

**William Duryea, PhD, PA-C
1991-1993**

Dr. Duryea was the 7th president of the Society and our first president with strong ties to the education of physician assistants.

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

WD: Our greatest challenge was working to have the prescriptive privileges regulations implemented.

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

WD: Having the regulations published for our prescriptive privileges was probably the greatest achievement.

PSPA News: What were your greatest disappointments?

WD: The constant refusals from the State Osteopathic Board to grant PA practice provisions similar to those granted by the State Board of Medicine.

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

WD: The Pennsylvania Department of Health instituted a Rural Health Initiative Program that began providing payback for the educational expenses for PA students willing to contract to practice in Pennsylvania health care shortage areas. **PSPA News: Now that time has passed, was being president of the PSPA something that you are glad you tackled?**

WD: Yes and it definitely helped in the development of my career.

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

WD: I was a Professor of Biology at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

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

WD: My PA education occurred at Saint Francis University. I graduated in 1982.

PSPA News: In what specialties have you worked?

WD: Family Practice, only.

PSPA News: What are you doing now?

WD: I am retired and doing some part time teaching and consulting.

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

WD: I am an avid golfer, beekeeper and frequent traveler. I help to organize pilgrimages to Franciscan holy places in Italy.

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

WD: I have been married to my wonderful wife, Sondra, for 48 years. We have five married children and nine grandchildren.