

David E. Mittman, PA, DFAAPA President-elect



David (Dave) E. Mittman has served in numerous PA leadership roles over the last 30 years, including serving on the AAPA Board of Directors, the AAPA House of Delegates (HOD), and various state Chapters, specialty organizations and special interest groups. Most recently, he served as on the AAPA Board of Directors from 2015-2018 as director-at-large, after previously serving in the same role in the early 1980s.

Mittman also was a leader for the PA profession in medical publishing and communications, launching journals and web community for PAs. Based in Boynton Beach, Fla., Mittman is currently editor-in-chief of Clinician1, an online community for PAs and NPs, which he launched in 2009. A prolific writer on the value and practice of PAs, Mittman practiced in primary care in Brooklyn for nearly a decade before beginning his career working in medical publishing and communications as a platform to educate the healthcare industry on who PAs are and what they do. He cofounded Clinician Reviews, the first industry publication to serve both PAs and NPs, as well as seven other medical publications.

Mittman is a veteran of the profession, known for the groundbreaking and formative roles he played in the PA profession's infancy. He was the first PA allowed to practice in the Air Force Reserves, was a founding student member of the New York State Society of PAs (NYSSPA) and led the march on the "March on Trenton" to the New Jersey State House, which ultimately resulted in establishing PA practice in the state. Mittman was also one of the first PAs to comanage and later manage his own patient panel in the late 1970s and early 1980s. As the profession matured, Mittman has continued leading efforts that challenge the status quo, such as co-founding PAs for Tomorrow and the American College of Clinicians, which advocated for greater PA-NP collaboration.

Mittman has been honored for his work with a number of awards, including AAPA's Public Education Award and both the NYSSPA and the New Jersey State Society of PAs Lifetime Achievement awards. He has also been recognized by the PA History Society.

He is an alumnus of the Long Island University PA program. A proponent of lifelong learning, he has completed master's-level courses in community health and business, and received life-coach training through the NYU/Results Coaching Institute. He has earned the designation of AAPA Distinguished Fellow.