

Platform statement:

It is an honor to be nominated as a Director-at-Large for SEMPA. Many leaders have served in this capacity and it is humbling to be considered a candidate among them.

I graduated from the Quinnipiac University Physician Assistant Program in 2004. Since then, I've worked full-time Emergency Medicine in Central California in high volume EDs. I've had the privilege to work in great EDs utilizing my full scope of practice. Currently, I am the Lead Physician Assistant in the ED as well as the Director of Continuing Medical Education. Prior to becoming a PA, I worked as a Paramedic and Paramedic Educator, which I still continue.

I have served on multiple local/national committees over the years, including SEMPA. I was the first student to serve as a Director-at-Large on the Board. The position enabled me to experience the inner-workings of SEMPA at an administrative level, which should make for a smooth transition if elected. Last year I was appointed to serve on the SEMPA Education Committee, which is largely responsible for the annual SEMPA Emergency Medicine Conference. My interest in education also enabled me to serve on CEP America's CME Committee, which coordinates educational activities for a nationwide group of over 1800 providers (MD/DO/PA/NP). In addition, I have also served on multiple hospital and EMS committees.

My administrative and committee work have prepared me well to serve as a Director-at-Large. The responsibilities and qualities associated with these positions will apply to the position that I am seeking. Organization, teamwork, initiative, leadership, along with a sense of humor are some of the traits that I bring to the Board. I frequently work 12 hours a day/7 days a week as an administrator and I will bring that same level of commitment to SEMPA.

Some goals during my proposed term:

1. To increase the membership so that we can represent the largest number of EM PAs.
2. To increase membership awareness regarding current events within SEMPA.
3. To continue improving the only EM conference designed specifically for PAs.
4. To increase the content on the website so that it is a better resource for EM PAs.
5. To increase the number of EM-related benefits available for EM PAs.
6. To continue working with our parent organization ACEP in making it a collaborative work environment along with establishing (updating) guidelines on the use of PAs in the ED.
7. To explore other educational opportunities for PAs working in EM to increase their knowledge/skills base.

Will all these ideas be fully implemented in two years? Maybe? Maybe not? More importantly, it shows that I have the vision and initiative to be an advocate for our specialty.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to serving you.

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