FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, INC

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FSMA President

FROM: Christine Petsalis Giri , CMA (AAMA)

RE: AAMA National Conference – Alternate Report
September 18 – 21, 2015, Portland, Oregon

DATE: October 16, 2015

This Delegate/Alternate attended the HOD orientation session. Orientation was held to review the rules of the House of Delegates (HOD). Handouts were distributed on parliamentary procedure and discussed.

Speaker of the House - Lisa Lee,CMA (AAMA)
Parliamentarian - Bonnie Bruntz, CMA (AAMA)
Credentials - Mary Dyer, CMA (AAMA)

2015 House of Delegate Highlights

- Allowed 6 states to enter who missed the deadline: NY, NH, NV, OK, SC, HI
- Eulogy for members who recently passed

- Mr. Balasa gave a presentation entitled " Combating FASDs. A New Challenge for the AAMA". As part of a coordinated national effort to prevent fetal alcohol spectrum disorders(FASDs), the AAMA and the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) of the University of Nevada-Reno will work collaboratively to prepare medical assistants to reduce alcohol-exposed pregnancies and intervene with the patients who engage in risky or hazardous alcohol use. The AAMA and CASAT partnership is supported by grant funding from the CDC. The AAMA is honored that these organizations recognized the AAMA as the leading organization for the medical assisting profession and asked us to work with them on this effort.

- Nominations for Nominating Committee (4 spots)
- Meet the Candidates session

The following members were elected as officers and trustees.

President- Paula Purdy, CMA(AAMA)
Vice President- Julie Flaatten, CMA(AAMA), RN, EMT
Secretary-Treasurer- Freda Miller, CMA(AAMA)

Trustees-
1. Mary Gambrell, CMA(AAMA)-2 year term
2. Patricia Licurs, CMA(AAMA)- 2 year term
3. Virginia Thomas, CMA(AAMA)- 2 year term
4. Karen Minchella, CMA(AAMA), PhD- 1 year term

Nominating Committee-
Sherry Boagar, CMA(AAMA) - Texas
Betty Jones, North Carolina
Karen Nichols-Skoff, CMA(AAMA) -Virginia
Twana Triplett, CMA(AAMA) -South Carolina

- ***Bylaws***- The Bylaws and Resolution Committee presented the following proposed amendment:

- A. Officers and Trustees shall be elected by ballot and a majority vote of the total voting power of the HOD shall immediately elect...

- D. If a position is not filled after two ballots, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the second ballot will not be included on the third and any subsequent ballots. For all subsequent ballots, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the previous ballot will not be included on the next ballot and any subsequent ballots.

The House voted to refer the proposed amendment back to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee for clarification.

- ***Resolutions***- The New York State Society of Medical Assistants introduced a resolution on reducing youth exposure to tobacco marketing stores. The House voted to refer the resolution back to the New York Society for clarification.

Key Note Speaker: Erin Fraher, PhD, MPP
Presented overview on
- Health system reform
- How education, practice regulation, and payment need to change to support workforce transformation
- Health professionals taking on new roles new models of care
- Workforce is shifting from acute to community and home-based settings
- Redesign curriculum to prepare CMAs for new roles
- Why MAs are critical to health system transformation

Excel Awards

The Golden Apple was awarded to Virginia Chambers, CMA (AAMA)

Publishing -

Excel Award : Michigan (D) and Nebraska (C)

Achievements: Ohio (D) and Connecticut (C)

Website Development -

Excel Award - South Dakota (A), Massachusetts (C), North Carolina (D)

Achievements - Florida (D), Michigan (D), Ohio (D)

Marketing - South Dakota (A), Connecticut (C), North Carolina (D)

Greatest percentage increase of member CMAs

North Dakota (A), Arizona (B),New Hampshire (C), Washington (D)

Student Award F.A. Davis - Brittany Gumbert - Fort Wayne, Indiana