

I am currently completing a term as Director at Large and I am running for election to the office of Vice President.

I am running with the encouragement of current SEMPA leadership who are looking to retain a degree (dare I say it) of senior mentorship as we, very gratefully, welcome fresh and energetic leaders. It is a very progressive time for our organization and I could not be more proud of our current board.

I am a graduate of Yale University Physician Associate Program Class of 1980, and I completed the Postgraduate Residency in Emergency Medicine at Maine Medical Center in 1981. I continue to enjoy a full time Emergency Medicine career as a partner in a PA-owned, and managed ED practice group, in rural Vermont. I am an original fellow member of our organization, and a Distinguished Fellow of the AAPA. I completed the NCCPA's CAQ in Emergency Medicine last month.

I served as president of SEMPA and I am your current medical liaison between our organization the AAPA, and the American College of Emergency Physicians for the first year of my second two-year term.

I have served as president of the Physician Assistant Academy of Vermont for two terms, where I continue to serve as CME Chairperson After my SEMPA presidency, I served a chairperson for the AAPA Conference Education Program Committee for 3 years.

A strong relationship with ACEP is critical for our continued growth, and I was present as we made the pivotal transition to utilize the college for our association management services. It has turned out to be the single best decision since SEMPA choose to develop a national conference. I am anxious to continue my board service for an additional year because of this exciting transition.

With acknowledgment to the call for autonomy within our profession, formal physician affiliation has historically been much more of an advantage, than a disadvantage. The best future we can create is to have SEMPA's value to the college, matched by ACEP's current value to us. We have everything to gain from a continued, and expanded, collegial environment.

Workforce issues are paramount to SEMPA. Many recent graduates have an interest in EM practice but lack the skills and experience to make them immediately employable. I am currently working with the AAPA and ACEP to support the development of post-graduate educational models programs, and develop core competencies to equip our transitioning providers with the skills and expertise required to excel in this specialty.

Shortages of Emergency Physicians will be a reality in our specialty for decades to come. PAs, more than any other non-physician provider, need to be poised to

provide clinical services in EDs though out the country. SEMPA must be on the forefront, with the AAPA, to monitor and enhance the practical economics of PA utilization in Emergency Medicine and make our profession the non-physician provider of choice.

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