



Jennifer L. Dorn, MPA
Chief Executive Officer



Jennifer (Jenna) L. Dorn has served as the Academy's CEO since 2011 and continues to make an impact in ensuring the professional growth, personal excellence and recognition of PAs nationwide. Dorn has led multibillion-dollar federal agencies, start-ups and well-established nonprofit organizations, bringing 30 years of management experience in healthcare, research and policy to AAPA's leadership team.

Inspired by the PA profession's team-centered approach to healthcare, Dorn continues to be instrumental in AAPA's work to transform healthcare. She brings a passion for building coalitions and collaborative environments, finding common ground, and expanding networks of people and organizations.

Under her leadership, AAPA and its constituent organizations have achieved unprecedented progress in breaking down legislative barriers to PA practice and patient access. Every state in the nation has passed PA-positive laws or regulations, and new laws and regulations at the federal level are benefiting PAs, as well. As a result, PAs have expanded authority to prescribe medication, as well as to diagnose, admit and treat patients; physician proximity requirements have been eased or eliminated; and PAs have been officially recognized, along with physicians and NPs, as authorized Medicare providers.

Dorn has had a similarly important impact on AAPA as an organization. During her tenure, AAPA has moved from a \$2.5 million annual operating deficit to a balanced budget; increased its net operating balance by nearly 40%; and increased membership by 32% to 58,000.

Her previous healthcare leadership roles include senior vice president of the American Red Cross and president of the National Health Museum. She has also served as the U.S. representative on the Board of Directors of the World Bank, administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, assistant secretary for policy at the Department of Labor and associate deputy secretary of transportation at the Department of Transportation. She sits on the Board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Advisory Board and serves on the VA Veterans' Family, Caregiver, and Survivor Advisory Committee.

Dorn is a graduate of Oregon State University and has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Connecticut.