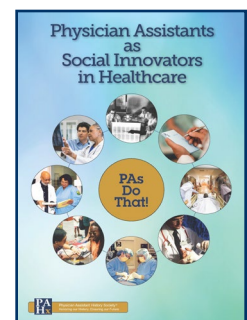




Annual Report to the AAPA House of Delegates May 2022

Key Initiatives:

The PA History Society is excited to debut our newest educational resource during the AAPA Conference this month. ***Physician Assistants as Social Innovators in Health Care*** is a 408-page textbook written by 20 authors covering a variety of topics and historical perspectives on the innovative solutions PAs have demonstrated in healthcare during the profession's 55-year history. On behalf of the PAHx Board of Trustees, I would like to share my sincere gratitude to Trustee Leslie A. Kole, PA-C, who has served as the developmental editor of our book project. In addition to the 20 authors, the Society appreciates the contributions from over 70 content experts and peer reviewers, including the assistance from many of our AAPA colleagues. We anticipate ***Physician Assistants as Social Innovators in Health Care*** will be an excellent resource for all our constituents (researchers, educators, legislators, students, etc.) for many years. Please stop by the PAHx booth located on the first floor between Halls D and E across from the escalator during the AAPA conference to learn more about the Society's new publication.



The Trustees and staff are thrilled to be returning to an in-person experience at AAPA this month where we will be celebrating the PA History Society's 20th Anniversary. The PA History Society started from a conversation between Reginald D. Carter, PhD, PA, and the late J. Jeffrey Heinrich, EdD, PA, in 2000. The idea then was further developed by a planning team representing the national PA organizations in 2001 and then, thanks to the support and dedication of our founding members, the **PA History Society** was established on January 17, 2002. It has since been the PAHx's *Mission* to share the history of the development of the PA profession and illustrate how PAs continue to make a difference in our society. The Society is revising the manuscript that was created on our 15th Anniversary in 2017 to reflect the projects, activities and milestone events that have taken place up until 2022. The revised manuscript will be available on the Society's website. Please visit our website www.pahx.org regularly for new information on the Society and for "all things PA history". You may also follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

The work of the PA History Society has continued to thrive despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Trustees and staff have been able to successfully grow our collections with new exhibits, biographies, and interviews. Over the last two years, the Society has added 78 new

BIOs, conducted 37 interviews, processed 36 new archival donations, and assisted with 142 researcher requests. The Society's oral history interviews include conversations with PAs from the Netherlands and a series of interviews with PAs who have served as medics and corpsmen. A new series is in development about PAs working during the 1980s HIV/AIDS crisis. The PAHx continues to record and preserve the history that PAs make every day so that it can be shared with future generations of PA students, researchers, faculty, legislators, and the public.

In addition, the PAHx Board of Trustees also welcomed two new board members this year: Richard C. Vause, Jr., DHSc, MPAS, PA-C, and Joshua Penninger, MSM, PA-S1.

On behalf of the PAHx Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the AAPA Board of Directors and House of Delegates for their support of the PA History Society's projects. Please stop by the Society's booth to learn more about the PAHx's activities and to wish us a happy 20th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Wilson".

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PAHx Board President

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