



David S. Blevins, Statement of Candidacy

SouthEast Coast Region

I am writing to formally express my candidacy for re-election to the NAEMT Board of Directors. As a passionate and dedicated member of the emergency medical services (EMS) community, I believe that serving on the board would allow me to contribute significantly to the growth, development, and advancement of NAEMT's mission and vision.

I have been actively involved in the EMS field for 24 years, working in various capacities such as firefighter, paramedic educator, and director. Throughout my career, I have witnessed the challenges faced by emergency responders and the evolving nature of prehospital care. I have also recognized the critical role that NAEMT plays in advocating for EMS providers, promoting high-quality education and training, and enhancing the overall professionalism of our industry.

If elected to the NAEMT Board of Directors, I would bring a wealth of experience, leadership skills, and a deep commitment to the advancement of EMS. My key areas of focus and contributions would include:

1. **Membership Advancement:** The heart and sole of EMS is the people, our clinicians, who invest each and every day of their life to helping others. By advancing their causes, we ensure that our people have what they need to grow personally while also helping our family, friends, and neighbors in their time of need.
2. **Advocacy and Representation:** I am dedicated to advocating for the needs and interests of EMS providers at local, state, and national levels. I would work diligently to ensure that the concerns and perspectives of emergency responders are effectively communicated and represented within the board.
3. **Education and Training Enhancement:** I believe in the importance of continuous education and professional development for EMS providers. I would collaborate with other board members to identify and promote innovative educational programs, ensuring that NAEMT remains at the forefront of prehospital care training.
4. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** Building strong alliances with other EMS organizations, healthcare professionals, and stakeholders is crucial for advancing the field. I would actively seek opportunities to foster collaboration, create partnerships, and engage in cooperative initiatives that benefit the EMS community as a whole.
5. **Innovation and Adaptability:** Given the rapidly changing landscape of healthcare and emergency response, it is vital for NAEMT to be adaptable and innovative. I would encourage the exploration and implementation of emerging technologies, best practices, and evidence-based approaches that enhance EMS delivery and patient outcomes.

I strongly believe that my experience, passion, and vision align well with the goals and objectives of NAEMT. If given the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors, I am committed to working tirelessly to advance the interests of EMS providers and elevate the field of emergency medical services.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I would be honored to contribute my skills and expertise to NAEMT's mission, and I look forward to the possibility of serving on the board. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or references.