



## **Gary Peterson, PhD, MSc, NRP, CCEMT-P, CCP-C, FP-C** Statement of Candidacy

### **Mid Atlantic Region Director**

My fellow EMS clinicians,

I ask that you consider me as your representative on the NAEMT Board of Directors.

My passion has always been to elevate EMS to the highest standards of professionalism. As a relatively young profession standing alongside our counterparts in medicine, nursing practice, and combat care, we have progressed rapidly. Despite our advances we have many opportunities to further develop our profession. One of our greatest strengths has been our ability to quickly adapt to changing environments and rapid advances in medicine brought to the patient's side.

This strength, however, requires continuous evaluation of our delivery models and education platforms to ensure that we provide the highest quality of care and best preparation for those entering the profession. Having entered the profession at the certificate level and progressed through doctoral studies I have the vantage point of seeing the benefits at all levels of educational preparation and critical evaluation. Our best path forward will always be to partner with passionate EMS professionals at all levels from a wide range of services to identify our greatest challenges and potential solutions most clearly.

I look forward to serving alongside you as our profession continues to grow and evolve.