

A Message from the Chairman of the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants (ARBoPA)

Please join me in congratulating the nearly 3000 Certified Physician Assistants licensed in the State of Arizona and the more than 123,000 PA's nationwide, as we celebrate **National PA Week from October 6th to October 12th**.

As I was crafting this message I consulted the Physician Assistant Historical Society (pahx.org) and was impressed at the milestones and accomplishments of our profession as we hover around a solid half century of quality care. While I, personally, have only participated for a little over half that time, I recognize how quickly the time has passed and would encourage everyone to reflect not only on their personal accomplishments, but also the many and varied accomplishments of the profession.

The Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants is proud to be a national leader in the PA Profession while maintaining high standards for PA Practice here at home. As we embark on the challenges of implementing Optimal Team Practice in the Grand Canyon State I take great pride in the recognition that we already meet most of the standards, and are a model for Physician Assistant practice nationwide.

Finally, please take a minute and point your browsers to "Your PA Can Handle It" [Your PA Can](#) an outstanding new collaborative effort between the AAPA and the NCCPA, and of course:

Happy Birthday Dr. Stead!