FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, INC

TO: Judy Seymour, CMA (AAMA), CCRC
FSMA President

FROM: Christine Giri, CMA (AAMA)
2nd Alternate

RE: AAMA Annual Conference – 2nd Alternate Report
October 6 – 9, 2017, Cincinnati, Ohio "Learning on the River"

DATE: November 4, 2017

Delegates and Alternates to AAMA are elected by the membership of FSMA to represent our society at the AAMA House of Delegates. This second Alternate attended the following functions at the AAMA annual conference.

1. Training session for all Delegates and Alternates
2. All sessions of the House of Delegates
3. All reference committees
4. State Leaders Session
5. Excel Awards/Welcome Party

HOD orientation session

Orientation was held to review the rules of the House of Delegates (HOD). Handouts were distributed on parliamentary procedure and discussed. There will be no texting in the House of Delegates. Credentials will be checked for every delegate and alternate prior to each session of the house. Electronic voting was reviewed with everyone.

Speaker of the House - Debbie Houston ,CMA (AAMA)
Vice Speaker of the House – Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA), Ph.D.
Parliamentarian - Bonnie Bruntz, CMA (AAMA)
Credentials – Joyce Garabay, CMA (AAMA)

State Leaders Session

- Chapter operating reserves -

Adopt a policy as to what constitutes an appropriate reserve amount and review it

regularly. Operating reserves should not be any lower than 3 months of expenses and should not exceed the amount of two year's budget. One year's budget is most typical and is widely recommended.

- Bilevel vs Trilevel Organization

Some of the reasons to consider are geographics, shrinking chapters, volunteer overload, and compliant bylaws within chapter and state. Discussed adequate notice to be provided to all members to include email , website posting, and a survey.

HOD -Proposed Bylaws Amendment 17-01
Article VI: Membership, Section 2, Qualifications

The reference committee on Bylaws moved that **Amendment 17-01 be adopted**. Passed by the HOD - 128 votes =Yes. 21 = No

The reference committee moved that all reports of AAMA officers, Committee Chairs, CB, CEB, CEO and Legal Counsel be accepted and filed for future reference.

- Certificate Program in Geriatric Care
  This Certificate Program has been approved for **16 CEUs G/A/C**. The time allotted for completion of the program is 60 days. Cost for members is $320

  - Excelsior College in Albany, New York, has recently approved 26 semester hours for CMA (AAMA) certification toward the undergraduate and select graduate health sciences degrees offered by the school.