

I would like to thank you for considering me for the position of Director At Large on the SEMPA Board of Directors. Having had the opportunity to work with and get to know several board members in the past, it would be an honor to serve as part of such a distinguished group.

I am a 2002 graduate of the Stony Brook University PA program; since then I have practiced as a physician associate in the Emergency Department of Yale-New Haven Hospital, an academic medical center and urban Level 1 trauma center located in New Haven, CT. Since graduating I have also had the opportunity to work per-diem in a variety of ED's, including a public hospital in New York City and inner city community hospitals in New Haven and Hartford. Prior to becoming a PA I worked for several years in prehospital medicine, practicing as a paramedic in New York State. I am fortunate enough to be able to continue my EMS involvement while working as a PA. I serve as the hospital EMS Coordinator at Yale, providing CQI and education for our regional EMS providers. As a part of this position I also respond to major incidents in the field (e.g. MCI's, complex extrications, hazmat exposures) as a member of our physician/PA staffed field response team, allowing me to continue working clinically in the prehospital setting.

I have become a firm believer that a strong emergency medicine PA is an integral part of any successful emergency department today. As a member of the SEMPA board, I would advocate for our profession having a stronger voice in the future direction of emergency medicine as a whole, just as our physician and nurse colleagues do through the advocacy of their professional organizations. By working with groups such as ACEP, ENA and NAEMSP we can offer the PA perspective on matters that affect all of those who work in emergency medicine.

One of the aspects of our organization that I greatly admire is the quality of its educational offerings. I would support increased efforts to promote our conference to all of those working in emergency medicine. By reaching out to non-SEMPA members we can help the conference continue to grow and improve. I feel that new graduates especially would benefit from SEMPA's educational opportunities, and would be in favor of SEMPA working with PA programs to encourage PA students and new graduate PA's to become members and participate in the organizations CME offerings. We have all experienced the steep learning curve that comes with working in our field, and SEMPA should serve as a resource to help ease this transition into the emergency department.

From the perspective of a PA with a strong involvement in EMS, I would like to see more opportunities for our profession to become involved in prehospital medicine. This is a field with a strong potential for growth; many of us came from an EMS background before becoming PA's and could serve as a great asset to the next generation of EMS providers. This participation may take the form of serving as educators and preceptors, or it may involve the PA being fully incorporated into the EMS system from an operational standpoint, providing medical oversight or direct

patient care. The concept of “prehospital PA’s” has already been trialed in some parts of the country, and SEMPA is the ideal organization to work with the nations EMS leadership in further exploring these ideas.

Thank you again for your consideration. I hope that you will give me to opportunity to help serve our profession.