

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

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

I joined IAEM in 2002 and have been actively involved in the Association since becoming a member. I have been the Region 3 President since 2001, and before that the Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer. I would like to continue my service to IAEM on the national level by serving as the IAEM-USA Secretary. I strongly believe I have done a good job serving Region 3, and I am confident that I will continue to work hard on behalf of all IAEM-USA members in the role of Secretary.

I would like to point out the following accomplishments which I believe answer the question of why I would make solid contributions to the Association as its Secretary. In my regional role, I have:

- expanded the Region 3 Leadership Team to ensure greater representation of the six states and the student members of the region.
- ensured the financial stability of the region while maximizing the funding available for students in our region to attend the IAEM Annual Conference.
- established the Region 3 Communications Team, which has produced a regular podcast, a monthly newsletter, several webinars, and an increased social media presence.
- delivered an annual symposium (the 2024 Symposium will be held in September some time, 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 a Region 3 Awards Committee and funded awards suggested by the committee.
- created the Region 3 Emergency Management Book Club.
- conceived of and managed the Region 3 Summer Fitness Challenge.
- established regular coordination calls with the FEMA Region 3 Administrator, the region's state emergency management directors and state association presidents.
- executed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with FEMA Region 3 to ensure greater cooperation and collaboration.
- raised the most money for the IAEM Scholarship Program and had the most financially productive raffle basket for the Scholarship Program of any of the 10 IAEM-USA regions for the past two years.
- secured sponsors for a Region 3 Holiday Party when I was Secretary/Treasurer and President and for Happy Hours in conjunction with the 2022 and 2023 Annual Conferences.
- increased proctoring of CEM exams and personally mentored regional CEM candidates.

In addition to serving the Region, I have played several roles serving IAEM at the national level:

- I led a national task force charged with revising the ethics complaint and adjudication process,
- I am the IAEM representative to the National Homeland Security Consortium and secured the votes necessary to have IAEM become one of the three organizational chairs of the Consortium. Additionally, I have represented IAEM on the DHS Emergency Services Coordinating Council since 2015.
- I have been an 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. (I was honored to be selected to deliver an EMvision Talk at the 2023 Annual Conference in Long Beach), and I suggested and obtained the participation of 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.

- I was a charter member of the former Emergency Services Caucus and served 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 would 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 about my candidacy or efforts on behalf of the Association, please do not hesitate to contact me at erik.gaul.R3@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik S. Gaul', written in a cursive style.

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