

This past year I held the distinct honor of being appointed to serve on the SEMPA Board of Directors as a Director at Large. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with colleagues from different parts of the country and at various places in our careers as we work to promote the EM PA profession as a whole.

I was previously in sales and marketing prior to medicine; while I excelled at it, I did not feel purposeful so I made the decision to quit my job in order to revamp by entire life and go back to school. My first job (and only job) out of school was in emergency medicine and I soon realized I had chosen a field that had a significant learning curve. On advice from my then lead APP, I joined SEMPA to get plugged in and to fine-tune my learning and craft. SEMPA is the hub of emergency medicine resources for physician assistants and I have been nothing other than thoroughly impressed with this organization and the quality of support it makes available to our field. Immediately after attending my first conference in Phoenix in 2017, I applied to be on the Education Committee. I have served as a member on the Education Committee since and it has given me even more insight to how SEMPA operates. I have enjoyed collaborating with my colleagues on how to bring the most relevant speakers and topics to SEMPA 360. Additionally, I am the Adjunct Faculty of EM at the Hardin-Simmons PA program in Abilene, Texas. This has given me the chance to work closely with those who will be our newest colleagues and allowed me to see the profession through their eyes. It is this passion for the next group of PAs that led me to volunteer as a SEMPA mentor.

Our profession has had a tumultuous year from a name change, a pandemic, and ongoing turf war in regards to the EM workforce. I believe that there are additional threats to our community like that of compassion fatigue and burnout. My goal is to continue to develop and bolster SEMPA to be the resource of ultimate support while we see what 2022's challenges will hold.

I feel that being a physician assistant in emergency medicine is the greatest job in the world and I would like to offer my time and gifts to give back to the SEMPA community that has supported me on my journey. I have appreciated this last year's chance to serve and would like to humbly ask for the chance to have another term.

Thank you for the consideration.