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**12<sup>th</sup> 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.