FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

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President Pro Tem Fall 2018 Report; Marsha Benedict MSA, CMA-A(AAMA)

At the time of the President's resignation the Executive Board of FSMA vote July, 2018, to elect to make this officer President Pro Tem after the President resigned. It has been a great pleasure to serve FSMA in this position. The Goal of this officer has been: **United WE build a Better Future.**

At the same time Maria Wiegelmann C MA (AAMA) agreed to take over Education and Registration Chair. Thank you Maria.

Prior to this President Pro Tem taking office, an adhoc committee "United to Begin" was approved by the executive officers. Letters were mailed to all officers, committees and chapters with guidelines to contact, schools,, employers and other credentialed Medical Assistants. A list of all contacts is being kept, along with all information sent by Constant Contact to keep statistics whether the approach was positive in reaching non AAMA credentialed Medical Assistants. (additional report is posted by the chair of this committee; "United to Begin".)

As part of the Adhoc Committee initiative the Executive Board was surveyed and voted positive to offer a $10 conference discount on their registration to any member inviting a new attendee credentialed medical assistant to the Fall Conference. This was offered in hopes that they will join the Society and become an active members. If this offer is positive, consideration will be to continue the discount.

Many hours were spent calling, emailing and mailing letters to schools, employers employees and organizations sharing information about FSMA conferences, chapters, and inviting all credentialed medical assistants to **Unite and Build a Better Future.**

Communication/Marketing and, Membership/Certification Chairs surveyed three area (Naples, Panhandle and Dade area) to ascertain if additional chapters were needed in those areas. There was a positive response but, at this time, the chapters that serve those areas will try to meet with the members in those areas and offer to help with a seminar in their area. If interest is shown, at a later date, consideration of an additional chapter can be investigated.

Osprey Medical Consulting owner, Mark Nicole, requested FSMA post job openings for Health Care Management Case Managers. He has been employing AAMA Certified Medical Assistants in Florida. This officer contacted AAMA counsel for insight and decided deny posting on the FSMA website at this time until more information is gathered with regard to the scope of practice of this position, The credentialed MA is seeing a real change in job opportunities and we may find our scope will change as health care changes. Mr. Nicole may be a registrant at FSMA Fall conference and we will find out more about his endeavor.

Executive board was surveyed for consensus on FSMA request for AAMA Representative to attend FSMA annual 2019 meeting in Orlando. Forms were emailed to AAMA with the following request: Patti Licur, CMA (AAMA), Monica Case, CMA(AAMA) and Deb Novak, CMA (AAMA).

Changes to the AAMA bylaws was shared with Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Chair to change FSMA bylaws.

This officer requested that bylaws chair bring to the Fall Conference a motion to add an additional bylaw under Judicial Review, so that the executive board could discuss adding the bylaw addition.

All requests from the FSMA website were answered in a timely manner. Two requests to post job opening on our website were denied after a vote by the executive board. One request regarding scope of practice and several others about conferences, chapters and recertification were answered with the help of the Vice President.

Thank you to FSMA Executive Board for voting to donate $500 to the Red Cross to help those who have suffered from Hurricane Matthew.

This officer would like to thank FSMA for allowing this officer to serve as a Delegate to AAMA House of Delegates. A separate report is posted.