



At our annual meeting this fall I will be stepping down as Chairman of the Board. The board's achievements over these past six years provide an opportunity for reflection, and also an opportunity to look ahead.

First and foremost, I want to thank my Executive Committee members: Norm Bobins, Vice Chair; Dave Fishburn, Treasurer; David Olson, Secretary. Their management and leadership provided streamlined and proficient operations on all levels. To my fellow board members, we simply would not have been as successful without your guidance and support. My sincerest thanks for everything you did for BRF over these past six years. Finally, I would like to thank the people that I collaborated with the most during my tenure, the office staff: Dr. Terre A. Constantine, Executive Director and CEO;

Sandra Jaggi, Director of Philanthropy and Janie Jenkins, Bookkeeper.

Brain Research Foundation is formidable in the field of neuroscience. Their venture capitalist approach is what drew me to this organization, when I first joined the board in 1983, lured by the co-founder of the Foundation itself, William Fay, Jr. At that time, we funded only Chicago scientists. Since then, I've watched the Foundation grow and establish itself as a neuroscience research leader in the nation. My focus while Chair was three-fold: grow a diverse board, increase awareness, and focus on fundraising. I am confident that as I leave my position all three of those goals have been achieved.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled that Scott Serota will be taking over the helm of this truly extraordinary foundation. Scott is a capable and dynamic leader who I know will lead the Foundation into many more years of growth and success. I look forward to working together with him.

Finally, I would like to send my thanks to our greatest collaborators...our readers, our donors, and our friends. Without you we would simply not be able to accomplish the great work that gets done daily, in labs across the country, as we race to find cures to debilitating diseases and injuries. Thank you for your support and the confidence you place in our Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Pond', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Pond  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



### Introducing Scott Serota, BRF's next Chairman of the Board of Trustees

We are exceptionally pleased to announce that the next Chairman of the Board will be Scott Serota, former president and chief executive officer of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA).

Scott accepted the BRF Frederic A. Gibbs Discovery Award for Community Service on behalf of BCBSA in 2016 and joined the Board of Trustees shortly thereafter.

"As someone who has committed his entire career to healthcare, I have a special appreciation for the terrific work Brain Research Foundation has enabled for almost seven decades," states Mr. Serota. "I am grateful to Peter Pond for the excellent leadership during his tenure, and I am confident we can continue the momentum towards discoveries and cures."

Please join us in welcoming Scott.