

Ron Lawler

1. What makes our mission meaningful to you?

The future of EMS requires highly educated providers. Advocating for meaningful education standards and involvement of educators at all levels of EMS decision making is essential in ensuring that policy is made with the effects on education in mind.

2. What skills, resources, & expertise can you offer & are willing to use on behalf of NAEMSE?

I have served before and am willing to bring the time and talents that I shared before. I am in an interesting position. My daily work involves both initial education for EMTs and paramedics, as well as continuing education for an active urban ambulance service. Our paramedic program is a consortium between our ambulance service and the local community college. And all of this takes place in an area that includes small urban areas surrounded by thousands of square miles of frontier. This experience brings a lot of different viewpoints to the board.

3. As a member of NAEMSE how have you contributed to the growth of the association?

I encourage all of the educators I run across to join the association. My department used to teach a state level DOT instructor course, but now sends all comers to the NAEMSE Courses.

4. Please list any leadership / committee positions that you have held in NAEMSE.

I have been on the Research and Ed Tech committees for years. I served one term on the Board from 2019-2022. I am currently a representative to several NREMT committees (AEMT standards, Diversity in EMS, Continuing Education) and was the NAEMSE rep to the latest American College of Surgeons Field Triage Guidelines update.

5. Please list other leadership positions you have held during your professional career.

I have been asked to hold numerous leadership positions. I am currently the Director of Learning and Development for Sanford Ambulance. In addition, the hospital based simulation team and emergency response training teams have been added to my portfolio. I have served as Vice Chair of the MN EMS Education Workgroup and Chair of the ND Community Paramedic Advisory Committee. I also serve as the department chair and program coordinator for EMS programs at our affiliated college. As a volunteer, I serve as a site visitor team captain for CoAEMSP.

6. Please include a 150-word biographical statement that will give insight to your leadership skills

My life journey has been extremely varied including as an officer in the military, big box retail department manager, and even a lead at a furniture manufacturer. I found my love for EMS in the 1990s. Since then, I have been elected, appointed, or volunteered for several leadership positions from local to state to national areas. On the state level, I chaired committees adding community paramedic rules, piloting an EMT portfolio program, and converting to a “straight Registry state.” My latest accomplishment, and one of my favorites, was representing NAEMSE to the American College of Surgeons as they updated the Field Triage Guidelines. Being one of a handful of EMS providers in a roomful of surgeons was challenging and took the ability to speak up and provide “real world” ground ambulance experience to the doctors. I would love to bring this same kind of consensus building to the NAEMSE Board.

7. How long have you been an active member of NAEMSE?

Hmm, 14-15 years or so?

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Education

Bachelor of University Studies – Paramedic emphasis
2011 North Dakota State University Fargo, ND

Associate of Applied Science – Paramedic Technologies
2002 F-M Ambulance/Bismarck State College Fargo, ND
Dean's List all semesters - Program Student of the Year

Experience

Sanford Ambulance Fargo, ND
Director, EMS Education, Simulation Center 2014-present

Gwinnett Technical College Lawrenceville, GA
EMS Instructor 2013-2014

Sanford Ambulance (F-M Ambulance Service) Fargo, ND
Paramedic Program Coordinator 2007-2013
Paramedic Program Faculty 2006 - 2013
Paramedic 2001 - 2013
Rural service liaison 2005-2009
Advanced Life Support Coordinator / EMS Instructor 2004-2006
EMT/EMT-I 2000-2002
EMS Dispatcher 2000-2001

North Dakota State College of Science Fargo, ND
Adjunct Faculty 2011- present

Bismarck State College 2002-2011
Adjunct Faculty

Pearson/Brady Publishing 2009-2013
Paramedic Text Reviewer
Pearson/Brady Publishing

American Red Cross Moorhead, MN/Fargo, ND
BLS Instructor 1994 – 2000

Tike Town Child Care Fargo, ND
Owner/Operator 1994-2001

Palliser Furniture Fargo, ND
Assembler Lead 1990-1994

North Dakota Army National Guard, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion
First Lieutenant Various postings 1983-1994

Professional Memberships/Activity

National Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators (NAEMSE)

Member, 2004-Present

Board of Directors, 2019-2022

PEPID Online field guide project, Editor, 2010-2014

Educational Technology committee member, 2008-Present

Research committee member, 2014-present

Representative to:

NREMT Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access in EMS (IDEA) Task Force 2022-present

NREMT AEMT Student Minimum Competency Changes Committee 2021-present

NREMT Steering Committee Member for development of "National EMS Continued Competency Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach" 2020-present

NHTSA/American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Revision of Trauma Triage Guidelines Expert Panel, 2020-present

National Registry of EMTs (NREMT)

Item writing committees, 2011, 2015, 2018

Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

Site Visitor/ Team Captain, 2015- Present

ND EMS Association

Member, 2000-Present

Board of Directors, Education Representative 2016-Present

ND Advanced Life Support Society, 2002-2012 (dissolved)
Treasurer 2010-2012

ND Instructor / Coordinator Society, 2004-2012 (dissolved)
Treasurer, 2007-2010

UFCW Local EMS Union 1189

Member, 2000-2013

Secretary/Treasurer, 2008-2012

Steward, 2010-2012

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association

Instructor, 2000- Present

AHA/ASA MN EMS Panel on Stroke Systems Assessment and Planning, 2005

Midwest Region Education Subcommittee, 2018-Present

Minnesota EMS Regulatory Board

Vice Chair of the Post Transition Education Workgroup, 2015-2017

Fisdap

EMS Reference, reviewer, 2014-2017

Test item writer, 2009-2021

Research Summit

Attendee 2008-2021

Group leader 2014-2021

North Dakota EMS Advisory Council

Member of Education subcommittee, 2014-present

Full Council member – 2022-present
North Dakota Department of Health/ ND National Guard International Mission to
Ghana – work with Ghana National Ambulance Service
May 2015, Sept 2017, May 2019
Community Paramedic subcommittee of the EMS Advisory Council to ND
Department of Health, 2011-2013
Chair, 2012-2013

Research

Obstetrics and birth: effects of experiences and gender bias on student test scores

Co-Author
International Paramedic Practice, Vol. 11, No. 1
<https://doi.org/10.12968/ipp.2021.11.1.27>

Paramedic student performance on the Paramedic Readiness Exam 4 (PRE4) improves with exposure to higher acuity patients.

Co-Author
Poster presentation, NAEMSE Symposium, August 2019

Impact of Learning Environment on Paramedic Student Critical Thinking

Co-author
Poster Presentation, NAEMSE Symposium, August 2016

Early exposure to valid test items improves EMT student performance on summative exams

Lead author and oral presenter.
Abstract - Prehospital Emergency Care, 2015
Oral and Poster Presentation at National Association of EMS Educators Symposium, August, 2015

Trends in Prehospital Intraosseous Use

Co-author, Oral and Poster presentation at EMS Today Conference, 2015

Let 'em Play in the Street: Optimizing Internship Rotations for Paramedic Student Competency.

Lead author and oral presenter. Abstract - Prehospital Emergency Care, Volume 15, Number 4, October/December 2011.
Oral Presentation at National Association of EMS Educators Symposium, September, 2011

Right Dose? An examination of the right prescription to enhance critical thinking in paramedic student team leads.

Lead author and oral presenter.
Abstract - Prehospital Emergency Care, Volume 14, Number 4, October/December 2010.
Oral Presentation at National Association of EMS Educators Symposium, September, 2010
Awarded Best Research 2010 by the Prehospital Care Research Forum, UCLA.

Effect Of Geographic Location On Paramedic Student Pediatric Encounters,
Co-author, Abstract, Pediatric Emergency Care, Vol 24, Number 10, October
2008. Oral presentation at American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference,
Boston, October 2008

Community Activities

CHARISM Community Center
Board of Directors, 2001-05
Daily Bread Coordinator, 1996-2003
North Dakota Interagency Coordinating Council
Governor appointee, 1998-2001
North Dakota Family to Family Network
Founding committee member, 1997
Mentor family, 1998-2010
North Dakota Child Care Providers, Inc.
Board member 1991-1994
President 1993-1994
ND State Senate candidate – District 11 - 2004