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May 8, 2018

The Association of Air Medical Services
Attention: Nomination Team
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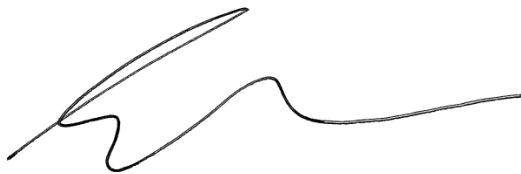
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a statement of intent to run for a position as an At Large Director on the board of directors for the Association of Air Medical Services.

My experience as a leader with the LIFE STAR program has given me the opportunity to obtain a vast array of skills that I would like to share with the rest of the air medical industry. Additionally, being on the board of directors, I wish to support AAMS and bring back the knowledge and experience that others have to share.

My passions throughout my career as a critical care flight clinician have revolved not only around leading my peers and supporting the growth of our program, but also around fostering a safe culture. As a clinical leader and safety officer, I have dedicated my career to bringing the LIFE STAR program to the highest level of safety, excellence and integrity.

Sincerely,

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Ethan Kurtzman, MBA, RRT-NPS, FP-C, MTSP-C

Ethan K. Kurtzman, MBA, RRT-NPS, FP-C, MTSP-C

Clinical Leader-Safety and Compliance

LIFE STAR AIR MEDICAL PROGRAM-HARTFORD HOSPITAL, HARTFORD, CT

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Objective

- To become actively involved with the Association of Air Medical Services and obtain a position as an At Large Director.
- To support the beliefs and values of the Association of Air Medical Services.
- To share my personal and professional experiences with the board and the air medical industry as a whole.
- To bring back other's experiences to the air medical industry, both in my region and nationally.

Education

MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | DECEMBER 2017 | UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD: BARNEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

- **Concentration: Management**
- Cumulative GPA of 3.6
- Completion of all core and breadth coursework, as well as extensive study in management and leadership.
- Accounting, Marketing, Finance and Supply Chain courses.

PARAMEDIC | DECEMBER 2010 | GOODWIN COLLEGE

- Major: Paramedic Certification

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | DECEMBER 2009 | UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

- Major: Respiratory Care
- Cum Laude
- Clinical Excellence Award in 2009

Experience

CLINICAL LEADER-SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE | LIFE STAR-HARTFORD HOSPITAL | MARCH 2017-PRESENT

- Directly overseeing the operation of the Safety and Compliance Team as well as its eight staff members.
- Responsible for leading monthly meetings in cooperation with other divisions of the LIFE STAR program.
- Provide guidance and support the growth of members of the team.
- Act as a liaison to other departments of the seven-hospital system.

FLIGHT RESPIRATORY THERAPIST/PARAMEDIC | LIFE STAR-HARTFORD HOSPITAL | FEBRUARY 2012-PRESENT

- Caring for and transporting critically ill patients of all demographics.
- Care for various patient pathology to include: medical, cardiac, trauma, neurology, surgery, pediatrics and neonatology.
- Safety Coordinator for a multiple helicopter operation.

PARAMEDIC | SIMSBURY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION | DECEMBER 2012-DECEMBER 2015

- Caring for critically ill patients in a suburban community.

- Transporting patients safely and expeditiously to appropriate hospital emergency departments.

REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST | HARTFORD HOSPITAL| DECEMBER 2009-FEBRUARY 2012

- Managing the cardiopulmonary systems of patients with complex medical problems in a level I trauma center.
- Working side by side with physicians and nurses to make critical decisions about patient care.

Skills & Abilities

HEALTHCARE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Respiratory Therapist-Neonatal and Pediatric Specialist
- Nationally Registered Paramedic
- Certified Flight Paramedic
- Certified Neonatal Resuscitation Provider
- ACLS/PALS Provider

LEADERSHIP

- Clinical Leader for the LIFE STAR program.
- Attended year one of MTLI, second year to be completed in April of 2019.
- Coordinator of the Safety Workgroup for the LIFE STAR program.
- Preceptor and educator for new medical crew members in the LIFE STAR program.
- Implemented a focus group between different departments to foster collaboration and program efficiency.

SAFETY

- Attended the Association of Air Medical Service's Safety Management Training Academy.
- Certified Medical Transport Safety Professional
- Coordinator of the Safety Workgroup for the LIFE STAR program

Research Experience

***DO VALIDATED INSTRUMENTS IMPROVE PAIN ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION DURING CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT?
(ABSTRACT POSTER) NATIONAL TEACHING INSTITUTE, 2018.***

***COLLABORATION LEADS TO INNOVATIVE PROTOCOL AND REDUCED HELICOPTER TRANSPORT TIMES FOR STEMI
PATIENTS.
AACN NATIONAL TEACHING INSTITUTE, 2017.***

Professional Memberships

BOARD FOR CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATION

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FLIGHT AND CRITICAL CARE PARAMEDICS

NATIONAL BOARD FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE



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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to provide our support and endorsement for Ethan Kurtzman as a nominee for the position of At Large Director on the board of directors for the Association of Air Medical Services.

Ethan has been a member of the LIFE STAR flight crew since February of 2012. In that time, he has excelled clinically, while taking on a number of important responsibilities. Ethan chaired the safety workgroup for two years before being promoted into the position of Clinical Leader for the Safety and Compliance Team. He continues to provide value to the program through his dedication to safety and leadership through his support of his fellow team members and emphasis on air medical resource management.

While working for LIFE STAR, Ethan has obtained his MBA with a concentration in Management from the University of Hartford. He also completed the two year Safety Management Training Academy, earning his Medical Transportation Safety Professional certification. This year, Ethan completed year one of the Medical Transport Leadership Institute, and will complete year two in 2019.

Ethan is seen as a leader by his colleagues and someone who they can turn to with concerns and ideas within the program. He models the leadership values of our organization and the air medical industry as a whole.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely

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Lauri Bolton, MD, FACEP, CMTE
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May 9, 2018

Nominations Committee
The Association of Air Medical Services
Alexandria, VA

To the Committee:

Ethan Kurtzman has asked that I write to you in support of his Board of Directors ballot application. It is my pleasure to do so.

Ethan is a bright and highly motivated member of the transport community. I admire his initiative in completing his MBA and in helping to create a new leadership structure at the LIFE STAR program. I appreciate that he has incorporated AAMS resources into his career development, completing the Safety Management Training Academy and recently finishing his first year of MTLI. He is quite successful at LIFE STAR as a clinician and also in the role of Clinical Leader for Safety and Compliance, and he has been a part of base expansion, a business model change, and a staff realignment.

Ethan's perspective, motivation and experience would be an asset to the Board. I have support his ballot application without reservation. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be more helpful.

Sincerely,

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Michael Frakes APRN, NEA-BC, CCNS, CFRN, CNPT, CMTE
Director, Clinical Care and Organizational Quality