FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

Date: October 15, 2017

To: Executive Council Members
Physician Liaison

From: Judith M. Seymour, CMA (AAMA)
FSMA President

This officer has been available and has corresponded with the Board members as necessary and in a timely manner.

2017-2018 FSMA elected Board names and contact information was submitted to AAMA in a timely manner.

Delegate and Alternate names were sent to AAMA in a timely manner, allowing FSMA elected members to be seated at the 2017 AAMA HOD.

This officer did attend a teleconference with the Delegates and Alternates from FSMA. Also present was Betty Springer, CMA (AAMA) and Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA) both working on the current Legislative Issue dealing with the Florida Scope of Practice for Medical Assistants. Any Legislative activity will most likely be on hold until next year, waiting for MAERB and additional sponsorship to be resolved as well as awaiting who the new Chair of Health Care Committee Representative will be as the new Committee will be announced in November.

This officer did receive a request from a member asking for FSMA to make a monetary donation to Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The Board voted unanimously to donate $250.00 to the Red Cross Hurricane Harvey Relief.

An email was sent to the board asking for volunteers for an Adhoc committee to organize the David Knight Memorial voted at the last Board Meeting. This officer would like to thank Debra Hancock, CMA (AAMA) who volunteered to chair and Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) who volunteered serve on this committee. This officer extends her thanks to Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) for the gentle reminder that this committee was never formed after the last board meeting.

And then came Irma. This officer received an email from Rita Michel, CMA (AAMA) Indiana State Society of Medical Assistants, Treasurer; Liz Hoffman, CMA (AAMA) Macomb Michigan Chapter of Medical Assistants; via Facebook communication from Patricia Clark, CMA (AAMA) VP Union County Chapter of Medical Assistants, North Carolina all wanting to make a

monetary donation to FSMA in the wake of Hurricane Irma to use as we see fit. A letter was drafted to each of these individuals that is attached to this report.

At the AAMA Annual Meeting, this officer was approached by Chrissy Taylor, CMA (AAMA) SCSMA with a letter attached to this report and a check made out to FSMA for $250.00. This officer felt herself in an awkward situation so the check was accepted with sincere thanks. With the permission of this assemble this officer would like to deposit this check in the FMSA bank account and make a donation to the Red Cross Irma Relief in the name of SSCMA.

This officer did attend the AAMA 61st Annual Conference held on October 6-9, 2017 in Cincinnati Ohio. Please see her Delegate Report. This officer did attend the State leaders Session held on Saturday October7, 2017. A survey was sent to members and they captured the top 10 responses to each survey question. The results to the survey are attached to my report. The New Hampshire State society has appointed 4 Ambassadors whose role is to help increase visibility of their society and its members.

Through the FSMA E-Blast this officer did receive 2 members requesting follow up on the following issues at the AAMA Annual Meeting:

1) Status of mandatory certification/licensure for the medical assistant in Florida? To my knowledge there is no project at this point at a state (FSMA) or National Level in the works. Therefore there is no status to report.
2) Needing to do something more for recognition of skills, the profession and credibility? Once again to my knowledge there is no project ongoing at the National Level but is a state by state ongoing endeavor
3) The status of all medical assistants coming together for the above accomplishment (ie RMA, CCMA, NCMA, CMA (AAMA). There is no ongoing project at the National Level
4) More CEU's available on line at no additional cost above the annual registration fee. Difficult to obtain at the chapter level. I am not sure what the question to the reference of the no additional cost refers to however, this officer was reassured that this is being looked in to.