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12th AAHB President (2012-2013)

When did you attend your first Academy annual meeting? 2001 Santa Fe, NM.

What attracted you to AAHB? Focus on research and an invitation from a colleague.

What do you value about the Academy and why did you choose to be involved as President? The opportunity to interact with other research professionals outside of my narrow circle. Doing so provides helpful perspective and insight. I never had any intentions of being president. When asked to serve I accepted.

What was your vision for AAHB when you assumed the role of President? Keep the ship up right and propose a journal for the Academy.

What was your biggest accomplishment as President? Feels like a self-serving question to answer but I'll give it a try. I led a committee that proposed developing a new journal. I am proud of the quality proposal we submitted, disappointed the board did not accept it, but understand there was not the willingness to accept such a challenge.

Where do you see AAHB in the next 10 years? I suspect we will be doing in 10 years what we are doing today; providing a unique opportunity for researchers to substantially engage in discussions about challenges we face as a field.

Do you have any advice for students and early career researchers? Be involved, take your work seriously but not yourself, and keep an open mind about always being willing to learn.