Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

November 7, 2015

To: Kathryn J. Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA)
FSMA President
Executive Council Members
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representatives
Physician Liaison

Re: AAMA National Conference & House of Delegates Report

From: Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA) Delegate

First, let me say thank you for electing me to be a delegate representing The Florida Society of Medical Assistants at the 2015 AAMA Annual Conference and House of Delegates in Portland, Oregon.

This conference was one of the best I *have ever attended. There were so many opportunities for earning CEUs.*
The Florida group of attendees was the best. All working together to discuss the issues important to our Society.

The social events were a great opportunity to socialize with other chapter's members. We all attended the Awards Celebration and the President's Luncheon.

We began our first day 10/18/2015, Friday by attending the BOT(Board of Trustees) meeting of AAMA. We were there from 8:30 AM too!1 2: 00 PM.
The Board was very responsive to questions from the gallery. It made us feel as a part of the meeting.

The education opportunities were exceptional. Just to share a few with you:

What you should know about Medical Marijuana?
This is a major issue in Florida this year. Very informative presentation. Many pros and cons we know that in Oregon and Washington State that all marijuana is legal in both states as well as Colorado.

ICD-10-FINALLY. This is a tough subject to present but it was done so well we walked out thinking "this is not as bad as we thought. Of course it will take time to get used to it and especially to the doctors and Medical Assistants.

Ethical issues in Modern Dying.
This is a subject that is so pertinent for all of us to think about. Much discussion ensued.

An update on Parkinson Disease
Quite enlightening how this disease affects the entire body. A lot of food for thought.

Lessons from the Medical Examiner's office. This subject was amazing to me. Today there are so many TV shows that are showcasing this aspect of the Medical field. Many of the shows may not be factual but give us some information as to how important this subject is.

There were so many more and I think we left our mark on many of them. I was able to accumulate 18 ceus.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2015
59TH House of Delegates.

FIRST SESSION:

When all formalities were completed it was time to attend to the business of the House
All reports from the Board of trustees were approved.
All Committee Reports were approved
All Boards and Committees reports were presented
By laws amendments and Resolutions were proposed
Reports from nominating committee report
And the floor was open to additional nominations.

We adjourned from the first session and then spent time interviewing all the candidates for office. It was a great way to get to know all of them. It was very important so that we could make decisions on who would best serve us for the coming year.
We called a caucus to discuss our thoughts and ideas and finally came to a decision as to who we would stand behind.
We broke to attend the Publisher's show and get a bite to eat.

At 1:30 PM we reconvened to hear the reference committee's reports. On the bylaws and resolution that was submitted. The bylaw amendment and the resolution were both recommended to go back and be clarified and presented at next year's house.

Voting took place electronically right in the house. It was amazing how fast we had the proper results.

At the second session of the house our business was conducted and before we knew it the House was adjourned.

We have a wonderful slate of officers for the coming year and a special thank you to Lisa Lee for a great job of running the house.
The house was adjourned at 7: 30 PM.