



# FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

Date: April 5, 2020

**From: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)  
FSMA Speaker of the General Assembly 2019-2020**

**RE: Results of election of FSMA Officers for 2020-2021/AAMA  
Delegates/Alternates for AAMA National Conference/Bylaw Proposed Changes.**

Electronic voting took place from 3/23/2020 -3/30/2020

There were:  
607 eligible voters  
225 opened up the E-Blast to vote  
34 members voted

## **FSMA OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021**

PRESIDENT: Marsha Benedict, CMA-A, (AAMA)  
VICE PRESIDENT: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)  
SECRETARY: Debra Morales, CMA (AAMA)  
TREASURER: Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA)  
SPEAKER OF THE GA: Judy Seymour, CMA (AAMA)  
VICE SPEAKER OF THE GA: Linda Vizthum, CMA (AAMA)

## **DELEGATES TO AAMA**

1. Judy Seymour, CMA (AAMA)
2. Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
3. Debra Morales, CMA (AAMA)
4. Marsha Benedict, CMA -A (AAMA)

## **ALTERNATES**

1. Linda Vizthum, CMA, (AAMA)
2. Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C, (AAMA)

## **Proposed Wording: 196 Article XVII: 197 Judicial Council**

- A. The Judicial Council shall consist of three Past President of the FSMA whose membership is active.
1. Annually, with approval of the Executive Council, the President shall appoint the most immediate Past President to serve for a term of three years. This member serves as chair.
  2. No member shall serve more than two terms, but a member appointed to serve an unexpired term shall not be regarded as having served a term unless serving three or more years.
- B. The judicial power of FSMA shall be vested in the Judicial Council, whose decisions shall be final.
- C. The Council shall have jurisdiction in all questions involving:
1. membership as provided in the Bylaws
  2. controversies arising in the interpretation of these Bylaws
  3. the code of Ethics of the FSMA
- D. The Judicial Council shall:
1. meet or consult upon the call of the Chair; consultation by mail, phone or electronic means shall be permitted among members of the Council provided the rights of the appellant are not prejudiced.
  2. submit an annual report to the General Assembly.

**Rationale:** Incorporate a body of experienced past Presidents as a resource for the executive board in reviewing matters or controversies arising related in the interpretation among the executive board members as provided in the Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the FSMA.

### **THIS PROPOSED BYLAW WAS ADOPTED**

The second Bylaw change to be voted on during the 67<sup>th</sup> FSMA General Assembly 2020 is Article V- Officers.

Proposed Bylaw change:

#### **ARTICLE V-OFFICERS**

##### **SECTION 1. THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE:**

- A. PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.

PROPOSED CHANGE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO VICE PRESIDENT  
RATIONALE TO BE IN BALANCE WITH FSMA

#### **SECTION 11 DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

##### **B; DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT (CHANGE TO VICE PRESIDENT)**

1. TO ASSIST THE PRESIDENT OF THEIR DUTIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SHALL ASSUME DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT. SHALL ASSUME THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE CLOSE OF THE INSTALLATION BANQUET

PROPOSED CHANGE; MAY ASSUME THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AT THE CLOSE OF YEAR.

RATIONAL: THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE PERSON IS NOT READY TO MOVE UP OR CANNOT FOR PERSONAL REASONS. THIS LEAVS IN PLACE THE PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE WITH THE DUTIES OF THE FSMA. ANOTHER MEMBER MAY ALSO RUN FOR THE POSITION IF THEY WISH.

**THIS PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE WAS ADOPTED**

**THIS BYLAW CHANGE WILL NOT GO THROUGH EVEN THOUGH ADOPTED. THE WORDING IN THIS BYLAW CHANGE IS FOR CHAPTER BYLAWS. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND DONALD BALASA, JD, MBA, IT WAS DECIDED TO MAKE THIS PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE NULL AND VOID.**

**THE CORRECT CHANGE WILL BE BROUGHT UP AT NEXT YEARS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

**Submitted by:**

**Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)  
FSMA Speaker of the General Assembly**

**This officer appreciates the help of the Executive Council and Donald Balasa, JD, MBA regarding the proposed Bylaw change.**

**This officer appreciates the members who took the time to vote electronically.  
Thank you all for your dedication to FSMA.**