

REMEMBERING BOB STEWART



We have received word that Bob Stewart, PHHA's long-time former Executive Director, passed away March 21, 2025 at age 82. Bob was with PHHA and its predecessor organization since the 1980s, serving initially as a source for PA legislative information. Over the years, he became a trusted advisor to our organization, steering us in good directions in our dealings with the state.

Perhaps Bob's strongest contribution to PHHA was the development, along with Maryland/Delaware/DC's organization, of the acclaimed Mid-Atlantic Hearing Expo, our annual conference where hearing aid professionals gather to learn what's new in our industry and hear from industry leaders and other professionals to fulfill our continuing education requirements. Bob spent countless hours organizing the Mid-Atlantic conferences, ensuring that all the needed materials were in hand, and working with program chairs to make the events among the very best educational opportunities offered at the state level. He also handled the office functions for PHHA, seeing that the bills got paid and interfacing with State government when necessary. He saved the organization thousands of dollars in what would have been unnecessary fees, earning his own salary many times over.

Bob was more than an effective administrator. For many of us he was a good friend as well. His knowledge of what was going on in the world always made for interesting conversation, and he was quick to pass along items he felt would be of interest to our membership. He spent many hours on the phone with our leaders discussing numerous topics, some totally unrelated to our industry but always involving good citizenship. It was a sad day in 2021 when he chose to leave PHHA.

Bob never failed to inquire about members of our families, knowing that our well-being depended on them. He was truly a caring man, and he is very much missed.

