Treasure Coast
Chapter of Medical Assistants

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Date: October 14, 2013
To: The FSMA Executive Board
From: Treasure Coast Chapter
Re: 2013 Fall Report

Treasure Coast Chapter consists of Indian River, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee Counties. Our meetings are usually held at the Fort Pierce Campus of Indian River State College on Wednesday nights at 6pm. Our meeting chapter meeting months are September – May. Summer months (May- Aug.) are leadership meetings for the officers.

Treasure Coast Chapter would like to inform the Society of the past activities that occurred since the May 2013. While we took the summer off for education, the officers helped plan, organized, and coordinate an All Day Fall Seminar. The seminar was held for Saturday, October 12, 2013 with six speakers. This seminar offered its members eight continued educational units with these topics:

- Dental health 1.5 CG
- O2 adjuncts 1 C
- Human Resources 1.5 CG
- Documentation and Charting 2 A
- Cervical Spine Health 1 CG
- Skin Closure Procedures 1C

In attendance were 33 participants. Cost of seminar was $20.00. Twenty- eight attendees were member, and five were AAPC Coder/Billers. AAPC granted 7.5 CEUs on these topics. The Treasure Coast Chapter looks forward to working more with the local AAPC chapter for future events. The Chapter has already started to plan another All Day Seminar for the Spring.

The chapter also composed a survey for its members regarding further educational opportunities and travel plans. Survey results showed: N= 150, return rate =22%

- 56% of members would like to see webinar CEUs
- 44% of members want face to face weekend seminars
- 48% of members are willing to drive no more than 30 miles for education
- 30% of members are willing to drive no more than 60 miles for education

These results are to be shared to have a better understanding of the member's needs and wants. We hope through these efforts, the Treasure Coast Chapter can continue to grow, recruit, and increase activities.

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For community service projects, we have participated in several fundraising events such as:

- Breast Cancer
- Treasure Coast Walk To End Alzheimer's
- March of Dimes
- Soda- Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House
- Elementary School Health Screenings

Treasure Coast Chapter would like to Congratulate Theresa Errante-Parrino, CMA (AAMA), Ed.D. on being nominated for and winning the AAMA Golden Apple Award.

Below are some questions that were part of the member survey:

Are weekends or nights better in for educational meetings? What nights?

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Would you be interested in a webinar?

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Are you willing to travel? How far?

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Are you willing to volunteer for the next seminar? Food, speakers, locations, donations, etc. if so what?

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Name and number of volunteer:

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Name and number of future speaker:

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What are some topics you would like to see at the next seminar?

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