Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

To: **FSMA Executive Board**
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representatives
Physician Liaison

From: Judith M. Seymour, CMA (AAMA) CCRC
Delegate to the 57th Annual AAMA HOD
Held on Sunday, September 29, 2013
Sheraton Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, Ga

This Delegate would first of all like to express her sincere gratitude for the honor bestowed upon her by the members of the FSMA, allowing her to serve FSMA as a Delegate to the AAMA 57th Annual HOD.

The House of Delegates was called to order by Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA), Speaker of the House who gave her opening reflections. The Presentation of Colors was presented by Dobbins Air Force Base Color Guard followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions of AAMA Executive Board and AAMA past Presidents were then made by Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the House.

Kathryn Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA), Credentials Chair reported that the total voting power was 130 (126 registered and 4 proxies). The majority vote was 66 and the 2/3 vote was 87.
The report of the Credentials Chair was revised when the House voted to seat the Delegates from Maryland. The Chair reported that the total voting power was 132 (128 registered and 4 proxies). The majority vote was 67 with the 2/3 vote 88.

The agenda was approved as well as adoption on the House Rules. The Reference Committees, Tellers and Pages were appointed and announced.

Chris Hollander, CMA (AAMA) AAMA President then read her supplemental report.

Ann Naegle, CMA (AAMA) Nominating Committee Chair presented the slate of candidates seeking office as follows:
Vice President: Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA)
Secretary-Treasurer: Julie Flaatten, RN, EMT-B, CMA (AAMA)
Trustee: Freda Miller, CMA (AAMA) 2 year term
Trustee: Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA) PhD 2 year term
Nominated from the floor for Trustee: Patricia Hightower, CMA (AAMA) 2 year term

It was a pleasure for this Delegate to nominate Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) to the Nominating Committee for next year.

Don Balasa, JD, MBA, AAMA Executive Director, Legal Council and Robert Anthony, Deputy Director of Health Initiative Care Group spoke with the body with regards to the stages of the EHR Incentive Program, Meaningful Use and the definition of the "Credentialed " Medical Assistant now allowed to enter orders into HER. Previously this could only be completed by a licensed individual. "Credentialed" was defined as the Credentialing coming from an outside organization.

The HOD was then recessed by Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the House.

This was followed by a Q&A session of the candidates seeking office.

This Delegate was in attendance at the Reference Committees for Reports, Bylaws and Resolutions.

Following the Reference Committee Meetings the delegation in attendance from Florida met to discuss the candidates for officers, trustees and nominating committee, reports, bylaws and resolution. The delegation in attendance agreed to all proposed bylaw amendments and the proposed resolution.

The HOD was reconvened and called to order by Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the House.

The Credentials Chair report was read. There was a total voting power of 132 (125 Registered and 7 Proxies). The majority was 67 with a 2/3 vote being 88.

Voting commenced with a hand held electronic device. In this delegate's opinion, voting went off without any issues.

The Reference Committee for reports moved all reports be accepted and filed for future reference. The HOD agreed.

The Reference Committee for bylaws moved that Amendment 13-01, 13-03, 13-04, 13-05, 13-06, 13-07, 13-08, 13-09, 13-10 and 13-11 be adopted. The HOD agreed.
The Reference Committee for bylaws moved that Amendment 13-02 be referred back to the Bylaws and Resolutions committee. The HOD agreed.

The Reference Committee for Resolutions recommended Resolution 13-1 be adopted if Bylaws Amendment 13-09 is passed. As 13-09 was adopted, the resolution was also adopted.

This Delegate would recommend that members view the AAMA Website to look at the bylaws that were adopted and the one bylaw that was not. All reports and the resolution can also be found on the website.

There was no unfinished or new business to discuss.

Voting was as follows:

Vice President: Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA) 128 votes for, 4 abstained
Secretary-Treasurer: Julie Flaatten, RN, EMT-B, CMA (AAMA) 130 votes for, 2 abstained
Trustee: Freda Miller, CMA (AAMA) (2 year term) 115 votes for, 17 abstained
Trustee: Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA) PhD (2 year term) 111 votes for, 21 abstained
Trustee: Patricia Hightower, CMA (AAMA) (2 year term) 88 votes for, 44 abstained

Elected to the Nominating Committee:

Monica Case, CMA (AAMA) TN 89 votes

Mary Gambrell, CMA (AAMA) SC 85 votes
Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA) VA 65 votes
Donna Radzon, CMA (AAMA) IL 59 votes

Good and Welfare Statements were made and Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the House adjourned the HOD.