so that together we can amplify our impact and extend the reach of our mission. I accept this role with gratitude, determination, and faith in what we can achieve together.

“Let us move forward with courage, compassion, and conviction, knowing that our collective efforts will shape a brighter future for our blind and visually impaired community”.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to be 'Caryl Baum', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Caryl Baum

Chairperson (Retina South Africa)