## 2025 ICEP Board of Director's Candidate Nomination

The pursuit of a place on the ICEP Board, for me, is the continuation of a race. I have been fortunate enough to be involved in ICEP activities for the past 10 years. The amazing amount of mentorship I have received during my time have helped me through the changes and challenges of being an ACEP Councillor, my pathway through the Executive Committee and ICEP Presidency, time on multiple ICEP Committees, Immediate Past-President tenure, and even Immediate Past-President when the exiting President couldn't serve. After taking the obligatory year off from Board service, I'm ready to jump back in!

I use the previous reference of continuing a race intentionally. My kids are competitive swimmers, so that analogy resonates for me. The pool of ICEP involvement has varying depths, it's sometimes hard to see the distant wall, and it's sometimes hard to see the bottom clearly. But it has lanes full of amazing swimmers. From the supportive ICEP staff that keep things running, to the bench of physicians that volunteer their time to improve the provisions of care in Illinois and nationally, we have a great team. My hope is to continue working in this sphere on the Board. I'm ready to continue the work already begun in the areas of workplace violence advocacy, payment initiatives, educational offerings, bolstering membership and national involvement, and professional stability. Emergency Medicine has come a long way since its establishment as a specialty but there is more to do.

Attending the recent ICEP Advocacy Day in Springfield, I was reinvigorated and encouraged to see the array of attendees from residents, academic faculty, clinical attendings, political advocacy group members, stakeholder group representatives, and ICEP staff. All of us there to push things forward and work to ensure a bright future for our specialty and our patients. I'd love the opportunity to continue to serve and I appreciate your consideration!