

**Lane Bower, PA-C  
1999-2001**

Lane Bower represented the PSPA as the 11th president and second woman president. Lane's ability to strike up a conversation and befriend complete strangers served her well. She is fondly referred to as "Momma Lane" by scores of PA students at numerous PA programs.

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

My first day was the hearings for the House Bill 50 which put the Nurse Practitioner's under the Nursing Board instead of under the Medical Board. It also permitted prescribing which they hadn't had in PA before that time. We sat in hearings and heard all this testimony which scared me a lot.

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

We worked with the Pennsylvania Medical Society to get started with new regulations for PAs in PA. This started with them electing their first woman President, Dr. Carol Rose. She always joked it just took the women to get this going. We are still good friends. She now is the President of the Medical Board and a great friend not only to me but also to the entire PA community. I also was the lucky one to be President of PSPA during the 25th Anniversary. We had all of the Past Presidents and the President Elect at the meeting. Joe Varrano, the first president and I had a great time telling stories of what happened during the term of each president. It was a night to always remember.

**What were your greatest disappointments?**

The greatest disappointment was the licensure didn't get passed when I was in office but it did get passed later. It was one of those things we all worked so hard to get. If you persist and make good contacts, you will succeed.

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

I think our relationship with many organizations really started to click and opened many doors for us. Today we are recognized as a valuable member of the healthcare team and that really makes me proud.

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

I am very proud to have been President of the PSPA. It really taught me patience and also how best to handle situations and network with everyone you can. Yes it certainly helped me to be more tolerant and patient. I'm sure my students and colleagues may not agree some days. I really do try. It takes baby steps to get things accomplished and I always felt before this journey you just get push in and get it done and that's not how politics work.

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

I am a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. Class of 1981.

**In what specialties have you worked?**

I have been a surgical and Emergency Medicine PA.

**What are you doing now?**

I am the Clinical Coordinator and Assistant Professor at Lock Haven University PA program.

**What are your major interests in life?**

I love photography, singing and traveling. I was a jock in my younger days till a knee injury took me out of the game and added an extra year of PA school. It was all worth it.

**Who are your significant others, family members?**

I have my Dad and a cat named Shadow and wonderful friends who I feel are really my family. I lost my Mom a few years ago and she was my biggest fan. I miss her so much.