Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

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To: Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the General Assembly
Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA) Vice Speaker of the General Assembly

From: Debra Hancock, Mid Gulf Coast Chapter of Certified Medical Assistants

Our Chapter has been meeting on a regular basis mostly every other month. We have also been having regular officer meetings to discuss upcoming events, dates and times. We continue to provide outstanding speakers and CEU's for our members at no charge.

We have been successful in searching out many different types of speakers from insurance to office safety. Our meetings prove to be enlightening to our members as well as provide them with their much needed CEU's.

Our chapter is now 5 years in existence and it has been very gratifying to see members become involved and participate and spread the word about our chapter. Understanding the needs and advantages of attending meetings and attaining much needed CEU's and networking with other CMA's has been the goal of our chapter.

Our meetings begin with discussion about ideas for any upcoming meetings and making contacts with employers that may have job openings as well. Our agenda is prepared in advance, items to be discuss and expressed. Speakers and Topics are mentioned in our networking page, as well as Facebook. Advertising is done with our Marketing Officer. Our Marketing Officer does an excellent job at posting our meetings and sending emails out to our chapter members reminding them of those meetings as well as asking for suggestions for upcoming meetings.

Our goal for this coming year has always been to obtain as many CEU's as possible. We have been fortunate in obtaining a diversity of different speakers who are generous with their time and expertise.

Although, we have lacked a Secretary, our Vice-President has been generous with her time to assist in submitting requests for the CEU's to the AAMA in Chicago. We are

hoping to get more participation this upcoming year with the new CMA's that have joined our chapter.

The following is a tentative schedule of events for our chapter for the 2017 year:

Tuesday, March 28th evening meeting at Meridian College:
Speakers will be from the Dental Department at the college as well as the Ultra Sound Department

Tuesday, April 25th evening meeting at Meridian College
Medical Jeopardy Game
Homeopathic speaker on diagnosing the body through the Tongue

Tuesday, May 23rd evening meeting at Meridian College
Medical Jeopardy Game
Radiation Oncologist speaker (tentative)
Election of officers for upcoming year.

Current Chapter Officers:

Debra Hancock, CMA AAMA- President
Jennifer Shepherd, CMA AAMA- Vice President
Cheryl Wagner, CMA AAMA-Treasurer
Ann Rousseau Morris, CMA AAMA- Marketing Officer