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**2<sup>nd</sup> AAHB President (2002-2003)**

**When did you attend your first Academy annual meeting?** I was involved in the ground floor by invitation from Elbert Glover. I helped plan and implement the first several Academy meetings including the very first held in Santa Fe, NM.

**What attracted you to AAHB?** The opportunity to create a research-focused organization for health-behavior and health promotion-related specialists.

**What do you value about the Academy and why did you choose to be involved as President?** I value the Academy for the same reasons I was initially attracted to helping create it. I chose to be President to permit a smooth transition from the initial founding President, Dr. Glover, to a President chosen by his/her peers.

**What was your vision for AAHB when you assumed the role of President?** To continue to grow the Academy in strength and stature as an organization focused primarily on research for advancing health practice and policy.

**What was your biggest accomplishment as President?** Keeping everything moving forward during the early days of development when a new organization is very fragile and susceptible to failure.

**Where do you see AAHB in the next 10 years?** I'm not one to predict the future, but with sound leadership and dedicated members, the future is bright.

**Do you have any advice for students and early career researchers?** Just simply to keep working hard and stay focused on your research if that is your passion.