

**Name:** Ethan Rego, AEM

**Position Running For:** Massachusetts State Representative (Region 1)

**Candidate Statement:**

Hi, my name is Ethan Rego, AEM. I currently work for National Grid as an Associate Analyst in Emergency Planning and recently graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Management. Before my role with National Grid, I gained experience through internships at the local and state levels with the Providence Emergency Management Agency and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, respectively. I also interned with South Shore Hospital's Emergency Preparedness Department and completed a 5-month emergency management internship/study abroad experience in Copenhagen, Denmark. I have been an active member of IAEM for over three years and served as the President of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's IAEM Student Chapter for two years. As Student Chapter President, I helped increase student membership by over 41%. In addition, I helped plan and facilitate multiple events, including hosting four different guest speakers and leading tours of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, FEMA Region 1, and the Massachusetts State House to help better engage students within the profession. In addition to my prior leadership role within IAEM, I hold the Associate Emergency Manager (AEM®) designation and am a member of the Advocacy & Awareness Caucus and the newly established Energy Caucus. Similar to my desires as a Student Chapter President, I am running for the position of Massachusetts State Representative in hopes of bolstering our membership within IAEM Region 1 and bringing a new slate of innovative ideas and opportunities that will help enhance the experience of our members. In addition, I hope to continue giving back to the association that has done so much for my own professional development and those around me.