

2019 May 28

Dave Evans  
Chair, Nominating Committee  
Association of Air Medical Services  
909 North Washington Street, Suite 410  
Alexandria, VA  
USA 22314

Dear Mr. Evans,

Please accept this letter indicating my wish to be a candidate for election to the position of the seat in Region 7 on the Board of Directors of the Association of Air Medical Services.

I bring more than 20 years of administrative, government, and academic expertise to the Board, and welcome the opportunity to renew my contributions to the Association. If successful in being elected to the position, I would make contributions to research, education and related programs.

You will find enclosed my one-page brief biography, and photograph in digital format. I requested the letters of support for the nomination, and these will be forwarded to you separately.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. MacDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russell D. MacDonald, MD MPH FRCPC  
Ornge Transport Medicine  
and  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

enclosure

May 28, 2019

Jolene Swartz  
Nominating Committee  
Association of Air Medical Services  
909 N. Washington Street, Suite 410  
Alexandria, VA, USA

Dear Ms. Swartz,

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Dr. Russell MacDonald from Ornge Transport Medicine as a candidate for Region 7 on the Board of Directors of AAMS. Dr. MacDonald is a well-respected physician leader in medical transport in Canada. He is well published and is an innovator in the field.

I have no hesitation recommending him for reelection. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

JN Armstrong

Dr JN Armstrong  
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From: Homer Tien  
Sent: May 29, 2019 13:50  
To: [jswartz@aams.org](mailto:jswartz@aams.org)  
Cc: Russell MacDonald  
Subject: AAMS board

Hi,

Im the Chief Medical Officer at Ornge. I fully support Dr MacDonalds appointment to the Board of AAMS.

Regards,

Homer Tien, MD

Sent from my iPhone

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## Russell D. MacDonald, MD MPH FRCPC

Ornge Transport Medicine, Mississauga, ON, Canada

Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada



### Education & Certifications

- 1997-9 Master of Public Health (MPH), Boston University; Boston, MA, USA
- 1997-9 EMS Fellowship, Boston Emergency Medical Services / Boston University, Boston, MA, USA
- 1997 Fellow (FRCPC, Emergency Medicine), Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- 1991-96 Emergency Medicine Residency Training Program, Queen's University; Kingston, Ontario, Canada
- 1987-91 Doctor of Medicine (MD), Queen's University; Kingston, ON, Canada
- 1984-7 Bachelor of Science (BSc Honours), Bishop's University; Lennoxville, QC, Canada
- 1982-4 Diplome d'Etudes Collegiales (Applied Sciences); Marianopolis College; Montreal, QC, Canada

### Professional Experience

- Medical Director, Ornge Transport Medicine, Toronto, ON, Canada
- Medical Director, Toronto Paramedic Services (formerly Toronto EMS), Toronto, ON, Canada
- Attending Staff, Emergency Department, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, ON, Canada
- Co-Director, Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
- Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto; Toronto, ON, Canada

### Professional Experience (past)

- 911 Pandemic Planning and Preparation Committee and Pandemic EMS Clinical Guidelines Committee, National Association of State EMS Operators and NHTSA, US DOT, Washington, DC
- Provincial Medical Director, Emergency Services Branch, Government of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- Expert Medical Consultant, Medevac Review, Department of Health and Social Services, Government of Nunavut; in association with KPMG Consulting, LP, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Medical Advisor, Manitoba Emergency Services College, Brandon, MB, Canada
- Flight Physician, Manitoba Lifeflight, Emergency Services Branch, Government of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine; Boston, MA, USA
- Attending Staff, Emergency Department, Boston Medical Center; Boston, MA, USA
- Flight Physician, STARS; Edmonton, AB, Canada
- Flight Physician, Edmonton EMS; Edmonton, AB, Canada

### Professional Activities

- Board of Directors, MedEvac Foundation International, Alexandria, VA, USA
- Board of Directors, Association of Air Medical Services, Alexandria, VA, USA
- Research Committee, Association of Air Medical Services, Alexandria, VA, USA
- Scientific Committee, AirMed 2014 air medical transport conference, Rome, Italy.
- Chair, Grants Committee, MedEvac Foundation International, Alexandria, VA, USA
- Council of EMS Fellowship Directors, National Association of Emergency Medical Service Physicians, Lexana, KS, USA
- Steering Committee, Critical Care Transport – Collaborative Outcomes Research Effort (CCT-CORE)
- Editorial Boards, Air Medical Journal and Prehospital Emergency Care
- Peer reviewer for nine peer-reviewed journals
- Author of >120 journal articles, abstracts, and textbook chapters; editor of Canada's national paramedic textbook
- Invited speaker, with >100 national and international conference presentations

### Personal Statement and Goals

I am seeking election to the Board position, as the representative in Region 7. If successful, I bring more than 20 years of administrative, government, and academic expertise to the Board. As a former flight physician, I recognize the difficulties and dangers that challenge front-line providers. As someone who worked within government and has lobbied government for new programs and funding, I know the difficulties administrators face advocating for the industry. As an academic and AAMS Community Award winner, I know that what it means to find knowledge and how it translates to better care. As a Canadian with a broad international network, I recognize the international issues and problems facing our industry. Finally, as a former member of both AAMS and MedEvac Foundation Boards and committees, I know how strong leadership at AAMS better represents our industry and supports its member programs. This position would allow me to continue serving the industry, enabling its broad international views to be represented at AAMS and to foster partnerships between AAMS and industry-based associations and programs in other countries. I hope you will support my election as your representative in Region 7. Thank you.

Dr. Russell D. MacDonald – Brief Personal Information

