

Ronald Fisher, PA-C

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Mr. Ronald Fisher was our second president. He also served as president of the AAPA. As his name so aptly implies he is great at catching fish and he was also great at catching and pulling in people to work for and promote the goals of the PA profession.

PSPA News: From your perspective, what were the greatest challenges that the PSPA and its leadership faced during your term in office as president?

RF: The greatest challenges were growing our membership, building our budget to support engagement of a legal firm to represent the PSPA and building relationships with organized medicine and consumer groups to provide support during public hearings regarding prescriptive regulations and order writing in hospitals while at the same time providing testimony in support of our legislation and regulations.

PSPA News: What were the greatest achievements for PSPA during your term?

RF: The greatest achievements were assembling a great board of directors and committee chairs; growing the membership to almost 300 members; engagement of a legal firm to represent the Society; establishment of an annual conference; developing a strong relationship with the state Medical Board, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Practice and the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania.

PSPA News: What were your greatest disappointments?

RF: The greatest disappointments were our inability to establish good relationships with the Pennsylvania Association of Hospital Pharmacists and the State Board of Nursing.

PSPA News: Tell us something that happened during your term as president that you think our members should know.

RF: I realized how important consumer groups could be in influencing the outcome of the legislative and regulatory process. The AARP was a big help to the Society and provided much needed consumer support.

PSPA News: Now that time has passed, was being president of the PSPA something that you are glad you tackled?

RF: Being president of the PSPA was one of the most rewarding times in my life. I met many wonderful people and it certainly helped my career.

PSPA News: What did you do prior to becoming a PA?

RF: Prior to becoming a PA I was a nurse technician in the renal dialysis unit at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania.

PSPA News: Where did you get your PA education and when did you graduate?

RF: I received my PA education at the Geisinger Medical Center and graduated in 1971.

PSPA News: In what specialties have you worked?

RF: I worked in emergency medicine and family medicine.

PSPA News: What are you doing now?

RF: I am now retired as the COO and Executive Director of the Peninsula Regional Medical Center Medical Group. I am an outdoor writer and have a regular column in a local newspaper called Captain Ron's Fish Tales. I also do some reporting and considerable volunteer work, I am past president of the Chamber of Commerce, serve on the Economic Development Committee of Ocean City, MD, and I am currently vice president of the Maryland Worcester County Veterans Memorial and serve as chairman of the Ocean Pines Community Communications Committee. Oh, and I fish as much as I can.

PSPA News: What are your major interests in life, i.e., passions or hobbies?

RF: My major interests are my grandkids, fishing, writing, working in the yard and volunteer work.

PSPA News: Who are your significant others, family members?

RF: My wife Shirl of 49 years, a son Scott, a daughter Myleah and three grandchildren, LaShae (23) who graduated last year from Lasalle University, Ty (19) who is currently freshman at Penn State and Callie (14) who is in junior high school.