FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

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To: Marsha Benedict, CMA-A, (AAMA)
FSMA President

From: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
Delegates Report

This Delegate attended the Delegate/Alternate orientation on Saturday September 14, 2019. During this session the delegates/alternates were given the a-b-c's of Parliamentary Procedures.

It was discussed to dress appropriately and keep your phones turned off.

During this session voting members were taught and practiced the electronic voting to be used during the House of Delegates, September 15, 2019.

This Delegate was part of the AAMA Leadership Committee and was part of the State Leadership Meeting. It was an honor and privilege to serve on this AAMA Committee. This year this Delegate will be serving on the Marketing Team for AAMA.

This Delegate was on the Reference Committee on proposed Bylaw changes from the AAMA Board of Trustees.

This Delegate attended the House of Delegates on September 15, 2019. The morning session was to take care of business and meet the Candidates running for Office or Trustee positions.

Members were nominated for the nominating committee:
Kellie Humma, CMA (AAMA) PA, Dawn Alter, CMA (AAMA) TN, Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) OR, Natasha Geno, CMA (AAMA) OH, Stephanie Dotson, CMA (AAMA) SC, Dawn Jordan, CMA (AAMA) MA, and Jean Seely, CMA (AAMA) IN.

The four voted by the Delegates were Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) OR, Jean Seely, CMA (AAMA) IN, Stephanie Dotson, CMA (AAMA) SC and Natasha Geno, CMA (AAMA) OH.

Vice President:
Patricia Licurs, CMA AAMA SC
Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA) PhD MI

Secretary Treasure: Virginia Thomas, CMA AAMA) VA

Trustee:
Franky Favata, CMA (AAMA) NH
Shelly Gingrich, CMA (AAMA) WA
Rebecca Surratt, CMA (AAMA) NC

After the candidates were finished Don Balasa, JD,MBA and the Certifying Board made a presentation regarding the Details and Criteria for the CMA (AAMA) Certification Examination Eligibility Pilot Program.

The Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) has approved the launch of a three-year pilot program, which opens a new education pathway for medical assistants to become eligible to sit for the CMA (AAMA) Certification Exam. In order to be eligible for this pathway to CMA (AAMA) certification, candidates must have graduated from a post-secondary medical assisting program and has to meet the criteria set forth by the Certifying Board and must pass the CMA (AAMA) examination. The entire guidelines are on the AAMA Website.

After the morning session was over the Reference Committees meet on Reports and Proposed bylaws.

There was no discussion on reports from the Officers, Trustees, Committee Reports, Strategy Teams or Legal Council. Editorial errors will be corrected.

Proposed Bylaw changes:

ARTICLE IX- NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS

PROPOSED WORDING:

A. There shall be a nominating Committee of five members elected as follows:
    1. Four members shall be elected by the House of Delegates following nomination from the floor, with a plurality vote electing. **Each member must be serving as a current delegate or alternate delegate and be present in the House of Delegates:**

The Reference Committee on Bylaws has moved that Amendment 19-01 not be adopted after discussion during the reference hearings.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT 19-02

ARTICLE IX- NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS

PROPOSED WORDING:

C. In order to be considered by the Nominating Committee, nominations shall be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee postmarked no later than **May 1.**

The Reference Committee on Bylaws moves that 19-02 be adopted.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT 19-03

ARTICLE IX NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS

PROPOSED WORDING:

F. 2. Documentation of the qualifications of the nominee and written consent to serve have been submitted to the Speaker of the House **30 calendar days prior to the last business day before the opening of the House of Delegates.**

The Reference Committee on Bylaws moves that 19-03 be adopted.

After the Reference Committee Hearings, a lengthy discussion was held on the new pilot program that was passed. Members were either passionate for this opportunity or totally against it. If it does not work out the pilot program will end after 3 years. This information can be found on the AAMA Website.

During the second session of the House voting was done and the new officers are:

Vice President:	Patricia Licurs, CMA (AAMA) SC
Secretary/Treasurer:	Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA) VA
Trustees:	Shelly Gringrich, CMA (AAMA) WA
	Rebecca Surratt, CMA (AAMA) NC
	Franky Favata, CMA (AAMA) NH

Good and farewell statements were heard by many members.

This member appreciates the vote of confidence that was place upon this delegate to act in the best interest of FSMA.