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SEMPA Platform Statement 2021-2022 President Elect

I would like to formally express my candidacy for the SEMPA Board position of President-elect. Over the last three years, I have had the privilege and honor to serve on the Board in Director at Large and Secretary/Treasurer positions. Our current board is a cohesive unit, and I am look forward to the opportunity to continue to build on this solid foundation.

I have worked in various leadership roles throughout my 30 years in my Emergency Medicine career. Beginning in 1989 as an EMT, I spent 15 years in field EMS. After working ground and air ambulance positions, I moved into Operations and, ultimately, Education/QA roles. I finished my career in this sector as the Clinical Services Director for a nationwide private ambulance service.

I completed PA school in 2004 and have enjoyed continued work in Emergency Medicine, serving as PA site director tasked with developing training programs, designing systems to maximize PA utilization and skills while improving profitability and return to providers. Serving as EMS Liaison for our hospital as a representative on the CQI committee allowed me to remain involved in prehospital care. Working on several in-hospital committees, including Pharmacy and Therapeutics and Interdisciplinary Practice provided me with an additional perspective. I was named Regional Director for a multistate provider group overseeing APP operations at six sites. In mid-2017, I moved to a Level II Trauma Center in the Kaiser system, taking a Senior PA position in the ER. In late 2017, I was appointed to the PA Site Lead position for the hospital, allowing me to work with PAs throughout the hospital and function as a resource for them. Through my work with SEMPA, I am a member of the Community Emergency Data Registry (CEDR) committee. I am currently completing my Doctorate in Medical Science from the University of Lynchburg and anticipate graduating in December of 2020. My Doctoral work has provided me with additional insight into the corporate practice of medicine and how PA practice fits within this.

Throughout my PA career, I have strived to actively contribute to our development and growth as a profession. We must continue to have a clear voice that solidly affirms our valued role in the delivery of emergency medicine. It is the responsibility of the board to serve the membership and be your voice. I believe that this strong voice will allow us to work toward a collaborative practice model that maximizes care to the patients we serve.

Our physician colleagues have, of late, demonstrated in a unified voice their opinion of PA practice and involvement in the practice of emergency medicine. Our history demonstrates that their position is flawed and is coming from a defensive position. Continuing to differentiate ourselves from other APC groups in the EM arena is imperative. SEMPA needs to continue to provide a strong voice in this regard. As your President, I will do this.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the current pandemic that has impacted all of us. COVID-19 has benefitted our profession by prompting legislative change to improve care. Several states put in place executive orders that loosened the reigns on PA practice. Advocating to make these changes permanent only benefits our patients and our profession.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy.