

Physician Assistant History Society Honoring our History; Ensuring our Future

Conducting Oral Histories PAHx Committee Feedback

Purpose:

To provide stakeholders (PA Students, PA Program Faculty, PAs and the general public) with a variety of interesting stories about PAs to capture the history of the PA profession.

Ongoing Project:

Conducting audio and video recorded Oral History interviews is an ongoing project of the Trustees in addition to writing biographies. Whenever available, Oral Histories will be conducted at AAPA & PAEA, during board workshops and by the Trustees individually.

Who Should Be Interviewed:

PAs and individuals who have made a significant impact on the PA profession, PA students, pioneering PAs, 2nd & 3rd generation PAs, family members of PAs, PAHx Past & Current Board members, Past AAPA & PAEA President.

Sample Interview Questions:

- 1. What has been the most satisfying aspect of your PA career?
- 2. Tell us about a particularly memorable patient that made you glad that you chose to be a PA.
- 3. What was the biggest challenge you faced or obstacle that you overcame as a PA.
- 4. Do you have a favorite mentor that you would like to acknowledge and why?
- 5. How did you decide to become involved in healthcare?
- 6. What influenced you to become a PA?
- 7. What is the most interesting or touching experience you have encountered as a PA?

Interview Requirements:

All interviews (audio & video) must begin with an *Introduction of interviewer and interviewee, the date and location of the interview.*

Ex: My name is ______ and today is Thursday, October 26, 2018. I'm attending the annual PAEA Conference in Anaheim, CA and am conducting this oral history interview for the PA History Society.

The interview should not last more than 10 minutes. The final interview will be edited down to 3-5 minutes when posted to the website.