FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

April 29, 2016

RE: Annual General Assembly Report

TO: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
Speaker of the General Assembly

Marilyn Gable Redfield, CMA (AAMA)
Vice Speaker of the General Assembly

This officer has seen to the duties of this office responding to communications, both written and correspondence, phone calls and conference calls as well as e-mails.

Following the April 24, 2015 General Assembly an e-mail vote was sent to the Executive Council requesting the proposal from Marsha Benedict, MSA, CMA-A (AAMA) CPC, Meeting Coordinator Chair. The Recommendation for the Holiday-Inn, Lakewood Ranch, Sarasota, FL for November 5, 2016 Fall Conference at a negotiated rate of $107.00 for a single/double room; guarantee of 15 rooms. The vote was carried. Results communicated to FSMA Executive Council and Chair Benedict.

With the consensus of the Executive Council at the Post General Assembly it was agreed to submit a 2015 Excel Awards entry form for the Excellence in Website Development. This was accomplished with the assistance of our webmaster Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA). The FSMA and Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA) Web Chair received a Certificate of Achievement for website development at AAMA 59th Annual Conference. Congratulations! And Certificate were proudly announced at the Fall Meeting November 7, 2015.

Following the annual meeting the newly elected FSMA 2015-2016 Officers were provided timely to the AAMA National Office. Also, the newly elected Delegates and Alternates for the AAMA Annual meeting for 2015 in Portland, Oregon.

The AAMA sent communication to the FSMA for verification of the State and Chapter Dues Verification for 2016. An e-mail vote was sent to the Executive Council for their consideration and input. Following the stated deadline it was found to be unanimous to keep the dues the same. STATE-Active/Associate, Affiliate $10.00/Student-$5.00/Sustaining-$5.00. CHAPTER-Active/Associate, Affiliate $5.00/Student $1.00/Sustaining -$0.00. This information was communicated to AAMA national office in a timely manner.

This officer on September 8, 2015 arranged an Executive officers conference call regarding the HR Bill 4007. An e-mail was sent to the FSMA Executive Board Members asking for their involvement, stating phone number to call, with date and time. Joining us in this call Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, CEO offering Legal advice. A roll call was taken and minutes by Vice President Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA). Following a lively discussion two motions were made and carried. Results of the Task Force and the Ad Hoc Committee to be reported at November 7, 2015 Fall FSMA Executive Board meeting.

This officer was a Delegate to the AAMA annual conference 2015, a report was made and presented to the FSMA Executive Council meeting, with appreciation this officer extends to the members sincere gratitude for the privilege to represent FSMA. During the 59th AAMA annual conference in Portland, Oregon where FSMA Delegates/Alternates, and attending FSMA members who were present met face to face with Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, CEO and Legal Counsel for AAMA. Those present exchanged information and were given opportunity to ask questions.

This officer officiated the FSMA Fall Executive Board meeting at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Fort Pierce, Florida Saturday, November 7, 2015. The meeting addressed the normal business and then the reports regarding the Legislative proposed changes. It would take effect on July 1, 2016.Detailed information will be reported in the General Assembly.

President and Vice President received notification from AAMA Lisa D. Lee, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the House, along with Debby Huston, CMA (AAMA) Vice Speaker of the House the announcement of FSMA eligibility for 5 Delegates to represent in the 2016 AAMA House of Delegates at the 60th Annual Conference in Reston, Virginia, September 16-19, 2016. An e-mail request was jointly made asking for consideration of the 5 Delegates with 2 Alternates in order to increase the financial support. The response was favorable. Vice President Wiegelmann will reflect this on the official nominating ballot.

This officer expresses sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Florida Society of Medical Assistants this past 2015-2016. The commitment from the Executive Officers, Committee Chairs and committee members, Chapter Representatives and members who have worked above and beyond makes this society shine in the State of Florida for medical assistants. Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA) Vice President for her endless support and words of wisdom thank you sincerely. To Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA), Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA), Marsha Benedict, CMA-C (AAMA), Betty Springer, CMA-A (AAMA), Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA), Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA), Tammy Bruno, CMA (AAMA) who have given their time and wisdom a hearty thank you and sincere appreciation.

Kathryn J. Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA)
President (2015-2016)