Dear AAEM Member,

Enclosed are the candidate statements for the 2015 AAEM board of directors election.

As you are aware, the call for nominations was sent to all voting members. Those AAEM members who appear on the enclosed ballot have indicated their willingness to serve on the AAEM board.

Statements from each of the candidates and AAEM activities dating back five years are on the following pages. Please review the enclosed information, then exercise your democratic right to vote for the representatives you would like to see serve as AAEM’s leaders. Remember, we have a one member, one vote system, so your voice counts. Please follow these instructions for casting your ballot in the 2015 election.

If You Will Attend the Scientific Assembly:

- **We recommend that you do not complete your official ballot at this time.** There will be a Candidates’ Forum held during the Scientific Assembly on March 1, 2015, 2:00-3:30pm where you can hear the candidates respond to direct questions from the voting membership. You will be asked to submit your ballot at the conclusion of that Forum.

- **If certain of your choices or unsure if you will attend the Forum,** you may vote online at www.aaem.org/elections. Voting will remain open until March 1, 2015 at 11:59pm CT.

If You Are Unable to Attend the Scientific Assembly:

- You may complete your official ballot online at www.aaem.org/elections. Online voting will remain open until March 1, 2015, at 11:59pm CT. Mailed ballots must be received by February 24, 2015.

Balloting Procedure for 2015:

- **Voting ballots will be available online only prior to Scientific Assembly.** Please visit www.aaem.org/elections to cast your vote electronically or download a paper ballot. You may submit ballots by mail to AAEM Elections, 555 E. Wells St., Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI, 53202. **Please note that the paper ballot will supersede all online voting ballot submissions and all previously submitted ballots will be discarded.**

- **Voting onsite at Scientific Assembly will occur by paper ballot.** As in previous years, paper ballots will be distributed at the Candidates’ Forum during the Annual Business Meeting to members who have not already cast their vote. Paper ballots will also be available at the registration desk throughout the conference. Online voting will remain open until 11:59pm CT on 3/1/15.

Thank you for your continued support of AAEM. Please call 800-884-2236 with any questions you may have regarding the election procedure.

Sincerely,

Kay Whalen
Executive Director
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Candidate Platform Statements

AAEM does not endorse any statement made by candidates and specifically rejects anticompetitive statements.

The nomination period for AAEM’s upcoming elections has ended. All individuals running for an open seat on the board of directors have been identified, and the race has begun. Presented here for the benefit of all AAEM full voting, emeritus, and Young Physician Section (YPS) members of AAEM are the formal platform statements of each of the candidates.

The elections will be held immediately following the Candidates’ Forum scheduled during AAEM’s 21st Annual Scientific Assembly, February 28 – March 4, 2015, at the Hilton Austin, Austin, TX. Although balloting arrangements will be made available for those unable to attend the Assembly, all voting members are encouraged to hold their ballots until the time of the meeting. The Forum will allow members the opportunity to question candidates directly about their vision of the association and its place in the specialty of emergency medicine. The responses offered in this session, in addition to the platform statements offered here, will provide members with the information they need to make intelligent and informed decisions.

AAEM’s democratic election process is just one of the many things that make our organization unique among medical specialty societies. Please carefully review the information presented here, and make your arrangements to join us in Austin for the Forum and final elections.

Full voting, emeritus, and YPS members not planning to attend the Scientific Assembly should vote online or submit a paper ballot. Online voting and paper ballots are available at www.aaem.org/elections. Online voting closes at 11:59pm CT on March 1, 2015. Paper ballots should be returned to the AAEM office by February 24, 2015. Those attending the Austin conference are encouraged to hold their votes until the Candidates’ Forum to be held on Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 2:00 to 3:30pm.

Online Voting Procedure

AAEM is offering online voting prior to Scientific Assembly for those members who are unable to attend the meeting or wish to vote in advance. Paper ballots will still be available for members to print and mail if they prefer. Please visit www.aaem.org/elections to access the online ballot or to print your personalized paper ballot.

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Dear Members,

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My background is that I was born and raised in France and moved to the US in 1987. After high school I joined the US Air Force and served as a medic; this is where my interest in emergency medicine began.

After my military commitment I graduated from Texas Tech.

My father (an orthopedic surgeon) recommended applying to Guadalajara’s medical school as I would get more hands on experience. This was the best advice he had ever given me.

I completed an emergency medicine residency at Maimonides training under Dr. Davidson. While in residency I was enlightened by the lectures given by Dr. McNamara and Dr. Keaney about issues in EM. I saw the importance of the mission statement of AAEM and decided it was the only logical choice as the EM organization to join. AAEM was the only organization advocating for due process and the negative impact CMGs have on our profession.

As a resident member I joined the critical care committee and became the resident member for that section. My love for critical care drove me to complete an emergency medicine critical care fellowship at Baltimore Shock Trauma.

My first job was in Florida at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach and I immediately became active in the Florida Chapter of AAEM eventually serving on the FLAAEM Board and currently hold the position of Immediate Past President. During my tenure as FLAAEM President I developed the FLAAEM Scientific Assembly, and we are currently planning our 4th meeting. For AAEM I did one of the critical care podcast, which has had almost 1,200 downloads to date.

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Joseph Guarisco, MD FAAEM
Candidate for At-Large Director
Nominated by: Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM and William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

Operations Management Committee, Chair 2012-2014
Scientific Assembly Speaker 2013, 2014
Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Speaker 2013
AAEM Podcast Contributor 2013, 2014
Common Sense Author 2012-2014

I am honored to have been nominated for a seat on AAEM’s Board of Directors. I was there in the beginning when AAEM was formed and I am here today ready to continue that agenda created on AAEM’s founding principles and philosophies. The issues that created the framework for this organization are as relevant as ever.

To lead AAEM, one has to have a small bit of rebel in their makeup. Most of us in Emergency Medicine have that in our DNA, but that quality alone is not enough to generate success. Let me articulate why and how I can help by representing you as a board member.

1. I have 30 years’ practice in emergency medicine. I know things.
2. I have experience in project management. I do things.
3. Leading an organization takes commitment. I have the time to get things done.
4. I work in an academic, physician led organization that supports physician governance and the importance of physician engagement, leadership and importantly practice ownership.
5. I am actively engaged, on a daily basis, on the issues that are at the forefront of AAEM’s agenda.

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David Farcy, MD FAAEM FCCM
Candidate for At-Large Director
Nominated by: Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM and Mark Foppe, DO FAAEM

Membership: 2002-2015
Disclosure: McGraw Hill, Royalty

Florida State Chapter Board of Directors 2010-2011
Florida State Chapter President 2011-2014
Florida State Chapter Immediate Past President 2014-2015
Florida State Chapter Scientific Assembly Speaker 2011, 2013, 2014
Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2013
Scientific Assembly Speaker 2013, 2014
Delaware Valley State Chapter Resident’s Day Speaker 2013
State Chapter Committee 2011-2014
AAEM Podcast Contributor 2012-2014

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As Chair of AAEM’s Operations Management Committee for the last 2 years, we have produced 8 podcasts on a variety of topics, 8 articles in Common Sense and 2 pre-conference workshops for AAEM’s Scientific Assembly. We are currently working on our third pre-conference focused on learning why some groups succeed and some don’t and what creates success and risk in building sustainable independent democratic practices. Additionally in 2013 and 2014, I represented AAEM in Marseille, France and Hamburg, Germany at EuSEM, the European Society for Emergency Medicine, presenting on operations management issues related to capacity and throughput.

Over the years, I have led our emergency department to a number of achievements such as Ochsner Health System’s Department of the Year, Press Ganey’s National Success Story, and City of New Orleans Innovator of the Year twice to name a few. I take pride in what I do and am proud to be part of AAEM and have the opportunity to continue my efforts to make things better for our patients and for your practice.

Importantly, I have been Chair of Ochsner Health Systems compensation committee for the past 7 years working to create fair value to our physicians in all specialties in our organization and we all know how important this issue of fairness in the workforce is to AAEM.

Give me a chance to use my experience, my passion, my appreciation of the work that we as emergency physicians do, and my ability to execute on AAEM’s agenda to create value for us and all of emergency medicine.

Joseph R. Lex, MD MAAEM FAAEM
Candidate for At-Large Director
Nominated by: Self Nomination
Membership: 1994-2014
Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.
ACME Subcommittee 2010-2014
Education Committee, 2010-2014
International Committee 2010-2014
Scientific Assembly Speaker 2011-2014
Delaware Valley State Chapter Division Resident’s Day Speaker 2013
Developing EM Conference Speaker 2013
Inter-American Emergency Medicine Congress (IAEMC) Speaker 2012, 2014
Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Speaker 2011
I am a founding member of the Academy, originator of the Written Board Review Course and the Oral Board Review Course, past-chair of the Education Committee (2001-2006), and current chair of the Scientific Assembly Subcommittee. I introduced many innovations to emergency medical education in general, including Open Mic sessions and most recently, Pecha Kucha sessions. In many countries — Poland, Argentina, Viet Nam, Turkey — I am the international face and voice of AAEM. I serve on committees of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) representing AAEM. My website www.FreeEmergencyTalks.net has for many years featured recordings from our annual Scientific Assemblies, giving AAEM worldwide exposure. Because of this I am considered the “godfather” of the Free Open Access Medical Education movement, aka FOAMed.

A core issue for a professional society is education of its members; I have the track record to further the best interests of members in the educational and international arena.

I think AAEM took a giant step backwards in the 2014 Scientific Assembly by hiring a commercial company to duplicate what EMedHome.com had been doing for years — record select tracks and post for CME credits. EMedHome had repeatedly offered these recordings free of charge to AAEM, but we never accepted. EMedHome also made the lectures available at no charge exclusively to AAEM Resident Members. Rather than engage EMedHome in discussions about what would further AAEM’s goals, the board hired an independent firm to make duplicate recordings at a cost of many thousands of dollars. AAEM then put these recordings behind a paywall to all but members — the antithesis of the burgeoning FOAMed movement. I certainly understand the concept that these could possibly make the organization some money, but it would have been wise to talk to people who had this discussion more than decade ago and concluded there was no way to turn profit on such a project. We spent a lot of money needlessly while giving no additional benefit to our members.

In 2001 AAEM partnered with the European Society of Emergency Medicine (EuSEM) for the Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Conference, which evolved into a world-class event. But after MEMC-VII in Marseilles in 2013, the EuSEM notified AAEM that they no longer required our services and would be the sole sponsors of future meetings. While painful to accept, it was not entirely unexpected. In 2001 we filled a much-needed gap in international emergency education: this gap no longer exists. AAEM’s decision to have an independent Mediterranean meeting in Rome, Italy, during September 2015 has caused many in the international EM community to see AAEM in a less favorable light, as it will be in direct competition with EuSEM’s next meeting in Turin, Italy, also in September.

AAEM would have been less likely to make these decisions had someone with my two decades of knowledge and expertise been available to discuss them. I run in order to represent our members’ best interests in future decisions on education, and to represent AAEM in international decisions.
Lisa Moreno-Walton, MD MSCR FAAEM
Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM; Gary Gaddis, MD PhD FAAEM; and Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM

Membership: 2001-2014
Disclosure: Gilead Sciences, Inc., Primary Investigator, Grant Funding

ABEM Certification White Paper Task Force 2010-2011
Academic Affairs Committee 2010-2014
Education Committee 2010-2014
Learning Management System Task Force 2014
Scientific Assembly Subcommittee 2014
Women in Emergency Medicine Task Force 2014
Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2011

When I decided to change my specialty from Surgery to Emergency Medicine, I never imagined that it was possible to ethically or responsibly practice another specialty without residency training. When I learned that some physicians did this, and encouraged me to do the same, I was shocked that any physician would risk her patients’ wellbeing by practicing a specialty in which she had not been trained. Early in my EM residency, Dr. McNamara invited to our didactic conference to speak about AAEM, and I learned that others shared my convictions about EM board certification and the imperative that doctors control the practice of medicine. Since that time, I have been a proud member and have served AAEM on the Academic Affairs Committee (2009-present), ABEM Certification White Paper Task Force (2009-2011), Education Committee (2010-present), Scientific Assembly Planning Subcommittee (2014), Content Management Task Force (2014, chair) and Women in EM Task Force (2014). Each year, I serve as judge for all or some of the Photo Competition, JEM Resident Research Competition, and Clinical Case Competition. I am an active reviewer for AAEM’s official journal, the Journal of Emergency Medicine, and have served as a track chair and session moderator for several of AAEM’s satellite conferences over the years (MEMC, Pan Pacific EM). I have taught six sessions of the Pearls of Wisdom Oral Board Review Course. I am an active member of the Louisiana Chapter, have been active in resurrecting the Chapter after the year that it was defunct, and now serve on the Chapter Board.

At Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, I am Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and serve as Director of Research, Director of Diversity, and Director of HIV Testing. In addition to the clinical practice of EM, which I continue to find exhilarating and intellectually stimulating, I am a well-funded researcher and an award winning educator. Last year, I received the Marcus Martin Leadership Award “in recognition of significant and sustained contributions to SAEM’s mission to attain diversity within EM through education and research”. This year, I received the Alpha Omega Alpha Professionalism Award in recognition of my advocacy for the LGBT patient community. These awards reflect my unwavering commitment to the right of every patient visiting any ED anywhere to receive the highest level of care by a board eligible emergency physician, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or age.

AAEM has always had a policy of inclusion, but at times has lacked an active outreach to women and racial/ethnic minorities. My recognized expertise on diversity and cultural competency, coupled with my service to AAEM, CORD, SAEM, National Hispanic Medical Association, National Medical Association, International Federation of Emergency Medicine, AWAEM, and Academy of Diversity and Inclusion in EM (founder) give me a distinct advantage in furthering AAEM’s mission of inclusion. I plan to bring the benefits of AAEM membership to the larger EM community, uphold our practice philosophy, and serve our current members with passion, dedication, excellence and pride.

Terrence Mulligan, DO MPH FAAEM FIFEM
Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM; Amin Antoine Kazzi, MD MAAEM FAAEM; and Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM

Membership: 2009-2015
Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

International Committee Co-Chair 2012-2014
Scientific Assembly International Track Chair 2013, 2014
Government and National Affairs Committee 2014
Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Speaker 2011
Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) VIII Co-Organizer

I am pleased and honored to have been nominated for the position of At-Large Board Member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine. I’ve been a member of AAEM for over 10 years, and have been very active in AAEM’s international programs for 10 years or more. I’m currently the chair of the AAEM International Medicine Committee, where I also served as co-chair from 2012-2014, and committee member since 2006.
AAEM holds a crucial position in the field of global emergency medicine development, and can make tremendous contributions to developing EM systems around the world. Many EM systems, EM societies, universities and national governments are looking to established EM systems and EM societies for collaboration, cooperation and assistance with building their own national and regional EM systems.

AAEM holds within its membership tremendous institutional wisdom and experience in EM education, and in creating, building and strengthening EM systems.

I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve AAEM and its membership, and to foster and encourage AAEM’s continued and growing collaborations in global emergency medicine development.

I completed two residencies (EM in 2001 and osteopathic manipulative medicine in 2002), three Fellowships (International EM in 2003, Health Policy in 2006, and EM Administration & Management in 2008), and two Masters degrees (MPH in 2003, Masters in Health Economics, Policy and Law pending). I am double-board certified in Emergency Medicine and in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. I am a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and am Director of the International EM program. From 2006-2010, I lived and worked in The Netherlands, directing two emergency departments and EM residencies, two of the first EM programs in that country. I’m also a Visiting Assistant Professor at Stellenbosch University in Cape Town, South Africa.

Since 2012, I’ve served on the Board of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM), representing AAEM, ACEP, SAEM, ACOEP and CAEP in Canada. I am a co-founder and Board member of the African Federation for Emergency Medicine (AFEM), a Board member of the Global Academy for EM (GAEM) and the American Academy of EM for India (AAEM). I am a past Chairman of the ACEP Section for International EM, a past chairman of the ACOEP International EM Committee, a member of the SAEM Global EM Academy, and the co-founder of the International EM Fellowship Consortium. I am an Associate Editor and co-founder of the peer-reviewed journal, The African Journal of Emergency Medicine, and an executive editor of Emergency Physicians International magazine. I’ve initiated and participated in emergency medicine and acute care system development programs in over three dozen countries. I’ve established AAEM residencies, national and international EM societies and federations, Fellowships in EM and EM subspecialties, schools for emergency nursing, training schools for paramedics, relief agencies for underserved areas, disaster medicine and disaster preparation, hospital disaster preparedness and hospital trauma system development all around the world. I’ve delivered over 400 lectures, symposia and educational programs nationally and internationally for over twenty local, national and international EM organizations.

Robert Suter, DO MHA FAAEM
Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM; Antoine Amin Kazzi, MD MAAEM FAAEM; and Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM

Membership: 2010-2015
Employment: University of Texas Southwestern and American Heart Association
Disclosure: Service to other organizations, American College of Emergency Physicians and American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians Board of Directors

AAEM Board of Directors 2011-2015
AAEM Foundation Board of Directors 2011-2015
Emergency Medical Services Committee 2012
International Committee 2013-2014
Inter-American Emergency Medicine Congress (IAEMC) Speaker 2010, 2012
Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Speaker 2011

Four years ago I ran for the AAEM Board of Directors reminding you of two things of which I will always be proud.

The first was in 1992, when an executive MBA mini-residency leading to ABEM eligibility for non-residency trained doctors was proposed. As EMRA President, I attacked the plan and persuaded its abandonment. Seven years later, as a new ACEP Board member, I successfully added “All physicians entering the practice of emergency medicine are residency trained in emergency medicine” to the ACEP Values, placing ACEP in opposition to others entering our specialty.

The second was in 2001, as one of ten medical directors sued by a CMG owner for 20 million dollars. Why? For supporting doctors who merely wanted to discuss a long term buyout based on his retirement schedule. Others folded under pressure, signing draconian non-competes to save their jobs. The owner and his non-physician partners openly bragged they would “spend (me) under the table and break (me).” Three years and $300,000 dollars in legal expenses later, I won the case on all counts. The lawsuit and resulting disclosures forced the sale of the CMG to the doctors, creating one of the largest democratic groups in Texas.

During my past four years on the AAEM Board we have continued our unflinching dedication to the primacy of EM residency training/board certification and practice fairness, transparency and due process. I believe these two values are shared by all AAEM members, and that they define our members as the elite physicians in our specialty dedicated to the highest ethical standards.

Why did you originally elect me, a past leader in other organizations, to serve on the AAEM Board? I believe you wanted an experienced, seasoned leader who could offer insights and knowledge to help AAEM effectively focus on our shared core values. I have humbly tried to live up to your confidence.
During the past four years I have attended all meetings, staffed committees, done residency visits, and worked on major projects, most recently planning the continuation of the Mediterranean EM Conference in Rome in September. My support for fellow Board members, our Officers, and our staff has been strong and mutual, as they have embraced the value that I bring to AAEM, and the sincerity with which I serve you.

Four years ago I offered my services to AAEM and you took a chance on me. Now, I am an experienced AAEM leader with the potential to serve one more term to accomplish even more going forward. You have invested four years to make me a better AAEM Board Member- vote for me to make me pay it back to you.

“Actions speak louder than words.” Review my track record both before and after my election to the AAEM board and you will find that over the past 25 plus years no candidate has shown a greater level of passion and dedication to the core values that led to the creation of AAEM. Thank you for your support.

David Tanen, MD FAAEM
Candidate for At-Large Director
Nominated by: Joel Schofer, MD MBA CPE FAAEM
Membership: 2008-2015
Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

As an Emergency Medicine educator for the past 14 years, I joined AAEM because I was attracted by their vision and accomplishments in the promotion and safeguarding of our specialty. With my background of having served in the Navy for over 21 years as an Emergency Physician and residency Program Director, I believe that I can bring a unique perspective on the rendering of emergency medical care, both in the battlefield and at our large tertiary care military hospitals. In addition to my military experience, since retiring from active duty two years ago, I transitioned to caring for the underserved at Harbor-UCLA, a large teaching county hospital where I am currently serving as an associate Program Director. As a subspecialist in Medical Toxicology, I have also been engaged in basic and clinical research and have been active in the American College of Medical Toxicology. I feel this experience can help bridge the two communities and may lead to opportunities of cooperation in the future. As a member of AAEM, I have served for the past two years as the President of the Uniformed Services section and am currently the Immediate Past President. I have also led and lectured at the successful USAAEM pre-conferences to the annual meeting, and coauthored chapters in AAEM’s Toxicology Handbook and Emergency Medicine, A Focused Review of the Core Curriculum. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as a representative to the Board of Directors and hope to help guide the future of our specialty.

Leslie Zun, MD MBA FAAEM
Candidate for At-Large Director
Nominated by William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM and Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM
Membership: 1993-2015
Disclosure: Service to other organizations, American Association for Emergency Psychiatry, President Elect; Teva Pharmaceuticals, Honorarium; Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Honorarium

I am running for the at large position of AAEM to ensure we get our fair share. As healthcare continues to change and evolve, emergency physicians need AAEM more than ever to advocate for a fair and equitable workplace.

The ACO enrollment has pressured the marketplace to encourage physicians and hospitals to work closer together than they had ever done before. For some, this is an opportunity to collaborate to increase patient numbers and reduce costs. For others, it has provided an opportunity to squeeze out the independent democratic emergency medicine groups and enhance the role of contract management companies. AAEM has done a lot to fight back against the forces that view profits over quality. We must continue this fight.

For those that do not know me, I attended the first organizing meeting of emergency physicians frustrated with their current specialty organization and have continued my involvement in AAEM since. I am a four term board member and have contributed to many of our position statements. I have given
Jonathan S. Jones, MD FAAEM
Candidate for YPS Director
Nominated by: William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM and Michael Ybarra, MD FAAEM

First, thank you for being a member of the Academy. Second, thank you for participating in the election process.

I humbly ask for your vote to serve as the YPS Director. My desire to serve as the YPS Director stems from my admiration of and dedication to the Academy. AAEM’s vision and mission statements are excellent and if you have not read them, please do. However, I truly think one simple sentence could describe them just as well, AAEM will always support what is best for the patient seeking emergency care and what is best for the specialist providing that care without regards to interests outside the physician-patient relationship.

As a proud member of the Academy, I desire to serve in order to help the Academy continue and expand its work. While membership is growing, too many physicians are not members, and most of these are even unsure why they should be members. Many of these physicians are young physicians or resident physicians. The future of any organization is in its new members. As YPS Director, I will work to increase young physician membership and involvement.

I have served on the AAEM-YPS Board of Directors for two years and currently serve as AAEM-YPS Vice-president. During this time, YPS membership has increased 14%; good but clearly we need to keep working.

Primary means of engaging membership are quality benefits and communication. With YPS, I’ve worked to increase and improve benefits including: Open Mic at Scientific Assembly, YPS Mentoring program, and CV review service. To improve communication, I’ve written several articles for Common Sense and have recently assumed the role of Assistant Editor for the publication. Additionally, I serve on the Education Committee.

I’ve worked with AAEM and YPS because I believe in it and love it. I do pretty much the same thing in my real job. As Residency Program Director at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, I strive to provide new graduates with the skills and knowledge they need to be excellent physicians. Excellent physicians need to possess great medical knowledge, be adept at clinical care, and communicate effectively. But this is not enough. They also need to know about the world outside their ED. They need to know about the external threats which they and their patients will face and they need to know how to deal with these. With AAEM’s assistance, I believe I have prepared my residents to be truly excellent physicians. 100% of our residents are AAEM members, and with a little reallocation of funds, our entire PGY-2 class is now able to attend the AAEM Scientific Assembly.

I believe that my experience and involvement with residents, young physicians, AAEM, Common Sense, and the AAEM-YPS Board have prepared me to serve as the YPS Director. If you agree, then I ask for your vote. I am always happy to answer any questions, please just let me know. My email is jsjones3@umc.edu. My cell number is 601-421-1033. Thank you.