

# FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

## 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

April 26th, 2013  
Minutes

Presiding	Judith Seymour, CMA-A (AAMA) FSMA President
Presentation of Colors	Cocoa Beach High School, ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance	Cocoa Beach High School, ROTC
National Anthem	Cocoa Beach High School, ROTC
Invocation	Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA)
Welcome	Judith Seymour, CMA (AAMA) FSMA President Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) FSMA President-Elect Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) FSMA Meeting Coordinator

The General Assembly was called to order by Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA) FSMA Speaker of the General Assembly at 7:30 pm on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Marriott Courtyard, Cocoa Beach, FL.

Phones and pages were asked to be turned off. Breaks will be taken as needed.

Introduction of Head Table was made by Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA), FSMA Speaker of the General Assembly. The following officers were introduced: Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA), FSMA Immediate Past president and Meeting Coordinator, Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA), FSMA Vice President and Credential's Chair, Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA), FSMA President Elect, Judith Seymour CMA (AAMA), FSMA President, Julie Flaatten, CMA (AAMA) RN BNT, AAMA Representative, Mary Morris CMA (AAMA), FSMA Secretary, Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA), FSMA Treasurer and Joyce Baldwin, CMA (AAMA), FSMA Vice Speaker of the General Assembly, were introduced.

Introduction of Past Presidents and Physician Liaison:

Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA), FSMA Speaker of the General Assembly introduced the Past Presidents and Physician Liaison. The following Past-Presidents were present and introduced: Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA), Kathryn Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA), Bonnie Chrimes, CMA (AAMA), Deniece Jozefiak, (CMA (AAMA), Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA), Mary Keho, CMA (AAMA), Adie De La Guardia-Piz, CMA (AAMA), Christine Petsalis, CMA (AAMA), Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA), Theresa Errante-Parrino, CMA (AAMA) and Physician Liaison Joel Martin, M.D.

General Assembly Appointments:

Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA), FSMA Speaker of the General Assembly announced the General Assembly appointments:

Reference Committee: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) Chair, Members: Mary Keho, CMA (AAMA), Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA) and Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA).

Pager and Tellers for the General Assembly: Jill Lamplough, Lorraine Cercilli Suze and Anna Romulus.

Hand Count Teller for the General Assembly: George La Barca and Manny Castejon.

Time Keeper: Maria Wiegelmann CMA (AAMA).

Sergeant at Arms: Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA).

Minutes Chair: Adie De La Guardia-Piz, CMA, (AAMA) Sandy Lonqvist, CMA (AAMA) Minutes Committee Co-Chair.

Parliamentarian for the General Assembly: Julie Flaatten, RN, BNT AAMA Representative.

Report of Credential Chair:

Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA) Credentials Chair read the names of the voting members present. The voting power for the General Assembly is 20, 2/3 is 13 and the majority vote is 11. A Quorum was present.

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) President Elect entertained the motion to accept the agenda as printed. Motion was seconded by Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA). No discussion, motion was carried.

The Chair entertained a motion to accept the program as printed. A motion was made by Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA) to accept the program as printed. Motion was seconded by Kathryn Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA). No discussion, motion was carried.

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) President-Elect introduced Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) FSMA Meeting Coordinator.

Orientation of Voting Members and Adoption of Convention Rules:

Joyce Baldwin, CMA (AAMA) FSMA Vice-Speaker of the General Assembly held the orientation of the voting members of the General Assembly. The General Assembly rules were read. Speaker of the General Assembly entertained a motion to adopt the rules as read. A motion was made by Mary Lou Allison, CMA (AAMA) to adopt the General Assembly rules as read, seconded by Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA). No discussion, motion was carried.

Speaker of the General Assembly announced the Tellers. Head Teller: Theresa Errante-Parrino, CMA (AAMA) Tellers: All students from Indian River State College: were presented as Tellers.

Nominating Committee Report: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) FSMA President-Elect presented the proposed ballot for the 2013-2014 FSMA officers. The following nominations were presented:

1. Vacant President-Elect
2. Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA) Vice-President
3. Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA) Secretary
4. Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA) Treasurer
5. Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the General Assembly

6. Vacant Vice Speaker of the General Assembly.

The following names were presented as proposed Delegates/Alternates for AAMA.

1. Adie De La Guardia-Piz, CMA (AAMA)
2. Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA)
3. Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
4. Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA)
5. Judy Seymour, CMA (AAMA)

The Speaker of the General Assembly opened the nominations from the floor for the following offices. Nominations from the floor for the office of President-Elect. Betty Springer, CMA (AAMA) nominated Bonnie Chrimes, CMA (AAMA)

Nominations from the floor for the office of Vice-President-no nominations- closed.

Nominations from the floor for office of Secretary-no nominations-closed.

Nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer-no nominations-closed.

Nominations from the floor for the office of Speaker of the General Assembly-no nomination-closed.

Nominations from the floor for the office of Vice-Speaker of the General Assembly- Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) nominated Ofelia Sunde, CMA (AAMA).

Speaker of the General Assembly opened the nominations from the floor for Delegates/Alternates to AAMA.

1. Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA) Maria Wiegelmann CMA (AAMA)
2. Mary Morris, CMA-AAMA nominated Christine Petsalis, CMA (AAMA)
3. Ofelia Sunde, CMA (AAMA) nominated Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA)
4. Betty Springer, CMA (AAMA) nominated Bonnie Chrimes, CMA (AAMA)

Nominations from the Floor were closed by Pat Allen, CMA (AAMA) FSMA Speaker of the General Assembly.

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) FSMA Nominating Chair presented the candidates to the General Assembly.

Speeches were given by all candidates.

Patricia Allen introduced Julie Flatten, CMA (AAMA), AAMA Representative who spoke about the changes that are coming this year for the delegates and alternates to the AAMA National Conference. The changes are as follows: All Delegates and Alternates must present their AAMA membership card and a picture ID to the credential desk when checking in. All Delegates and Alternates must read the Guide for Delegates. The voting will be electronically executed. Orientation of Delegates and Alternates is now mandatory. All elected Delegates and Alternates must be submitted to AAMA by June 1, 2013.

Reference Committee Reports:

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) Reference Committee Chair presented the report of the Reference committee. The reference committee met at 5:50 pm. Twenty-seven members plus student were present. The reference committee recommended that all reports be accepted as printed.

Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) requested a point of clarification: The registration chair report was not included in the General Assembly's Packet. Judy Seymour, CMA (AAMA) made the recommendation that the report should be presented at the post-convention meeting to be added to the packet. Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) stated the recommendation is on the agenda for the post-convention meeting.

Head Teller returned and asked for a re-vote as there were several ties for Delegate/Alternate to AAMA. A new vote was taken.

Head Teller Theresa Errante-Parrino, CMA (AAMA) and tellers returned with the results: New FSMA Officers were announced by Theresa Errante-Parrino, CMA (AAMA).

1. President - Elect: Bonnie Chrimes, CMA (AAMA)
2. Vice-President: Pat Allen, CMA, (AAMA)
3. Secretary: Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA)
4. Treasurer: Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA)
5. Speaker of the General Assembly: Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA)
6. Vice-Speaker: Ofelia Sunde, CMA (AAMA)

Delegates to AAMA:            Judith Seymour, CMA (AAMA)  
   Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA)  
   Maria Wiegelmann, CMA, (AAMA)  
   Bonnie Chrimes, CMA (AAMA)

Alternates to AAMA:        Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)  
   Christine Petsalis, CMA (AAMA)  
   Marsha Benedict, CMA (AAMA)  
   Adie De La Guardia-Piz, CMA (AAMA)

A motion was made by, Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) President-Elect to destroy the ballots, seconded by, Christine Petsalis, CMA-A (AAMA). No discussion, motion carried.

There being no further business brought before the General Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Adie De La Guardia-Piz, CMA (AAMA) Minutes Chair  
Sandy Lonqvist, CMA (AAMA) Minutes Committee Co-Chair