

Erik S. Gaull, CEM® – Statement of Candidacy for the position of IAEM-USA Secretary

I am extremely pleased to stand for election as IAEM-USA Secretary.

I joined IAEM in 2002 and have been actively involved since. I have been the Region 3 (R3) President since 2021, and before that R3 Secretary/Treasurer. I have served the region well, but it is time to continue that service on behalf of all IAEM-USA members as Secretary.

In my regional roles, I have:

- expanded the R3 Leadership Team to ensure greater representation of the six states and the student members.
- ensured the region's financial stability while maximizing available funding for R3 students to attend the IAEM Annual Conference.
- established the R3 Communications Team, which has produced podcasts, a monthly newsletter, several webinars, and an increased social media presence.
- delivered an annual symposium (the 2024 Symposium will be held in September 2024, date TBD) with both in-person and virtual attendance options.
- identified the need for and initiated a regional strategic planning process and a revision of our regional By-laws (which had not been updated since 2008).
- appointed an R3 Awards Committee and funded awards suggested by the committee.
- created the R3 Emergency Management Book Club.
- conceived of and managed the R3 Fitness Challenges.
- established regular coordination calls with the FEMA R3 Administrator, the region's state emergency management directors and state association presidents.
- executed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with FEMA R3 to ensure greater cooperation and collaboration.
- raised large amounts of money for the IAEM Scholarship Program.
- secured sponsors for R3 Holiday Parties and Happy Hours and increased the number of events conducted each year.
- increased proctoring of CEM exams and personally mentored regional CEM candidates.

At the national level, I have served IAEM-USA by:

- leading the national task force to revise the ethics complaint and adjudication process,
- representing IAEM to the National Homeland Security Consortium and securing the votes necessary to have IAEM become one of the three organizational chairs of the Consortium.
- representing IAEM on the DHS Emergency Services Coordinating Council since 2015.
- being active member of the Conference Committee since 2013. (I came up with the idea for and helped implement IAEM's EMvision Talks – now in their seventh year, and I suggested and secured Ted Koppel as a Keynote Speaker for the 2017 Annual Conference. I was on the Poster Subcommittee for a year. I helped plan and deliver the Career Workshop for the past three years.)
- being a charter member of the former Emergency Services Caucus and serving on it for 10 years until it was disbanded.

I became a CEM® in 2004, and I have an MBA and a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University.

I welcome your support so I can continue to bring my energy and strong commitment to serve all the IAEM-USA regions. Accordingly, I humbly ask for your vote for the position of IAEM-USA Secretary.

If you would like to speak with me, please email me at erik.gaul.R3@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik S. Gaul', with a stylized, cursive script.

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