



Jules Scadden

Statement of Candidacy

At-Large Director

My name is Julie “Jules” Scadden and I am seeking re-election for the NAEMT At-Large Director position. I am a paramedic from Iowa and have spent the past 20 years working in urban and rural communities as both a volunteer and career EMS practitioner, an EMS educator and advocate for EMS.

Like many of you, I have spent the majority of my career working in services with limited resources. Lack of adequate reimbursement and funding for training and equipment, loss of experienced EMS practitioners with no one to replace them, a dwindling volunteer force and patient, practitioner and ambulance safety issues that directly stem from those losses are all critical issues and challenges to which EMS continues to seek solutions. Advocacy for EMS as an essential profession to our lawmakers is required to bring attention to these challenges.

Through partnerships with other organizations and through the work of committees on advocacy, health and safety and education, NAEMT continues to bring these and other issues to the attention of our federal leaders. My goal as NAEMT board of director is to strengthen awareness and increase participation by EMS practitioners in safe and healthy practices and federal advocacy, all of which will improve EMS at the local level.

As At-Large Director on the NAEMT Board of Directors these past two years, I have worked on the Advocacy Committee to push legislation benefiting EMS forward. As a member of the Health and Safety Committee we have been working hard to build a culture of safety through development of a fitness program for EMS and the EVENT reporting system which gathers data which will provide direction for safe practices; protecting both patients and EMS providers. I represent volunteer EMS providers serving as the NAEMT liaison on the National Volunteer Fire Council. This past summer, as the Chair of the newly formed Social Media Networking Committee, work has begun on developing a social media program with a purpose of strengthening the connection and improving direct, two-way communication with our membership and EMS practitioners on the streets.

My professional experiences include working as the COI/IT/Data coordinator and senior staff paramedic for Sac County Ambulance service in Sac City, IA; EMS educator for area community colleges and lecturing at state and national EMS conferences, EMS textbook author and past Iowa Rural AED Grant Coordinator. I have represented EMS on numerous state committees including development of system standards for EMS in Iowa. I am Past Secretary and route coordinator of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, a Founder and Past Secretary of the National EMS Museum and a Founder and Past-President of the Iowa CPR Education Foundation.

As your At-Large Director, I will continue represent you, the provider in the street, through advocacy and development of programs addressing health and safety with common sense, honesty, open communication and a tireless passion to find solutions to the critical challenges facing EMS. I ask for your vote for NAEMT At-Large Director. Thank you for your support!