

William Reynolds, PA-C 2001 – 2003

The 12th PSPA president was Bill Reynolds. Being detailed oriented and conscientious aided Bill in restructuring and strengthening the leadership foundation of the PSPA. Organizational charts, action plans, job descriptions and timeline created by Bill are still utilized by the PSPA today.

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

As with many of the presidents who served during this time, removing barriers to PA practice by updating the regulations under the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine were the biggest challenges. The PSPA had been working hard for many years to set the groundwork for the changes with the State Board of Medicine. During the years I served, we continued to have formal negotiations with the Pennsylvania Medical Society so our two groups could jointly present the needed changes to the State Board of Medicine. These were mostly completed and presented to the State Board of Medicine, but we were unable to get them through the regulatory process during my term.

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

House Bill 967 was passed changing our status under the State Board of Medicine from certified to licensed. Internally, we worked hard to expand the use of liaisons to outside organizations and to better organize how we did business within our own organization.

What were your greatest disappointments?

As with many of us, not getting the regulations updated under the State Board of Medicine. Also, we decided that we would wait until the regulations were updated under the State Board of Medicine and use those as a guide to update the regulations under the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. Because of the delays in getting the allopathic regulations passed, we were unable to address the even bigger barriers that our colleagues under the Osteopathic Board were facing.

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

Cannot think of anything else but I will say, that I really enjoyed working with the members of the PSPA Board and committee chairs and liaisons. They were very energetic and dedicated to making our profession better.

Now that time has passed, was being president of the PSPA something that you are glad you tackled? Did it help in your career?

Looking back now, I am glad that I served as PSPA president. It gave me a better understanding of our profession. It also gave me a better appreciation of how hard the volunteer leaders of our profession had to work to make things better for the rest of us. I'm happy that I can bring the experience I gained as PSPA President to the classroom and share it with the newest members of our profession in my Health Care Policies/ PA Practice course at King's College.

Where did you get your PA education and when did you graduate?

I graduated from the King's College PA program in 1993.

In what specialties have you worked?

I worked for 14 years for a Federally Qualified Health Center splitting my time between General Pediatrics and Family Practice before becoming a full-time PA Educator in 2007.

What are you doing now?

Currently, I am Faculty at the King's College PA Program. I teach the Pediatrics and Health Care Policies/PA Practice Modules and I am a Clinical Coordinator.

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

Now that my children are older than when I served as president, I spend a lot of time with them. Our family likes to go camping and biking. I am very active with my son as a leader in the Boy Scouts and enjoy frequent camping and backpacking trips.

Who are your significant others, family members?

I've been married to Colleen, who I met in PA school, for 16 years. We have two children—Matthew who is 13 years old and Mikayla who is 10 years old.