



May 29, 2019

Lifeflight

Dave Evans
Chair, AAMS Nominating Committee
909 N. Washington St., Ste 410
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Letter of Intent for At Large Director

Mr. Evans and the AAMS Nominating Committee,

I would like to express my interest in the At Large Director position for the 2019 – 2021 term on the AAMS Board of Directors.

Early in my EMS education I was exposed to an air medical helicopter landing on scene. I can still remember the sound and the look of the Dolphin helicopter, and the professionalism and the expertise of the crew. This encounter inspired me to change majors in the middle of my junior year of electrical engineering and pursue the goal of becoming a flight crew member. In 2003, I became a flight nurse and my passion for the industry has continued to grow.

When I became the Program Director of Air Medical Transport at Vanderbilt LifeFlight, my focus shifted from taking care of patients to taking care of those who take care of patients. I have been fortunate to work a state-level subcommittee and hold positions of representing others on the Tennessee Ambulance Service Association Board of Directors and the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Care in Tennessee. These opportunities have allowed me to be a part of a greater impact on our patients and industry than I could from just within my organization. Like these opportunities, I feel that being able to represent our industry on the AAMS Board of Directors would be an honor and a privilege.

As I reflect on the AAMS Mission, Vision and Core Value Statements, I see many of these in my daily responsibilities within my own program. My current role is to support those that are on the front-lines and to ensure they have the training, tools, and resources they need. I am excited about the opportunity to do this on a national level. We need to continue to enhance safety in the transport environment. We need to ensure our crews provide expertise in the medical care they provide. We need to continue to educate others on the impact our industry has on the lives of those we touch. AAMS provides a method to move toward those goals by providing the opening and forum for representation of our crews, and providing a mechanism for continuing education and discussion around the issues impacting our industry today.

One of my crew members recently told me they were inspired by my passion for our program and just try to match it. I would bring that same level of passion to the AAMS board as an At Large Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Nooner".

Kevin Nooner, MSN, RN, NE-BC
Program Director, Air Medical Transport
Vanderbilt LifeFlight

May 23, 2019

Association of Air Medical Services
Attn: Board of Directors and Valued Members
909 N Washington St #410
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear AAMS Board of Directors and Valued Members,


It is with great honor that I support the nomination of Kevin Nooner as AAMS Board of Director – At Large.

As the Program Director of Vanderbilt LifeFlight, Kevin has demonstrated a high level of professionalism, collaboration and desire to innovate when it comes to safety, training, leadership, etc. Kevin exhibits a true passion for the air medical industry and as a rising star at Vanderbilt he has continued to deliver the type of leadership to be effective at all levels. He is smart, strategic, solutions-oriented, fun and an all-around great human being. He shares a commitment to protecting access for those who need our services most, continuing to make our industry safer and representing the best interests of all AAMS members.

As an AAMS member, it is my commitment to promote and ensure the success of our organization, which starts with advocating for those most capable of having a positive impact as a representative of the AAMS Board.

I am pleased to highly recommend Kevin Nooner for AAMS Board of Director – At Large.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. W. Richardson".

David W. Richardson
Senior Vice President

May 29, 2019

Re: AAMS Board of Director – At Large Recommendation for Kevin Nooner

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with resounding support that I support the nomination of Kevin Nooner as AAMS Board of Director – At Large.

As the Program Director of Vanderbilt Lifeflight, Kevin has demonstrated a unique knowledge of the industry, keen focus on safety, thoughtful leadership and he displays a dedication for the air medical industry. Having had the privilege of working with Kevin as he has advanced through the Vanderbilt system, he's exceptional at whatever he tackles. Kevin shares a pledge to fostering safety access for those who need our services most and he is committed to delivering safe and exceptional patient care to those we serve.

He has led and developed the program during significant transitions and evolutions. Kevin possesses an incredible work ethic, excellent critical thinking skills and a good communication skill set. I cannot say enough about Kevin's dedication; he has been a leader in the progression of LifeFlight air medical services and has been instrumental in making the program a success. He has also been an invaluable and a perfect fit resource as the Program Director and I am confident his thoughtful approach will be an asset to AAMS Board of Director

I am pleased to highly recommend Kevin Nooner for AAMS Board of Director – At Large. Again; I wholeheartedly recommend him, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Regards,



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Goals

As a Director-At-Large, I would actively participate as a voice of the air medical and critical care transport community by advocating for safety and education, quality in patient care, and awareness of the positive impact our industry has on our communities.

Education

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

- Master of Science in Nursing; Administrative tract 2001 - 2003
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing 1992 - 1998

The University of Alabama in Birmingham

- Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic 1994 - 1996

Employment Experience

Flight Nurse, Vanderbilt LifeFlight

- Program Director of Air Medical Transport 2003 - present
- Program Director (Interim) Mar 2017 - present
- Manager, Air Medical Transport Aug 2016 - Mar 2017
- Operations Director (Interim) Mar 2015 - Aug 2016
- Regional Assistant Program Director Jun 2012 - Mar 2015
- Chief Flight Nurse, Mt. Pleasant base (Rotor wing) Jan 2012 - Jun 2012
- Chief Flight Nurse, Nashville base (Fixed wing) 2010 - 2012
- Staff Flight Nurse 2005 - 2010
- Staff Flight Nurse 2003 - 2005

Registered Nurse

- Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Emergency Department 2002 - 2004
 - Charge Nurse, Jan 2003 – May 2003

Registered Nurse

- Huntsville Hospital, Emergency Department 1998 - 2002
 - Relief Charge Nurse

Field Paramedic

- Huntsville Emergency Medical Services, Inc. 1995 - 2002

Certifications & Licenses

Registered Nurse (Tennessee)	ACLS
Paramedic (Tennessee)	PALS
Nurse Executive – Board Certified	NRP
Certified Flight Registered Nurse	BLS
Completed MTLI Undergraduate in 2008	TNCC Inst.

Professional Activities

Memberships - Boards - Committees

Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association, member
American Organization for Nursing Leadership, member
Tennessee State EMS Data Subcommittee. Representative for Region 6
Tennessee Ambulance Service Association Board of Directors, Middle Tennessee Representative
Tennessee Committee on Pediatric Emergency Care. Tennessee Ambulance Service Association Representative and member of Standards subcommittee

Presentations

Anaphylaxis. EMS Night Out, October 4, 2005.
Occult Trauma and Shock. EMS Night Out, April 11, 2006.
Treating Chest Trauma in the Rural Setting. Rural Health Association of Tennessee Annual Conference, November 16, 2006.
FTE's and Staffing. EMS Management 2.0, April 19, 2012.
Safety and CAMTS. FP-C Review, November 20, 2013.
FTE's and Position Budgeting. EMS Leaders in Kentucky Summit (LINKS), March 14, 2014.
Safety and CAMTS. FP-C Review, November 3, 2015.
It's All About the Dollar: Budgeting. Tennessee Ambulance Service Association Mid-Winter Conference, February 22, 2017.

Publications

Bouncing patients? Capacity issues and diversion status toy with efficient throughput. *Nursing Management*. 35(5):38-44, May 2004.
Respond Hospital: Kasr El Aini; 50 DG: 5,514 nm. *Vanderbilt LifeFlight*. 12(1):1, Spring 2004.
Bouncing Patients? *Nursing*. 35(8 Suppl ED Insider):30-31, August 2005.
Emergency Care: A textbook for paramedics (Book review). *Journal of Emergency Nursing*. 32(6):530-531, December 2006.
Rapid Sequence Intubation & Rapid Sequence Airway: An Airway 911 Guide (Book review). *ENA Connection*. 34(7):32, August 2010.