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To: Marsha Benedict, CMA-A, (AAMA), FSMA President
Executive Board
Chapter Representatives
Committee Chairs
Physician Liaison

From: Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA)
Delegate to AAMA National Conference 2018

Re: Delegate Report

This delegate had the extreme pleasure of attending the 62nd Annual AAMA Conference September 14-17, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. As usual, the national conference offered possibilities to earn many CEUS and to network and socialize with CMA'S from other states. 668 were registered for this conference.

This delegate was able to attend the Welcome and Awards celebration Friday evening after a day full of travel. Awards given out included: Publishing, Website Development, Marketing, Promotion, and Recruitment, Community Service, Membership Retention, Membership Recruitment, Student Membership Recruitment, Greatest Percentage increase of member CMAs (AAMA), and the FA Davis Student Award. Awards of Distinction included the Golden Apple Award, Leadership and Mentoring, and Medical Assistant of the Year.

This was the second year that the conference offered a free app through CrowdCompass. The app offered access to speaker and session information, schedules, and maps. Scheduling changes and session updates could be obtained thru the app as well with notifications sent to your phone. You could also take photos and post them to the site as well. It was nice to have the app to go to as a quick reference without having to shuffle through papers to find what you were looking for.

Recruit 5 is still ongoing. The AAMA wants to reward you for supporting the profession and helping the membership grow. Recruit 5 new AAMA members, and have your next annual dues payment covered. Contact AAMA for more information.

CMA (AAMA) recertification policy change to take effect January 1, 2020 – To better ensure current competence and knowledge, the certifying board of AAMA has made the

following change in policy regarding the time limit for recertifying the CMA (AAMA) credential by continuing education: Effective 1/1/2020, an individual whose credential has been expired for more than 3 months forfeits the right to reactivate the credential by continuing education and must sit for the CMA (AAMA) Certification/Recertification Exam. Three attempts are allowed to sit for and pass the exam. If the candidate does not pass the exam on the third attempt, the candidate is no longer eligible for the exam or to recertify the CMA (AAMA) credential. Payment of a $50.00 reactivation fee plus the current exam fee is required.

The HOD delegate/alternate orientation took place Saturday morning. This session is a requirement for all Florida delegation. The ABC's of Parliamentary Procedure is handed out at this session as reminder of how to conduct oneself in the House. Voting continues to be handled electronically and has been so for 5 years now. Each year a demonstration is given and practiced to make sure all delegation understands the electronic voting process. This is obviously most helpful for first time delegates and alternates as well as a good reminder for those who have voted before. For credential check in, the delegates and alternates are required to have their AAMA membership card. This mandate went into effect five years ago as well.

The AAMA HOD had a long day filled with vital business. The HOD elected the following officers and trustees:

Vice President – Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA) CPC
Speaker of the House – Deborah Novak, CMA (AAMA)
Vice Speaker of the House – Monica Case, CMA (AAMA)
Trustee – Tandra Bauman, CMA (AAMA), RMA
Trustee – Sherry Bogar, CMA (AAMA)
Trustee – Claire Houghton, (AAMA)
Trustee – Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA)

Nominating Committee:
Bryna Adani, CMA (AAMA)
Natasha Geno, CMA (AAMA)
Shelley Gingrich, CMA (AAMA)
Kathleen Puckett, CMA (AAMA)

No bylaws amendment or resolutions were adopted or approved by the House.

Education topics of interest for this delegate on Saturday were: If Your Feet Hurt, You Hurt All Over; A Review of MACRA's Quality Payment Program – MIPS Quality Measures; SART – Sexual Assault Response Team; Active Shooter Response Preparedness and Eating Disorders. An ample amount of clinical, general, and administrative topics were offered during the conference.

The next AAMA National Conference will be held September 13-16, 2019 at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 2020, get

ready for the conference to be held September 11-14 at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

It was an honor for this delegate to represent the state of Florida.