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PRESIDENT'S PEN

I hope everyone is surviving our winter visitors and longer work hours.

We had a great seminar with the Mid Gulf Chapter in Sarasota. Thank you to everyone who helped put this together.

There will be no April meeting or seminar. There will be missing board members for the meeting and that is when we will be electing officers. The chapter meeting will be May 3, 2018 at Fawcett Hospital. Hospice will be speaking on a different topic this time. Information will be sent as soon as I know the topic. Business meeting to follow.

The seminar date of April 14 will be moved to May. Speakers are hard to find this time of year as season starts to wean down. We will be looking in the Fort Myers area for May. If not, we will hold it in Port Charlotte.

We will be moving our CPR seminar to August. Probably the second weekend in August. Our last CPR was November 2016 and cards will be expired before the November scheduled seminar. Some members need current updated cards to stay employed. This will be CPR only.

Betty Springer has been E-Blasting (e-mail) all members who have a current e-mail on file regarding all upcoming events. When you get the e-mail please open it so Betty Springer knows they are going out. You can also follow the FSMA Facebook page. Please go to the FSMA website, fsmnaonline.org, and go to the event section. Once you are signed up you will also get information on all FSMA including chapter events. If you are not getting them please contact her with your current e-mail address.

PRESIDENT'S PEN (cont.)

Please remember to go to the FSMA web site to stay in touch with national, state and local activities. You are more than welcome to attend any chapter's events.

Please look around your place of employment and invite the non-member CMA or anyone that might be interested in the topic that is being presented.

I hope to see you all at the meeting. Stay healthy as so many bad bugs are still going around right now.

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
South West Chapter President

Informal minutes from December 7, 2017

Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Port Charlotte, Florida

President: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Bylaws: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Education: Judy Seymour, CMA and Ruth Lapio, CMA. Report read and placed on file. It was suggested by the education chair to discontinue Thursday evening education and board meetings. She suggested holding three seminars w/board meetings a year on a Saturday and holding them in Port Charlotte, Ft. Myers and Naples. Also suggested was holding a joint seminar with Mid-Gulf Coast with the location in either Sarasota or Bradenton. It is the opinion of the Education Chair that we are not meeting the needs of the members of this chapter located in Collier, Lee and Sarasota counties. This discussion will be tabled until our next board meeting in February, 2018.

Unfinished Business:

1. Election of officers and committee chairs: Will be tabled until the April, 2018 meeting to stay in sync with FSMA elections.
2. Visani's: Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Ruth will finalize the date and get tickets. She will keep us updated on both.

Informal minutes from December 7, 2017 (cont.)

3. Continuation of chapter support to state meeting besides FSMA annual meeting: The Bylaws Committee Chair needs to update the standing bylaws. Currently \$500.00 is set aside for the annual meeting depending on the budget. Members must attend the FSMA board meeting, reference committee hearing and general assembly to be eligible for their registration to be paid by the chapter. It was unanimously voted to increase that amount to \$800.00 for registration only. Members will be responsible for paying their own hotel costs. If you are planning on attending this meeting on April 20th, 2018, the treasurer needs to know by March 1, 2018.
4. Missing CEU's: Please notify Judy of your missing CEU's by e-mail

New Business:

1. E-blasts from FSMA: Please let Deniece know if you are not receiving these reminders.
2. March 1st, 2018 speaker: Our AAMA attorney, Don Balasa, will be holding a tele-conference for us on the "Scope of Practice" for 2 CEU's from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Announcements:

1. Next meeting is Thursday, February 1st, 2018. The topic is "How to shop healthy."
2. FSMA annual meeting is April 20-22, 2018 in Orlando.
3. Winter seminar is Saturday, February 17th, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topic so far is Quality Management from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The topic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is TBA. This is possibly going to be held at Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota. Judy will keep us updated on venue.
4. Spring seminar is Saturday, April 14, 2018. Topics TBA.
5. Fall seminar is Saturday, November 10th, 2018. Topic is CPR recertification.
6. Newsletter deadline: January 1st, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Nemanick, CMA, Recording Secretary for the Southwest Chapter of Medical Assistants.

FEATURE SPEAKER: THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

The speaker will be someone from Hospice. Topic to be announced. There WILL be a business meeting following. Please make every effort to attend as we MUST elect officers.

SWCMA welcomes all members, medical professionals, friends, colleagues and individuals interested in health care issues.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-members who want their CEU's listed with the AAMA.



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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018 (REMEMBER THIS IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FAWCETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 6:30 PM EDUCATION STARTS

- 5/3/2018 HOSPICE. TOPIC TBA. 1 CEU
6:30 PM FAWCETT HOSPITAL PORT CHARLOTTE
BUSINESS MEETING TO FOLLOW
- 5/2018 SEMINAR. PLANNING IN THE WORKS FOR FORT MYERS AREA
- 8/2018 CPR SEMINAR

THE REST OF 2018 WILL BE SENT PRIOR TO STARTING BACK UP IN SEPTEMBER, 2018

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

IDEAS WELCOME FOR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS. PLEASE CALL 662-0177 OR E-MAIL JUDY SEYMOUR AT judymseymour@gmail.com OR DENIEE JOZEFIAK AT 941-286-8551
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We're on the web!
Go to: FSMAONLINE.ORG
Then go to "Chapter Events"
to find the Southwest Chapter.

Our current Bylaws can also
be found on our website.



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