



**Robert L. Ruff, M.D., Ph.D. Board Vice President**

Robert Ruff was a member of the MGFA Board of Directors and past Chairman of the Medical Scientific Advisory Board of the MGFA. He previously served several times as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Director of the MGFA and was a Doctor of the Year for the MGFA. He was involved with diagnosis and treatment of myasthenia gravis and neuro-rehabilitation for over 35 years. His research interests include understanding how myasthenia gravis impairs neuromuscular transmission, recovery of motor function after stroke, recovery following traumatic brain injury (TBI) and the use of brain computer interface technology to improve communication ability for individuals with impaired motor skills. Before retiring at the end of July, 2014, he served as the Director of National Neurology Service and acting Director for the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service of the Office of Research and Development within the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was a member of the NICHD advisory council, which oversees the NIH medical rehabilitation research program and a member of the NINDS advisory council, which oversees medical and basic research for diseases including MG. He is Professor Emeritus of Neurology and Neurosciences at Case Western Reserve University. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Washington and did his Neurology residency and a postdoctoral fellowship in neurophysiology at Cornell Medical Center in NYC.