FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

Date: March 7, 2020

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

From: Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA), Bylaws/Policy and Procedures Chair

RE: Bylaws/Policy and Procedure Report for 67th General Assembly at Red Lion Hotel Buena Vista South May 1, 2020

At the Fall Executive meeting discussion regarding 196 Article XVII: 197 Judicial Council was discussed to have clear understanding of what the Judicial Council represents to be voted on at the 2020 General Assembly. There was concern in a Past President agreeing to serve for 3 years. More explanation is needed as to why a Judicial Council is necessary/needed.

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Proposed Wording: 196 Article XVII: 197 Judicial Council

A. The Judicial Council shall consist of three Past President of the FSMA whose membership is active.

1. Annually, with approval of the Executive Council, the President shall appoint the most immediate Past President to serve for a term of three years. This member serves as chair.
2. No member shall serve more than two terms, but a member appointed to serve an unexpired term shall not be regarded as having served a term unless serving three or more years.

B. The judicial power of FSMA shall be vested in the Judicial Council, whose decisions shall be final.

C. The Council shall have jurisdiction in all questions involving:

1. membership as provided in the Bylaws
2. controversies arising in the interpretation of these Bylaws
3. the code of Ethics of the FSMA

D. The Judicial Council shall:

1. meet or consult upon the call of the Chair; consultation by mail, phone or electronic means shall be permitted among members of the Council provided the rights of the appellant are not prejudiced.
2. submit an annual report to the General Assembly

Rationale: Incorporate a body of experienced past Presidents as a resource for the executive board in reviewing matters or controversies arising related in the interpretation among the executive board members as provided in the Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the FSMA.

The second Bylaw change to be voted on during the 67th FSMA General Assembly 2020 is Article V- Officers.

Proposed Bylaw change:

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS
SECTION 1. THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE:

A. PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND IMMED PAST PRESIDENT.

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SECTIONL 11 DUTIES OF OFFICERS5
B; DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT (CHANGETO VICE PRESIDENT)

1. TO ASSIST THE PRESIDENT OF THEIR DUTIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SHALL ASSUME DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENSE OF THE PRESIDENT. SHALL ASSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE CLOSE OF THE INSTALLATION BANQUET

PROPROSED CHANGE; MAY ASSUME THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AT THE CLOSE OF YEAR. (SPRING PRIOR TO FSMA ANNUAL MEETING)

RATIONAL: THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE PERSON IS NOT READY TO MOVE UP OR CANNOT FOR PERSONAL REASONS. THIS LEAVS IN PLACE THE PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE WITH THE DUTIES OF THE CHAPTER. ANOTHER MEMBER MAY ALSO RUN FOR THE POSITION IF THEY WISH. THIS WILL ALSO CO-INSIDE WITH FSMA

The updated Bylaws and Standing Rules are posted on the FSMA website.

This officer appreciates the opportunity to serve the Florida Society of Medical Assistants for 2019-2020.