

**Guide and Finding Aids for
Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician
Assistants Administrative Records, 1972 to 1982**



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Abstract

This collection contains administrative records of the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (SAAAPA) compiled by the organization's administrative assistant between 1972 and 1982. The folders contain minutes of board meetings, reports, governance materials and correspondence. Correspondence from J. Jeffrey Heinrich, the first appointed president of the SAAAPA, to students provides information about the APAP's first attempts to organize student societies which in turn would send representatives to national meetings to address students' issues.

Descriptive Summary

Repository

National Commission on Certification for Physician Assistants

Creators

Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (SAAAPA)
American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)

Title

Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants Administrative Records, 1972-1978

Call Number

ARC00003

Extent

0.5 linear feet
1 record storage box

Language

English

Shelf Location

R1:S1

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

This collection has no restrictions to access.

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Historical Note

Students have always played an active role in the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). They were among the first to organize and share information with their peers. The original Board of Directors of the APAP included 16 graduate and 4 student PAs. By 1972, graduates began to outnumber students in the organization and J. Jeffery Heinrich, a Duke University PA student, was appointed the first president of the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Mr. Heinrich sent each PA program a letter requesting that their students form their own institutional societies and select a national representative to stay in touch with him. The student national representatives were to meet during the annual AAPA meetings, discuss issues and elect one of the representatives to serve on the AAPA's Board of Directors the following year. In 1978, the Student Academy adopted a constitution.

Over time, the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (SAAAPA) has developed its own structure within the AAPA. The Student Academy does not have individual members, as the student members join AAPA; instead SAAAPA's members consist of the registered student society at each accredited PA program. Each PA Program's student society is represented in the Assembly of Representatives (AOR), the SAAAPA's legislative and policymaking body. The students have their own Board of Directors, elect one person each year to serve on the AAPA's Board of Directors and appoint student delegates to represent their interest in the AAPA's House of Delegates (HOD).

Student Academy Presidents – First Ten Years

1972-73 J. Jeffrey Heinrich
1973-74 John McElligott
1974-75 Robert P. Branc
1975-76 Tom Driber
1976-77 John Mahan
1977-78 Stephen Nunn
1978-79 William C. Hultman
1979-80 Arthur H. Leavitt II
1980-81 Katherine Carter Stephens
1981-82 William A. Conner

Overview

This collection contains information about the formative years of the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (SAAAPA). Materials include minutes of SAAAPA meetings, correspondence, governance documents, handbooks and reports. The minutes contain goals and objectives for the organization, bylaw changes, appointment of students to the AAPA House of Delegates and insight into the organization's history. The handbook was distributed to student societies to help them register their organization with the AAPA and remain in compliance with policies and procedures.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order within subject categories. The collection is a subseries of the Society's Archival Collection series, Organization and Institution Records, 1972-2001.

Container List

Constitution and Bylaws 1975-1976
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Constitution and Bylaws 1979-1981
Student Polices and Procedures 1977-1980
Student Handbook 1977
Student Handbook 1979
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AAPA Student Representatives 1972
Student Academy Correspondence 1976
Student Academy Correspondence 1977
Student Academy Correspondence 1978-1979
AAPA Student Conference Calls 1976-1977
Reports to AAPA BOD 1976-1981
AAPA Liaison Report 1978
Graduate Liaison Student Academy 1979
Student Academy Minutes 1975-1976
Student Academy Minutes 1976-1977
Student Academy Minutes 1977-1978
Student Academy Minutes 1978-1979
Student Academy Minutes 1979-1980
Student Academy Minutes 1980-1981
Student Academy Minutes 1981-1982

Subject Terms

Topics:

Physician Assistant Students—United States
Physician Assistants Students--Organization

Corporate Names:

Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Academy of Physician Assistants

Geographic Names:

Washington, DC

Personal Names:

Branc, Robert P.

Conner, William A

Driber, Tom

Heinrich, J. Jeffrey

Hultman, William C.

Leavitt, Arthur H., II

Mahan, John

McElligott, John

Nunn, Stephen

Stephens, Katherine Carter

Forms

Records

Bibliography

None

Related Collections

Additional material related to the subjects addressed in this collection can be found in the collections listed below.