



29 February 2024

Dear CAEP Nominating Committee:

I am pleased to submit this letter of intent to renew my position on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians. I have enjoyed my previous terms and feel that CAEP is an organization paramount to the future of Emergency Medicine in Canada. As the sole association representing all Canadian Emergency Physicians, the CAEP must remain nimble and representative of the specialty; my experience and perspective as a physician with a focus in pre-hospital medicine and research offers contributions to the CAEP Board of Directors to achieve this.

I have practiced at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia since April 2017. After completing the MD-PhD program at McGill University in 2010, I pursued training in the RCPS Emergency Medicine Residency program at McGill. I then completed advanced training in Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine (PHARM) in Australia prior to commencing my position in Halifax which includes an academic appointment as Assistant Professor at Dalhousie University. I am active in the practice of Pre-hospital and Transport Medicine as both a Medical Communications Centre Physician and Transport Physician for Nova Scotia's ground Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and critical care transport team, EHS LifeFlight, respectively. This experience offers an understanding of both the challenges of working in the rural setting coupled with the high degree of competence and autonomy required by these physicians who have chosen to work in these areas.

I joined the CAEP Board of Directors in 2020. As an early career physician with diverse clinical interests, I bring these unique perspectives to the board. Additionally, as a physician practicing in the Maritimes with training experiences in Quebec and Australia, I bring regional context and experience to board discussions. As a transport physician, I have represented CAEP at the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada's (SRPC) Rural Patient Transfer Meeting and continue to be active in CAEP's EMS committee. As an emerging researcher, I understand the challenges that emergency physician-researchers, especially those early in their career, face and have bring this perspective to the Board.

As a visible minority I have been fortunate to be supported throughout my pre-medical education and medical training at McGill University. I have life experience of working in cities with different levels of diversity and approaches to diversity- Montreal, QC for residency, multiple US cities for residency electives, Adelaide, Australia for advanced training, and Halifax, NS. I bring to the board the experience of being a visible minority, in addition to being an American who immigrated to Canada after living in Canada for seventeen years.



With the current state of Canadian emergency departments and the imminent release of the EM:POWER report, the importance of CAEP in leading patient-focused change while ensuring that emergency physicians are well supported both in terms of health human resources and mental health stability is undeniable. I am eager to continue my position on the Board of Directors during this transformational moment in Canadian Emergency Medicine.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Fok".

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