

Jim Stith, MSPAS, PA-C

Platform Statement



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Nominee for SEMPA Vice President 2022 -2023

26 years of service and dedication to Emergency Medicine

Previously Served as SEMPA Director at Large

Currently serving as SEMPA Vice President

Experience and award-winning performance in municipal finance

Proven track record of hard work and common sense

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc upon our profession initially causing a decrease in patient visits followed by a resurgence which is flooding our now understaffed system. As volumes surge and employers struggle to meet staffing demands experienced providers face exhaustion and burn out. The corporatization of medicine drives a market which seeks higher profits at lower costs leading to ever shrinking rewards for those providing essential services. Will these profit driven entities use this opportunity to improve their bottom line by keeping staffing low or replacing experienced providers with new, lesser trained and cheaper options? What will be the function of the Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant? How do we fit into this brave new world of medicine? What are our obstacles, our political barriers, our direct competition? Will we still exist in 20 years?

Practicing as a PA since 1994 I have worked exclusively in emergency medicine, a field in which I have dedicated my life's work. Beginning practice in a time where PAs could not treat patients independently, nor have prescription authority, I have worked within many hospital systems, often being one of their first PAs. At that time many of us experienced initial resistance to the concept of a PA. Through examples of hard work and professionalism we gained the acceptance and respect of medical coworkers and hospital staff continually strengthening our profession.

As City Auditor, serving the public for 13 years as an elected official, managing a municipal finance office I have gained experience in financial management and reporting. These financial reports are audited by the State of Ohio annually with several being honored by the Government Financial Officers Association's Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The experience of serving our profession as a SEMPA Director at Large and Vice President have provided insight to the political environment in which we now find ourselves. We enter a time fraught

with the straining of delicate relationships which must either be cultivated or terminated. Now is the time for me to serve in an executive position as SEMPA Vice President to defend our values and expand the abilities to effectively care for our patients.

With dual backgrounds in serving my community as a Physician Assistant and as an elected official I offer a unique combination of skills in Emergency Medicine and financial management and reporting. My service as an elected official as Auditor for the City of Norwood, Ohio, the Chief Financial Officer of a municipality, provides me with skills in management, reporting and data analysis as assets for this position.

Now is the time to apply the skills honed in the private and political arenas, to strengthen our profession and help us continue to grow. I am willing to dedicate myself to the service of SEMPA membership and work with other members of the Board as Vice President utilizing my organizational skills, experience in politics, financial knowledge, and dedication to the PA profession.

Thank you for taking the time to consider me for this position.

Sincerely,

Jim Stith PA-C