

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT AND ACTIVITY FOR NOMINEES**



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Richard Palma BS, ACS, RDCS, RCS, FACVP, FSDMS, FASE

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(Name)

BS Degree in Education, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

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(Professional Degrees)

Program Director and Clinical Coordinator, Duke University School of Medicine, Cardiac Ultrasound Program

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(Current Employment / Position Title)

Duke University School of Medicine

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(Name of organization you represent as a **CAAHEP Commissioner**)

Submit a **brief** personal statement, including your perceptions of **CAAHEP** and programmatic accreditation and your goals if elected.

I have always felt that accreditation is a key foundation in education.

Having standards and proper programmatic review of educational programs are essential in the validation of different professional training programs. Being a part of this amazing organization would be a privilege and honor to serve.

Describe current or recent activity in **CAAHEP** or programmatic accreditation.

I have been leading a CAAHEP nationally accredited program for over 20 years in 2 different states and have enjoyed being involved with the organization. I have also served as a representative in a CAAHEP appeals case. I think my experience in education and the organization will be of benefit. I currently serve as a commissioner.

List other relevant experiences (*list no more than five*).

Board of Directors of the American Society of Echocardiography

Board of Directors of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

Board of Directors of the Foundation of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

Board of Advisors Cardiovascular Credentialing International.

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Thomas E. Platt

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(Name)

EdD

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(Professional Degrees)

University of Pittsburgh / Associate Dean and Program Director  
Center for Emergency Medicine / Director of Education

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(Current Employment / Position Title)

Center for Emergency Medicine

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*CAAHEP is important to students and programs. I really think that it the term Allied Health is antiquated. My goals are to help our committees show value to the programs and professions.*

Describe current or recent activity in **CAAHEP** or programmatic accreditation. I assist the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Profession. I am a site visitor, a team captain for site visits, a reader of self-studies, and assist with the committee reviews of program. I was recently appointed a CAAHEP commissioner.

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*CAAHEP Accredited program director for 20+ years*

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