

**Guide and Finding Aids for
American Academy of Physician Assistants
Records, 1972-2001
(Bulk 1972-1990)**



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Abstract

This collection contains a compilation of early administrative records of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (formerly known as the American Association of Physician's Assistants or AAPA). These papers were contributed by William Stanhope, Thomas Godkins, Roger Whittaker and Dan Fox who served as presidents of the Academy during its formative years and were members of the Oklahoma University Physician Assistant Program at the time the papers were transmitted. The more recent papers contained in this collection are from the personal papers of Kevin Boyles, a member of the Academy's staff who maintained archival records and who served as the executive director of the Society for the Preservation of Physician Assistant History when its headquarter was located in Alexandria, VA.

Descriptive Summary

Repository

National Commission on Certification for Physician Assistants;

Creators

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)

Title

American Academy of Physician Assistants Records, 1972-2001 (Bulk 1972-1990)

Call Number

ARC00001

Extent

1.5 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

Established in 1968, the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) is recognized as the national voice for PAs in medical and surgical specialties. Originally the organization was incorporated as the American Association of Physician's Assistants then changed its name to the American Academy of Physician's Associates in June 1971 and again in February 1972 to the American Academy of Physician's Assistant. The 's was eventually dropped leaving the organization with its current title. In 1973, the AAPA and the Association of Physician Assistant Programs (APAP, now the Physician Assistant Education Association, PAEA) established a joint national office in Washington, DC. The headquarters moved to Arlington, Virginia in the late 1970's and moved to the current location in Alexandria, Virginia in 1988. The AAPA has a federated structure of 56 charter constituent chapters representing the interest of PAs in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the federal services comprised of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Public Health Service and Department of Veteran Affairs. The AAPA House of Delegates (HOD) meets annually to develop policy and procedures and adopt resolutions for the organization. Today there are more than 81,000 practicing PAs.

Presidents – First Ten Years

1968-70 William D. Stanhope

1970-72 John J. McQueary

1972 John A. Braun

1972-73 Thomas R. Godkins

1973-74 Paul F. Moson

1974-75 C. Emil Fasser

1975-76 Thomas R. Godkins

1976-77 Roger G. Whittaker

1977-78 Dan P. Fox

Overview

This collection contains the administrative records of the American Academy of Physician Assistants compiled by its first nine presidents during the Academy's formative years. Of particular interest are files containing correspondence, newsletters and publications of four organizations that were competing with the Academy to become the "spokesperson" for PAs nationally. These organizations include: the American Association of Physician Assistants, the American College of Physician Assistants, the American Society of Orthopedic Physician Assistants and the National Association of Physician's Assistants. In addition to the early records, this collection contains correspondence, newsletters, census data, reports and manuscripts. The collection also contains newspaper clippings and a yearbook containing photographs from annual conferences held from 1972-1985. Also included are Academy memorabilia, publications and other related materials.

Collection Arrangement

This collection consists of 53 folders arranged in alphabetical order by form or subject. The collection is a subseries of the Society's Archival Collection series, Organization and Institution Records, 1972-2001.

Container List

Box 1

AAPA Achievements 1993, 1995
AAPA Annual Reports 1977, 1978, 1979, 1992
AAPA Conference Yearbook 1985
AAPA Status Reports 1992-1993
American Association of Physician Assistants 1972-1973
American College of Physician Assistants 1973
American Society of Orthopedic Physician Assistants 1985
Budget 1979-1980
Building, Alexandria VA 1986-1988
Building, Alexandria VA, Groundbreaking List 1986
Census Information, Salary Distribution 1989
Census Information 1990
Census Information 1991
Census Information 1992
Census Information 1993
Census Information, Midyear 1994
Chapter Bulletins 1978-1979
Clinton, Hillary Speech 1994
Clippings Newspaper, Gasoline Alley PA Day 1992ca
Clippings Newspapers Magazines Newsletters 1989-1992
CME Committee 1973
Correspondence, General - Governance 1973-1982
Correspondence, General - Financial Issues 1978
Correspondence, General - 1972
Correspondence, General - 1974
Correspondence, General - 1975
Correspondence, General - 1976
Correspondence, General - 1977-1979
Correspondence, General - 1980
Correspondence, Godkins, Committee Chairs 1975
DOD Commissioning Issues 1974-1979
Elections, Ballots 1981-1990
Executive Director Search 1980
Executive Director's Reports 1982-1983
Executive VP Report, Lynn May 1987
Financial Aid for PA Students Issues 1975
Fifth Annual Conference Program 1977
History of Air Force PAs, Robby Riddle 1992
HOD Summary of Actions 1986, 1987
Hospital Guidelines for PAs 1975
Liaison Other Organizations 1984-1985
Medicare Reimbursement 1974-1978
National Association of Physician's Assistants

NCCPA Certification 1979
NCCPA Surgical PA Certification 1974-1975
PA Program Catalogs 1975
Patent Office Award of AAPA Logo 1975
Publications, 2002 Annual Meeting Highlights
Publications, HOD Awards and Recognition 2001
Publications, Informational 1975-1995
Publications, Membership 1980-1985
Publications, Studies and Surveys 1986-1989
Season's Greeting Cards 1988-1994

Subject Terms

Topics:

Physician Assistants
Physician Assistants--history

Corporate Names:

American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Association of Physician Assistants
American College of Physician Assistants
American Society of Orthopedic Physician Assistants
Association of Physician Assistant Programs
National Association of Physician's Assistants
National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
Physician Assistant Education Association

Geographic Names:

Alexandria, VA
Durham, NC

Personal Names:

Stanhope, William D.
McQueary, John J.
Braun, John A.
Godkins, Thomas R.
Moson, Paul F.
Fasser, Carl E.
Whittaker, Roger G.
Fox, Dan P.

Forms

Records
Manuscripts
Newsletters
Reports
Yearbook
Publications
Clippings

Bibliography

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Related Collections

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

Physician Assistant History Society Archival Collection, 1968-2011. National Commission on Certification for Physician Assistants; Iron Mountain Information Management Storage Facility, Johns Creek, GA.