FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

TO: Florida Executive Council
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representative

FROM: Marsha Benedict, MSA, CMA-A (AAMA), CPC
FSMA Delegate

Date: October 17, 2017

Thank you to FSMA for allowing this delegate to represent the society and serve on the AAMA reverence committee on Reports.

The 61st Annual AAMA conference began Thursday morning October 5th at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio through Monday October 9, 2017.

Many excellent educational sessions were offered for educators, clinical and administrative certified medical assistants. A first-timers and student reception was held and Board of Trustees, Endowment meeting.

A new Conference App was provided for smart phones via CrowdCompass. With this free app conference attendees were able to access scheduling changes and updates, find restaurants and stores, and download the AttendeeHub to stay in touch with friends attending the conference. Pictures were downloaded and available on the app. This new app will be used for the next few conferences.

The Continuing Education Board (CEB) in partnership with Learn Ethos, announced the release of the Assessment-Based Certificate (ABC) in Geriatrics program. To earn the ABC in Geriatrics program and demonstrate accomplishment of the intended learning outcomes candidates will have to complete the four courses (1) Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) in Geriatric Patients, (2) Stroke in Geriatric Patients, Depression in Geriatric Patients, Advance Care Planning in Geriatric Patients. will present in 2017 the Assessment Based Certificate Program on Geriatrics. This certificate program will be available to CMAs (AAMA) and offer multiple CEU's. Learn more by following the CMA Today.

The AAMA is proud to be a partner of the American Cancer Society (ACS) in the effort to reduce cancer rates across the Country. In support of the campaign the AAMA will lend voice to spread awareness regarding colorectal cancer screening. Medical Assistants are in a prime position to reduce barriers to screening through practice improvement and committed action. **This delegate would like to make a motion the FSMA join this effort with American Cancer Society (ACS) by contacting them to bring in a speaker at our annual meeting, collect library resources on the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCR) Website to support this cause.**

An evening of socializing and dessert social was enjoyed by all. Many states won Excel Awards. Winners will be published in the Jan/Feb 2017 issue of CMA Today.

The State Leaders session was held on Saturday.
The following topics were discussed:
Using the AAMA website to greater-advantage
State Organization: bi-level vs. tri-level
House of Delegates vs. General Assembly
State Leadership survey
Leadership Retreats
State Ambassadors
Student Ambassadors
House of Delegates Orientation was held with practice using the electronic voting device; how to check into credentials and information on making a motion.

Excelsior College in New York recently acknowledged that the current CMA (AAMA) certification is now approved for (26 semester hours) toward a specific list of health science degrees offered by the school.

Florida Society of Medical Assistants were very proud to announce in the AAMA Daily Newsletter and also at the HOD Delegates a tribute to David Knight (AAMA employee who passed this year) with (3) three $100 contribution to (3) members attending FSMA annual conferences each year. The guidelines will be presented at FSMA Fall conference.

Donald Balasa JD, MBA and two non-bias health care colleagues enlightened the entire HOD with information regarding CAAHEP Sponsoring Organizations, Accreditation, Outcomes, NCCA accredited (4) Medical Assisting Exam comparison and shared dialog in process as of September 17, 2017 with CAAHEP Executive Director Kathy Megivern JD regarding **"....The (CAAHEP) Standard Committee might be willing to entertain changes in the future, but those changes would have to be based on truly independent psychometric evidence, not just as to whether exams cover the content of the prescribed curriculum, but whether exams address the major elements of what an entry-level medical assistant needs to know and be able to do....".**

The HOD elected the following officers and trustees:

President -Lisa Lee CMA (AAMA)
Vice President- Susan Hawes, CMA (AAMA), MBA, RHIT, FACMPE
Secretary-Treasurer Patty Licurs CMA (AAMA)
Trustees:
Frank Favata III, BS, CMA (AAMA)
Mary Gambrell, CMA (AAMA)
Virgina Thomas, CMA (AAMA)

Nominating Committee:
Julie Flaaten, CMA (AAMA) RN, EMT Chair
Sherry Bogor, CMA (AAMA)
Cheryl Boucher, CMA(AAMA), CPC
Betty Jones
Jane Roberts, CMA (AAMA)

Bylaws Amendment was adopted:

Article VI: Membership, Section 2, Qualifications

F. Student - A student member

1. Shall be enrolled in a medical assisting program.
2. May choose a two-year student membership term or a one-year student membership term.

a. After a two-year student membership term, the member is then eligible only for either associate membership or active membership (if the member is eligible for the active membership requirements).

b. After a one-year membership term, the member is eligible for a second year of student membership as long as the member renews during the member's one-year student membership term. After the second-year of student membership, the member is then eligible only for either associate membership or active membership (if the member meets the active membership requirements).

c. No member is eligible for more than a total of two consecutive years of student membership.

No resolutions were presented.

Minutes from the HOD will be posted to AAMA website for all members to read.

The 62nd AAMA Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah September 14-17, 2018. Plan for September 13-16, 2019, North Carolina at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Season's