

NAEVR IS PROUD TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE
FOLLOWING NEW
CONTRIBUTORS IN 2004:

SECOND SIGHT
(SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA)

Second Sight's NEI-sponsored research has resulted in an implantable device that stimulates the retina through an array of electrodes. Preliminary experiments have produced visual images in patients with Retinitis Pigmentosa.

MICHELLE STACEY SATHAN AND JOSEPH
BRAITSCH (SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS).

As part of her recent wedding, Michelle chose NAEVR to receive a contribution as both of her grandmothers have AMD.

THE GLAUCOMA FOUNDATION
(NEW YORK, NEW YORK)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Pardon the comparison, but most organizations' Strategic Plans are like movie monsters from the classic 1930s horror films—although created by extremely talented and well-meaning individuals, they become unruly beasts that are feared and ultimately shunned. Not afraid to be a risk-taker, I reiterate my intent that the NAEVR/AEVR Strategic Plan, approved by the Board in late April and shared with members the following month, will serve as a dynamic document, proactively laying out strategies but flexible enough to react as necessary. As evidenced in this *Contributor Report*, NAEVR and AEVR are delivering on the major goals:

expanding the value and cost-effectiveness messages of research; enhancing the community of support on Capitol Hill, with coalition partners, and with the media; and engaging members. To ensure that the Plan remains relevant and responsive, I plan to brief the Board and members quarterly on our progress.

But don't wait to hear from me—feel free to email me at jamesj@eyerresearch.org and let me know your thoughts on our progress. And, of course, I encourage all members to let me know how I can participate in your events and document them in this publication.



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