Florida Society of Medical Assistants

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Re: 61st Annual Conference of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)

To: Florida Executive Council, Committee Chairs, Chapter Representative

From: Barbara Kalfin-Kalish, CMA (AAMA), BS, AS
Alternate/Delegate Report

Thank you Florida Society of Medical Assistants (FSMA) for the pleasure of attending this National Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio to represent the society. A newly launched AAMA Annual Conference App was developed for attendees to access a wealth of information about the conference.

The 61st Annual AAMA Conference began open registration on Thursday, October 5 2017 with educational sessions scheduled to begin Friday, October 6, 2017 ending October 9, 2017.

On Friday, besides the educational sessions that were offered for educators, clinical and administrative certified medical assistants on Friday, The Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) held their Forum. This session, for the MAERB members, to discuss new and continuing accreditation projects, initiatives, and issues with the Program Directors of CAAHEP accredited programs. There were many questions regarding the issues of medical assisting exams accredited by the NCCA. This alternate attended the session.

Saturday morning, the House of Delegates (HOD) had a Delegate/Alternate Orientation. All alternates and delegates were oriented in the electronic voting using clickers. All questions and concerns were answered. Workshops continued throughout the day. Friday evening, a Welcome and Awards Celebration was held for the various categories, winners earning the 2017 Excel Awards.

Sunday morning, the HOD convened with the Honor Guard and Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made during the first session to accept the Agenda, and seconded by Iowa delegate. Motion was moved and seconded by all.

Report for Credentials Committee was delayed and it was decided to move on with Chief Executive Officer, Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA, who made a presentation regarding the issues and the AAMA study on subject-matter experts regarding the content of the five tests. . Also, two of the subject-matter experts were there to present their findings. The AAMA BOT has undertaken a preliminary study to gather evidence about how well the content outlines/test blueprints of the five (5) medical assisting examinations accredited by NCCA cover the content of the MAERB Core Curriculum of the 2015 Standards and Guidelines of CAAHEP. There is a “rough” consensus that the content outlines of two (2) of the five (5) NCCA- accredited medical assisting exams have significant deficiencies in regard to

coverage of the MAERB Core Curriculum. It was asked that we have patience while awaiting for a response from CAAHEP to two questions that Mr. Balasa has presented regarding the findings of the preliminary study

The Nominating Committee gave a report of the list of declared candidates running for office. There was a meeting of the candidates. There was a break to attend the Publisher's Showcase and a return at 1:30 p.m. for Reports.

The Reference Committee met and moved that the reports of the following AAMA Officers be accepted and filed for future reference: BOT, AAMA Trustees, AAMA Chief Executive Officer and Legal Counsel, Ad Hoc, Health Information Technology, Awards, Bylaws and Resolutions, Addendum Bylaws and Resolution, Constituent Societies Liason, Editorial Advisory, HOD Minutes, Nominating, Public Affairs Advocacy, Research and Development, Strategic Issues Planning. Strategy Teams, Task Forces, Certifying Board, Certifying Board Addendum, Continuing Education Board, Continuing Education Board Addendum, Judicial Council. Representatives Bureau.

The Bylaw Committee passed the Proposed Bylaws Amendment 17-01, Article VI: Membership, Section 2, Qualifications.

The Nominating Committee called for nominations from the floor. A caucus was held with the Florida Delegation discussing the candidates for final decisions.

The HOD reconvened at 6:30 p.m. The candidates selected were named. There was no New Business discussed. Good & Welfare—none. The AAMA 62nd Annual Conference will be held next year 9/14-9/18 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The assembly recited the Medical Assisting Creed, and the HOD was adjourned at 8 p.m.