

SEMPA
ATTN: Board of Directors Elections
4950 West Royal Lane
Irving, TX 75063

Re: 2021 – 2023 SEMPA Director at Large Platform Statement

Reasons for your seeking this position, your skills and experience and the goals you would like to accomplish during your term.

Over the last eight years as an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant I have had the unique opportunity to work alongside, and be mentored by, three past presidents of the SEMPA Board. I work independently in Critical Access Hospitals, at larger Community Hospitals and Tertiary Care Centers, sometimes with minimal or no direct oversight from our physician partners. I have a deep understanding of the responsibilities that can be bestowed on a PA and high level of autonomy that we can obtain.

Further, I have spent 25 years in the Emergency Medicine and Law Enforcement fields. I give back to my community as a volunteer Paramedic on my local ambulance service. I have spent the past 17 years as a part-time Police Officer and Paramedic, now overseeing the department EMS program. For the past 18 years I have also spent my winters as a professional Ski Patroller (for 10 years as Chief of their Rescue service). I have had numerous leadership roles and board positions in the past.

To be able to liaise with our membership and the larger Emergency Medicine community, a member of the SEMPA Board has a responsibility represent the highest level of professionalism and ethics. For three years I was the only (and first) APP on the State EMS District Medical Advisor board. Working alongside physicians and gaining their acceptance in a role traditionally reserved for Physicians. Being able to transcend boundaries only occurs with hard work and dedication, both of which I'm willing to bring to the SEMPA Board.

I have attended many SEMPA360 Conferences, and I am always amazed by our membership's diversity and variety of experiences they have to share. The importance of continuing to grow our profession requires an equally diverse representation. Having board members who can recognize and support our membership and make sure that they represent the highest level of our profession is essential. Additionally, it is important that our providers excel at clinical work to assure that we protect our positions and that our practice is not limited. Board members have a responsibility to provide and shape education and training to achieve this.

The qualities of leadership, advocacy and professionalism that I have experienced from my colleagues who have been members of the SEMPA leadership have prepared me for the responsibilities of a board position. It is my hopes that a position on the SEMPA Board will allow me to advocate to keep our autonomy and continue open dialogue with our physician partners who have supported us and made us successful. I am fortunate that I have found my dream profession and continue to work in Emergency Medicine. Service to the SEMPA Board allows me to support my profession and give back to those that have supported me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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