FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

TO: Florida Executive Council
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representative

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FSMA Alternate

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Thank you to FSMA for allowing this alternate to represent the society.

The 57th Annual AAMA conference began Friday morning at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Many excellent educational sessions were offered for educators, clinical and administrative certified medical assistants. A first-timers and student reception was held and Board of Trustees, Endowment meeting.

An evening of socializing and dessert social was enjoyed by all. Theresa Errante-Parrino received the Award of Distinction, Golden Apple Award for Educator of the Year. Winners will be published in the Jan/Feb 2014 issue of CMA Today.

We are saving trees and saving time! This year the delegates voted electronically in the evening session of the House of Delegates. Officers, trustees, and Nominating Committee members were elected with a click of a button.

The HOD elected the following officers and trustees:

Vice President Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA)
Secretary-Treasurer Julie Flaatten, CMA (AAMA), RN, EMT-B
Trustees Patricia Hightower, CMA (AAMA)
Freda Miller, CMA (AAMA), CPC, PCS
Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA), PhD

Nominating Committee
Christine Hollander, CMA (AAMA) Chair (CO)
Monica Case, CMA (AAMA) (IN)
Mary Gambrell, CMA (AAMA) (SC)
Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA) (VA)
Betty F. Jones (NC)

Bylaws amendments approved by the HOD included the following:

Updates to Active Membership:
Active members must hold current credential status

Updates to dues policies:
Officers and trustees must maintain current membership during their term of office.

Updates to student membership:
Student members shall be enrolled in a medical assisting program accredited by either the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.

Student Members shall be limited to a one-time enrollment, selecting either a one-year or a two-year membership term.

Resolutions:
The HOD adopted the following resolution:
That the HOD establish single-year student member dues of $25 and two-year student member dues at $45 beginning with 2015 membership year.

Minutes from the HOD will be posted to AAMA website for all members to read.

The 58th AAMA Conference will be held in St. Louis MO.