

Members of NAEMT, I humbly seek your nomination to the Board of Directors for the office of Middle Atlantic Region Director.

I am on fire for our profession every day in my classroom, and I want to focus that flame in ways that allow me to amplify my passion for EMS on a regional and national level. I want to become the messenger who helps improve the state of our member by continuing to give them a loud voice before our stakeholders, future partners, regulators, elected officials, and the people we serve.

If elected I have three goals: keep our members and their needs first, identify who and where we need to carry the NAEMT message for the first time and get it to them, and to reach out to the future of our profession wherever we can find them.

NAEMT is the premier professional association for EMS. We reflect all the existential challenges of our industry such as the demographic shifts in our communities, human capital, multigenerational workforce/membership, and capital. The solution is to continue the work of our committees and keep publishing. During the COVID-19 pandemic our nation realized that EMS is a vital part of the health care ecosystem in the United States. Rarely had we had the kinds of conversations about how to use EMS differently for the new realities of that time. Recent high-profile incidents in subsequent years have kept EMS at the forefront of conversation for the public we serve, and government officials who are a part of providing that service or regulating how we provide that service in different circumstances. This is an excellent opportunity for NAEMT to continue to prove ourselves as the indispensable resource for any serious conversation about EMS at any level.

From my work on committees, I have learned that NAEMT is particularly effective at marshalling information and resources from around the country or around the world. Through our general publications, position papers, and research, etc., we provide convenient, prompt and practical answers to complicated and technical questions. It is vital that we continue the intake-analysis-and output cycle from my members into all of the various spheres of influence upon our industry.

Joining NAEMT opened my eyes to the shared challenges and successes of our profession in this country in ways that I had never imagined. I would bring the board the unique perspective of a high school teacher who specializes in introducing EMS to the youngest generations who make will be the future of every profession. I also bring the perspectives of someone with an uncommon pathway into EMS leadership, and underrepresented communities.