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NAEMSE Announces Appointment of New Executive Director

[PITTSBURGH, PA] The National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Charles Foat as its next Executive Director, effective July 20, 2026.

Dr. Foat brings years of experience to the organization and will begin working alongside current Executive Director Stephen Perdziola during a six-week transition period. This collaborative onboarding process has been designed to ensure a seamless transfer of responsibilities and continued support for NAEMSE's members, partners, and stakeholders.

Current Executive Director Stephen Perdziola will continue to serve in the role through August 28, 2026, when he will retire after 19 years with NAEMSE, including the past 8 years as Executive Director.

"It has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve NAEMSE and the EMS education community," said Stephen. "I am grateful for the relationships, accomplishments, and growth we have shared over the past 19 years. I look forward to working closely with Dr. Charles Foat over the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition and position the Association for continued success."

According to Dr. Young, "This is a very bittersweet time for our organization. While we have the utmost confidence in the leadership of Dr. Foat, we are sad about the retirement of Stephen. He has built NAEMSE into the stellar organization that it is today, respected by educators here in America as well as around the globe. We are grateful that he will continue as an expert consultant to help Dr. Foat and our entire organization enter this new frontier."

NAEMSE is confident this thoughtful transition will ensure continuity of leadership while advancing its mission to inspire educational excellence in EMS.