

Historical Happenings

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Society President Leaves Words of Wisdom from her Heart During HOD address in San Francisco

By: Pam Scott

Flanked by executive director, Reginald Carter, and incoming president, Pam Scott, president, Ruth Ballweg, addressed the House of Delegates during the recent AAPA annual conference held in San Francisco, CA.

Ballweg thanked the AAPA for their initial and continued support as well as all the constituent chapters who have joined as annual sponsors.

She informed delegates about the Society's move into the Stead Center and our efforts to

replicate Dr. Stead's office at the Center, the exhibits created to honor our founders and national organizations that are displayed in the Center's main lobby, and our work to refurbish and place books, reports, thesis, journals other items in the Center's library (resource room) so all PA across the nation can access these important documents.

In closing, she invited everyone to visit our web



Carter, Ballweg, and Scott
During HOD Address

site and encouraged all constituent organizations to become annual organizational sponsors of the Society.

Society Members Give History Panel Presentation at PAEA Sessions during AAPA Annual Conference

By: Jim Cawley

Four members of the Society recently participated in a panel presentation titled "Appreciating PA History" given to the PAEA on May 28th in San Francisco. The session featured short segments addressing aspects of the importance of inclusion of historical aspects in the full range of activities involving the profession. Reginald D. Carter, Executive Director, highlighted current activities of the Society and described ongoing projects at the new offices of the PA History Center in Durham, NC.

Carl E. Fasser, past member of the Board of Directors, spoke of the need to include aspects of the history of the profession in teaching courses on the PA profession, and presented the results of a survey he



(L to R) Hooker, Carter, Fasser, and Cawley during the presentation

conducted to determine the various methods and techniques used by PA Programs to teach this material.

Roderick S. Hooker, a member of the Society's Research and Education Committee, spoke of the importance of keeping aspect of PA history in mind when conducting research projects on the profession and stressed the need to place

research in an appropriate context.

Lastly, James Cawley described his recent experiences in using the resources of the Center in writing historical works on the profession.

Following the presentations, a lively discussion ensued with panelists responding to the audience's questions.

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Upcoming events:

Archiving Workshop
PAEA Annual Forum
Wed., Oct. 25, 2006 1-4 PM
(advanced registration required)
Quebec City, Canada

SPPAHx Strategic Planning and
Board of Directors Meeting
held in conjunction with
PAEA Annual Forum
Fri., Oct. 27, 2006 1-3 PM
Quebec City, Canada
(open to all members)

AAPA Annual Conference
Philadelphia, PA
May 27-June 1, 2007



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President's Perspective...

PAs for Preservation of PA History



Pam Moyers Scott, MPAS,
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SPPAHx President, 2006-07

*The SPPAHx loves
and appreciates
all our members!
Thank-you!*

By: Pam Scott

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have been our Society's latest President for just a few days. To me, it is both a tremendous honor and responsibility. The honor, I will take lightly; the responsibility I will take extremely seriously.

I believe in and I am committed to the vision and the mission of the Society. Therefore, I am looking forward to working with my fellow board of directors' members, other volunteer leaders, and staff towards further achieving them.

Some believe that history is the past, it will always be there, and it can wait. However, I believe there is a sense of urgency because we need to obtain first hand accounts from those individuals who were influential upon the development and the early direction of the PA profession, while they are still capable of providing us with a reliable account of these events from their perspectives.

As the PA profession approaches its 40th birthday, many of these pioneering leaders are approaching their senior years with increased risk of loss of memory illnesses, and, unfortunately, even death.

Without these essential interviews to document their point of view, much of what is going to be written and taught about

our unique profession and our early years will be no more than speculation.

Ralph Waldo Emerson was correct when he stated "All history becomes subject; in other words, there is properly no history; only biography." as was Thomas Carlyle when he wrote, "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." These biographies must be placed in context and be readily retrievable for future generations.

Because, as Samuel Butler noted, "God cannot alter the past, but historians can."

With all the tremendous advancements in medical science, technology, and knowledge, it is easy for our social roots to be "lost" in the overall historical advances in medicine. We do not want our history written for us by someone in the future; we want it recorded as it happened, and continues to happen accurately and factually.

This is a concept that each and every PA, every PA student, and every PA educator, should jointly embrace. Because I ask you, if not us, then who??



Exhibiting at the AAPA Annual Conference again this Year....

By Pam Scott

Society staff and volunteer leaders again manned the booth in this year's exhibit hall during this year's AAPA annual conference in May. According to incoming president Pam Scott, "I've always enjoyed booth duty. It provides me with the opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, thank prior supports, sign up new individuals and groups members; expound on my belief that it is up to us as PAs to ensure that our history is accurately preserved and portrayed, promote awareness of the SPPAHx and our activities and opportunities to volunteer and donate as little or as much as you want. However, what I think my favorite activity at the booth is being to talk to, and hear accounts of PA practice, tales of how some PA regulations came to be, and other PA-



SPPAHx President Scott (R) chats with old friend, AFPPA President, Lori Markowitz

lore of days long past.' Executive Director, Reggie Carter agrees, "Interacting with members and potential members, and hearing of tales of yesteryear is a lot of fun; however, as a retired PA educator, what I enjoy most is explaining some seemingly insignificant decision was made that could have dramatically changed our profession as we know it today."



Doctor Carter (R) and Prentiss Harrison discuss PA history



Mrs. Carter (L) explains member benefits to conference attendee in exhibit hall.



Director-at-Large Cawley (L) engages in historical debate with Ex-director Carter.

New Board of Directors Elected

By: Pam Scott

To better utilize the time allotted for meetings, the general membership and BOD meetings were combined during this year's AAPA conference in San Francisco.

In addition to routine business, the board also approved the establishment of a PA student scholarship (see related article), a membership proposal (see related article), and the slate of candidates as set forth by the nominating committee, chaired by Dr. Dennis Blessing.

During the general membership meeting, President Ruth Ballweg and director Reg Carter welcomed members and provided an update on the Society's activities for the past year.

The slate of candidates put forth by Dr. Blessing's committee were unanimously approved. The following individuals were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for 2006-207: President-elect, Rick Dehn; Secretary, Judi Colver; and Directors at Large, Richard Rahr



2006-07 SPPAHx BOD (L-R):Coyte, Perkins, Cawley, Scott, Ballweg, Dehn, Colver, and Ex-director Carter

and Glenn Forister.

They will be joining remaining BOD members: Pam Scott, president; Ruth Ballweg, IPP; Glen Combs, treasurer; and Jim Cawley

and Libby Coyte, Directors at large. SAAAPA elected Tiffany Perkins as their new representative and the AAPA BOD asked Scott to represent them for 2 more yrs.

SPPAHx BOD Honors Outgoing Members

By: Pam Scott

During the combined board of directors and general membership meeting, president Ballweg recognized the contributions of out going board members.

Gloria Stewart was commended not only for her past two years of service as Secretary but also for her many, many years of fine photography work for the Society. Many of the photos published in the newsletter are compliments of Ms. Stewart and her contributions are certainly appreciated and always welcome.

SAAAPA's Student representative, Gary Jordon, was recognized for his outstanding year of service on the BOD. His most noteworthy accomplishment was bringing to fruition a student scholarship proposal which the BOD unanimously approved during the meeting (see related article).

Dr. Dennis Blessing was recognized for all his efforts in moving the society forth in his role as President-elect, President, and Immediate Past President.

Outgoing director-at-large, Carl Fasser, was also honored for his work not only on the BOD, but also as chair of the research committee.

Randy Danielsen, the other Director-at-Large was also acknowledged for his service to the BOD.

Lastly, Ms. Scott presented Ms. Ballweg with a glass gavel commemorating her very successful year as president.

The Society's BOD and staff would like to thank all these individuals for

their time and energy while serving on the BOD and hope to see them continue volunteering in some capacity with the Society.



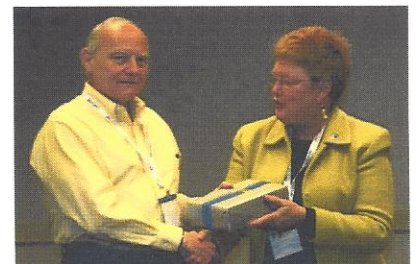
President to President: Scott (L) presents Ballweg with a token of the SPPAHx's appreciation.



Ballweg (L) presents recognition gift to Stewart



Ballweg (L) presents gift to Jordan



Ballweg (L) presents gift to Fasser

SPPAHx establishes a PA student scholarship

By: Pam Scott

Gary Jordon didn't know what he was getting himself into when he accepted the SAAAPA position on the Society's BOD this year. Not only was he expected to do well in his PA studies and be a fully functioning member of the BOD, he was also given the additional assignment of developing an acceptable proposal for the rest of the BOD to establish the Society's first

PA student scholarship.

While excelling in the other two areas, he also achieved success with the scholarship proposal. The BOD unanimously approved his recommendation to establish a scholarship fund based on percentage of student members and dues dollars at the May BOD meeting held in conjunction with the AAPA annual conference.

Newly elected Secretary, Judi Culver, thought the proposal was wonderful and immediately wrote the Society a check for \$500 to ensure that it has sufficient funding to be given early in May 2007.



Culver (L) presents check to Ballweg

Committees Meet during AAPA Conference

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Research and Development Committee Meeting (Back to camera, Jim Cawley, chair; then L to R: Carter, Jennings, Hogan, Hooker, Dehn, Fasser, and gest Ken Harbert.

By: Pam Scott

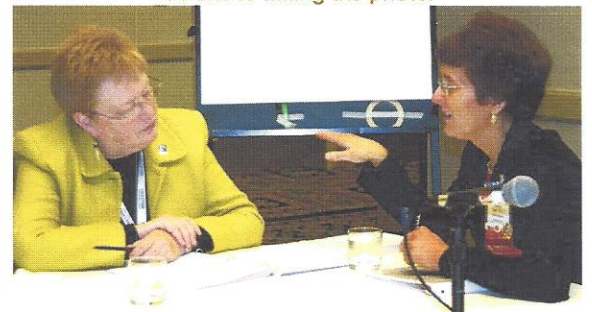
For the first time this year, some of the SPPAHx committee chairs, co-chairs, old and new members, and other interested parties met for committee meetings prior to the opening of the BOD/ general membership meeting, providing them with the benefits of a face to face meeting and communication between incoming and outgoing committee members.

They reviewed their charges, outlined tentative topics to work on in the coming year, and heard the results from Mr. Fasser's research regarding what programs are currently doing to teach PA Hx their students. Look for more information on his results in an upcoming issue of PAEA's *Journal*.

The membership committee also held a meeting. They made plans for the upcoming year on the recruitment and retention of members. They also established a student writing competition and a student scholarship. The committee will work closely with Tiffany Perkins, SAAAPA representative, to develop a membership campaign to go out to students in October. The Scholarship and Writing Competition is being underwritten by individual Board members this year.



Membership committee meeting: L to R) Coyte; Ballweg, and Perkins. (Note Stewart is not in the photo as she is taking the photo.



Outgoing President Ballweg (L) discusses position With new President Scott

Interested in committee service?

The SPPAHx can use more volunteers on most of our committees. If you are interested in serving on a particular committee, please feel free to contact the chair or one of the co-chairs of that committee at the above e-mails or Dr. Carter at exdir@pahx.org to let us know of your interests, talents, and desires to serve.

Thank-you!

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The Society would like to thank all of our volunteers, members, sponsors, donors and supporters.

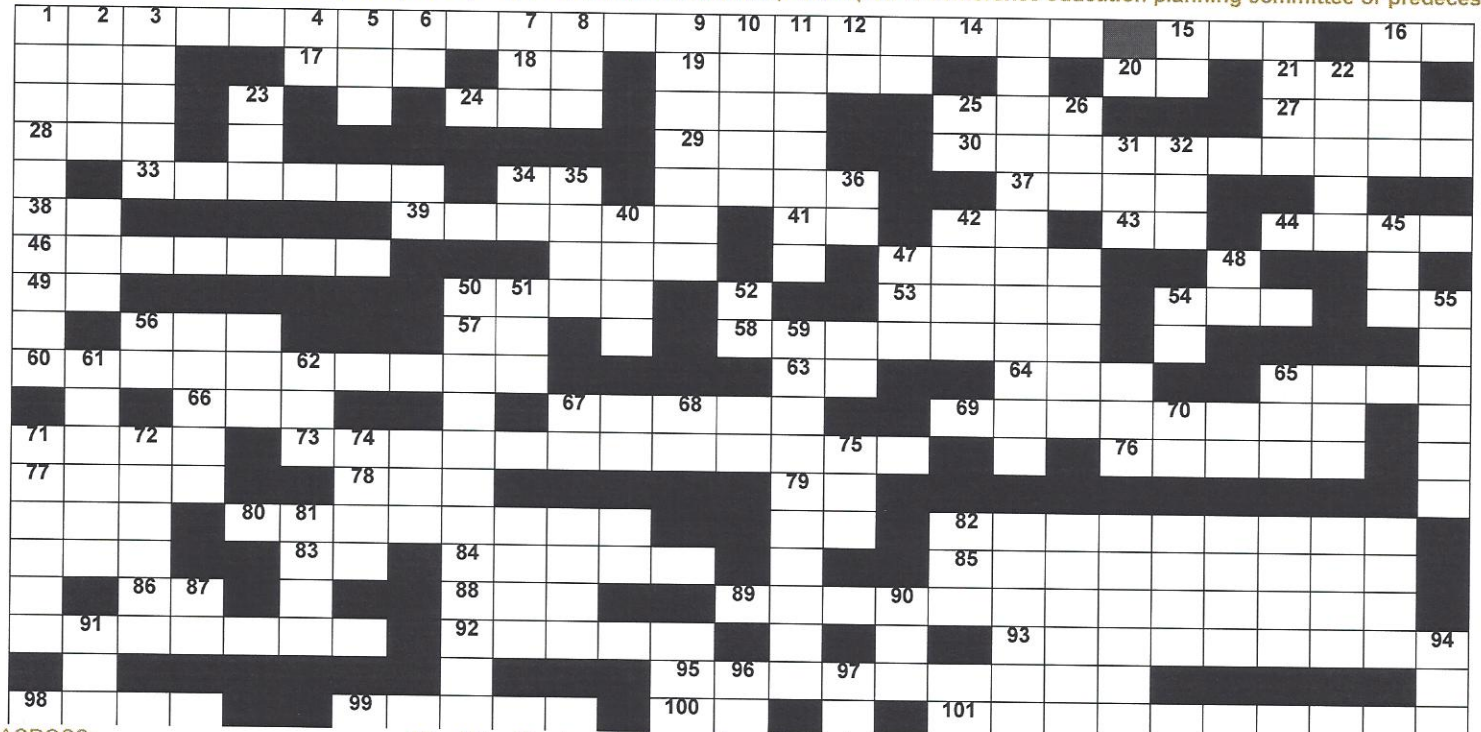
Without you, we would not preserve our professions history for future generation!

PA IQ Challenge...

How much do you really know about AAPA's Annual Conferences?

By: Pam Scott

Abbreviations: abrv(abbreviation) wds(words) AC(AAPA Annual Conference) CEPC(AAPA conference education planning committee or predecessors) Answers on page 10



ACROSS:

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| <p>1. Location of first AC</p> <p>15. Number of exhibits at first ACR</p> <p>16. Body part frequently discussed in a lecture on CHF (abrv)</p> <p>17. Academy group very active during HOD to raise money for political contributions</p> <p>18. Location of conference where PA attendance first exceeded 3,000</p> <p>19. Recent AAPA President who was also an AAPA conference planning committee chair</p> <p>20. Location of conference closest to the AAPA national headquarters</p> <p>21. One of the main reasons PAs attend the AC</p> <p>24. Lab discussed in hepatitis lecture</p> <p>25. Risk to PAs who fly to the conference</p> <p>27. Number of exhibitors at the 2nd AC</p> <p>28. Slang for negative vote at the HOD</p> <p>29. Accrediting body for PA Programs ___-PA</p> <p>30. City hosting the AC most often to date</p> <p>33. AAPA Staff member who was once the chair of the CEPC</p> <p>34. Location of the most recent AC (abrv)</p> <p>37. Number of times the AC was held in Honolulu, HI</p> <p>38. Area of the body frequently discussed in workshop on echocardiograms</p> <p>39. Place Las Vegas currently holds on list of cities hosting the AC most</p> <p>41. What PAs do once the red ribbon is cut outside of the exhibit hall</p> | <p>42. Abrv of body part discussed in knee injection workshops</p> <p>43. Common topic for lectures since sildenafil release (abr.)</p> <p>44. AC was in San Antonio: 198_</p> <p>46. HCPC topic for the 2004 Las Vegas AC</p> <p>47. A lecture on bipolar illness could be found in this CME category (abrv)</p> <p>49. One direction for an escalator</p> <p>53. Other main organization that holds their mid-year meeting during the AC</p> <p>54. Credit PAs get for attending lectures</p> <p>56. Cher really like this person, Dar ___</p> <p>57. What one PA might say to another PA</p> <p>58. Location of the 2001 AC</p> <p>60. 19___was the first year the PA attendance exceeded 1,000 at the AC</p> <p>63. What the sign on the door of the entrance to the exhibit hall might say</p> <p>64. Specialty area where many female PAs work</p> <p>65. Facial fractures could be fin this category of CME</p> <p>66. # of times AC was in St. Louis</p> <p>67. One of the CEPC co-chairs for 2006</p> <p>69. Awesome member of the AAPA meetings department responsible for overseeing all logistical aspects of AC</p> | <p>73. Conference attendance for PAs was exactly the same in 200___ (3 wds)</p> <p>76. Changes in pharma regulations now prevent pharmaceutical companies from sponsoring the opening ___</p> <p>77. AS, SLE, RA, and FMS are all subjects that could potentially be found under this topic category (abrv)</p> <p>78. The last day of the AC is the ___</p> <p>79. From time to time, conference highlights have appeared on the conference hotel's ___</p> <p>80. Conference location that hosted the largest PA attendance to date.</p> <p>82. 1st chair of CEPC</p> <p>84. Disease that can be found in lectures on rheumatology, cardiology, nephrology, psychology, disability, and dermatology.</p> <p>85. Person who chaired the CEPC the longest</p> <p>86. Location where many hospital based PAs are employed</p> <p>88. Host of the silent auction at the AC</p> <p>89. Scheduled location of the 2012 AC (2 wds)</p> <p>92. Outstanding member of conference planning staff</p> | <p>93. Where you buy your conference T-shirts, hats, PDAs, etc.</p> <p>95. Other conference co-chair for the 2006 AC</p> <p>98. Number of times the AC has been held in New Orleans</p> <p>99. CEPC chair from 1999-2002</p> <p>100. Time of day for the Fun Run (abrv)</p> <p>101. President credited with starting what is now the HCPC.</p> |
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DOWN:

1. Location of 1975 AC
2. Topic category for a lecture on antiretroviral therapy
3. # of CME hours offered at the first AC
4. Location discussed in pediatric vital sign assessment (abrv)
5. Unit discussed in a lecture on chest cancer screening
6. Location of 10th AC
7. Type of patient cared for by PAs
8. Animal often discussed in lectures about lab studies
9. Location of 33rd AC
10. President with HCPC focusing on health disparities
11. Location of the 2000 AC
12. Old abrv for work location for PAs employed by hospitals
13. For years, the HOD supported this degree as the minimum for PA education (con't next page)

DOWN CON'T:

15. Topic of discussion in a lecture on birth control
22. Location of the 1993 AC
23. Number of AC that have been held in Atlanta, GA
25. Other direction an escalator goes (abrv)
26. Number of times the AC has been held in Boston, MA
31. Number of times the AC has been held in Nashville, TN
32. Level of national security alert canceling the AC
34. State popular for other states to hold their annual conferences but has never hosted the AC
35. Number of times the AC has been held in New Orleans
36. Las Vegas security gave these instructions to PAs waiting entrance to the exhibit hall, "___running."

40. Lecture on seizure disorders could be found under this topic category (abrv)
42. Organization that AAPA staff sometimes utilizes in providing constituent organizations information on chapter development issues (abrv)
45. Dignitary attending the conference is considered to be a ____.
47. Topic that might be discussed in a pulmonary or cardiology lecture (abrv)
48. Topic that might be covered in a lecture on endocrine, cardiology, metabolic syndrome, or HTN (abrv)
50. Location of next year's AC
51. Atlanta, GA, was the host of the 197__AC
52. Support group that often during the AC
54. One of the formats for Learner Lecture Series
55. CEPC chair who married an AAPA Presidents
59. First year AC PA attendance exceeded 5,000 was in 19__
61. First year AC PA attendance exceeded 2,000 was in 19__
62. A PA working in pediatrics might see a ____
67. This AAPA group meets before the HOD at the AC (abrv)
68. State hosting the 1987 AC (abrv)
70. Location of the 2004 AC (abrv)
71. A medical malpractice lecture might discuss mechanisms to reduce medical ____.
72. Location of the 1984 AC
74. Region of the country for the 2001, 2004, & 2006 ACs
75. Staff member who speaks at the AC opening ceremony

81. One of the many workshops offered at the AC
82. What AAPA put on smoking at AAPA meetings
87. Location where the AC was held twice (abrv)
90. What sign on exit door of convention center might say
91. Number of times that the AC has been held in San Antonio
94. To make a mistake during a lecture on OM
96. Body part discussed frequently during a lecture on OM
97. Position of the body discussed in an X-Ray workshop



Society Welcomes New Archivist

By: Reginald Carter

In her letter of inquiry about the Physician Assistant History Archivist position, Adonna Thompson stated that she hoped to actively contribute to Society while at the same time developing her skills as an archivist. She accepted the position vacated by Mira Waller in March and began her duties on May 1st.

Adonna received a BA in Liberal Arts from Park University in Parkville, MO and did her graduate work at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS receiving a MLS degree from their School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) this year.

Adonna has worked in both public and academic libraries in Kansas and North Carolina. As an Associate Reference Librarian at the Kansas City Public Library, Adonna provided leadership, guidance and community services to library patrons. At Duke University, Adonna completed an archives practicum internship at

Perkins' Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Special Collections Library in the Technical Services Department. She is skilled in collection development, web page creation and management, and community relations and outreach. Adonna is a team player who has outstanding communication skills. She is a member of the American Library Association, the Society of North Carolina Archivists, and the Society of American Archivists.

When asked what was appealing about the job,

Senior Leadership Team Begin Work on New Year

By: Pam Scott

Executive Director, Reg Carter, and incoming President Pam Scott, started preparing for this current leadership year months ago with an orientation meeting on the campus of Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke, VA, on April 24, 2006.

Why Roanoke? I had visited Duke's campus,

Adonna said it was the diversity of tasks to be completed; oral histories, archiving, collection development, photographic collections, digitization, preservation, resource development and creation of exhibits. She also looks forward to educating members and sponsoring organizations about archiving principles and serving as a resource person for the Society and the growing number of users of the PAHX Center website.



Adonna Thompson



(L to R): Scott, Kennedy, and Carter

the Stead Center and our new offices, the archives, etc. on a couple of occasions. Since we

did not need to meet in Durham, Reg and I decided to split the driving distance between us and the Roanoke Program was perfectly located halfway between our homes.

We appreciate the hospitality shown to us by Program Director, Wilton Kennedy and his staff. During our next trip, we plan to talk to their students about PA history.

Executive Directions... A Place for My Stuff

By: Reg Carter

A Place for my Stuff is the title of comedian George Carlin's eighth comedy album released in 1981. Although I could do without some his explicit language, Carlin has a knack of satirizing the American mindset and poking fun at the English language.

Stuff is one of those words used when no other word seems to do. We know it as a collection of things or materials. So there is cool stuff, not so cool stuff and that other stuff (akin to so forth, and etc.) Someone has to claim ownership of stuff. So it is his stuff, her stuff or my stuff. When he or she "knows their stuff" or has the "right kind of stuff" – that is a good thing.

Some may believe that an archive, museum or library is just a place to put our stuff. They are just places to "store stuff" until we need it. However, the missions and goals of archives, museums and libraries are not just about storage and retrieval, they are sites of knowledge and learning. For example, the mission of our affiliated archive is "to solicit and collect those materials that document the emergence and development of the physician assistant profession with all of its political, social, economic and health care ramifications. The archive will obtain and make available for research materials that tend to

illustrate or describe the nature and activities of the PA profession; its educators, students, practitioners, leaders, supporters and patrons." Our affiliated library and museum exist for academic and research purposes.

We have made major gains this past year and want to keep the momentum going. Our goals for the PAHx Center for FY 2006-2007 are as follows:

1. Add between 50 to 75 linear feet of materials to our archival collection, including documents, photos and artifact.
2. Create at least 25 new biographical files and post 20 new biographical sketches on our PAHx Center Website.
3. Create 3 to 5 on-line learning modules on the

4. history of the PA Profession for PA students.
4. Conduct 5 to 10 oral histories with transcripts.
5. Foster at least six new research studies on the professional development of PAs and their impact on the delivery of health care services.

Academic and research activities are labor intensive and are costly. This is why it is important that our members join efforts to recruit new members to the Society. The more people we have the more we can accomplish. So I encourage each one of you to make it your goal this year to bring one or two new members into the Society. By doing so, you will help us "strut our stuff".



Reginald Carter, PhD, PA-C
Executive Director

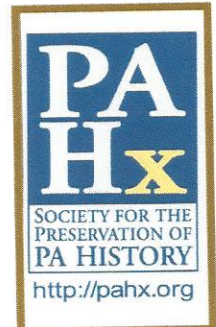


Some of our STUFF

Key to PA IQ Challenge

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The Archivist's Corner ...

Not All Records Are Created Equal...

By: Adonna Thompson

During day-to-day operations organizations generate copious records. What do I mean by records? Let me clarify, according to the Society of American Archivists, a record is "a document created or received and maintained by an agency, organization, or individual in pursuance of legal obligations or in the transaction of business". So a record could be anything from email correspondence to financial information.

Which records have permanent or lasting historical value? These are records that provide information or insight into the founding or operation of an organization, administrative decisions/actions, and policies or procedures. Some of these records include Board of Director's minutes, committee meeting minutes, administrative and executive correspondence, annual reports, agendas, organizational by-laws, constitutions, articles of incorporation, grants, insurance policies, final reports or recommendations, lists of officers and committee members etc. This is not a comprehensive list so if there is some doubt or question about a specific document it is best to err on the side of saving.

Materials without temporary or lasting value have no specific retention schedule and therefore may be disposed of at will. These materials may include routing slips, duplicates, routine notices or memoranda, drafts, reference materials from other organizations, and

any documents that are superseded or made obsolete by a more current edition (however the organization may wish to retain one such copy for its archives).

After determining which materials are to be kept permanently and those that can be immediately weeded out, a retention and disposition schedule for non-permanent and permanent records should be agreed upon, written up, and followed. This schedule should list the various types of records generated by the organization and the number of years they should be kept.

For example:

- Bank Statements.....7 years
- Deeds.....Permanent
- Insurance Policies.. Permanent
- Building Maintenance...7 years

There are many benefits to creating and following a records retention and disposition schedule. Certain records are subject to legal and fiscal retention guidelines. It is important to follow these guidelines to avoid legal repercussions and to remain in fiscal compliance both locally and federally. In addition a retention schedule will allow you to have control over your records because you will know exactly what is in your records and an actively followed disposition schedule will free up valuable space. It is however important to dispose of records in an appropriate manner. I'm sure we have all heard horror stories about companies disposing of people's personal records

by simply throwing them in the garbage. The best/most effective method for disposing of sensitive information whether personal or organizational is through shredding. A paper shredder is a relatively inexpensive way to insure that your organizational records do not end up in the wrong hands. It is a good idea to dedicate a fixed time each year for the disposal of your organizational records. For instance it might be beneficial to do this at the end of your fiscal year.

For more information about local regulations and legal issues specific to recordkeeping in your state, contact your state archives or your accountant. To search for federal regulations go to www.irs.gov. In addition, many examples can be found online by searching for 'records retention' or 'retention schedules'. If you have specific questions about what to keep and what to throw away don't hesitate to email me.



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PA Hx Center Archivist

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What is in your Boxes?

By: Reg Carter

It is a simple question but often hard to answer for someone who has inherited an organization's papers collected and stored over a period of thirty plus years. This is the question that we posed to Timi Barwick, Executive Director of the Physician Assistant Education Association (formerly APAP). Timi's response was to invite us to visit the Association's new office complex in Alexandria, VA to "look in the boxes" that reside in a warehouse located in Rockville, MD. The purpose of our visit was to help the Association identify, organize and process materials that should be stored in an archival environment. We were especially interested in identifying materials from the early 1970's through the 1990s.

Adonna Thompson and I arrived in Alexandria, VA on June 14th and

Adonna, Joan, Reg and Timi sort through PAEA boxes at storage site in Rockville, MD



immediately went to work looking over materials in the office. The next day we accompanied Tim and Jonna Holden to Rockville, MD to assess what was in the boxes that the Association staff had identified as archival material. We loaded 20 plus boxes in the back of our minivan to bring back to the Durham office to assess and re-box if necessary.

We found Board of Director Meeting Books, Business Meeting Books, minutes, newsletters, reports and correspondence from the time periods we were interested in preserving. We found duplicate copies of recent material, but only one copy of prime source material dating from the 1970s

and 1980s. Our initial assessment is that the Association has an extensive collection of archival material that is still in good condition, but is rapidly deteriorating because of the way it is being currently maintained and stored.

Since we did not have time to organize, process and analyze the material in Alexandria, we brought the boxes back to the PA History Center to complete the initial process. The PAEA will explore with the Society and the DUMC archives the possibility of having the Society take responsibility for the Association's papers and collection of archival material. This would include writing finding aids for the collection so that staff, researchers and other interested persons can easily assess the materials in the future.

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