



I would like to nominate myself for a WADEM Board of Director from the Americas and if not elected then to be considered for a Director at large. I am willing to serve as a Director for the two-year period beginning at the WADEM Congress in Toronto April 2017.

Over the last 40 years beginning as a 15 year old volunteer responder with the Rockaway Neck First Aid Squad in Lake Hiawatha NJ, through USAF-MC Active Duty stationed at Andrews Air Force Base teaching military and emergency medicine at USUHS (Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences), then South Carolina-1 DMAT Team Leader, SC-1 US&R Medical Director and most recently earning a Master in Disaster Medicine from UPO in Novara Italy, I have been part of the evolution of disaster medicine as a specialty.

I have been fortunate to have been a Section Editor of both Ciotto Disaster Medicine Textbooks, with chapters in these texts and the Schwartz TEMS textbook amongst other publications. Over the last 20 years I have been active within my South Carolina Emergency Departments, hospitals, local and state committees to advance Disaster Medicine in a predominantly rural state with hazards ranging from hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and ice storms and man-made transportation and other disasters. Currently I am working to adopt the WHO EMT Initiative in the US and hope to bring the assets of WADEM to professionalize Disaster and Humanitarian Response throughout the world following the WHO Classifications and Minimum Standards for Foreign Medical Teams (now Emergency Medical Teams) in Sudden Onset Disasters. WADEM has a unique opportunity through the individual membership's, knowledge and influence, as well as the weight of our collective voice. To be elected a WADEM Board of Director is an honor and privilege, which I will uphold to represent members from the Americas and across the globe.

Thank you for consideration,

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