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To the Delegates and Alternates of the 2014 AAMA House of Delegates:

Due to the ambiguity of Article IX, Section 2, D (below), of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) Bylaws and other factors, the elections for the four trustee positions October 19, 2014, at the AAMA House of Delegates in St. Louis, Missouri, was unclear.

D. If any candidate does not receive a majority vote after two ballots by the House of Delegates, on all subsequent ballots the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.

The Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates followed the above language in the Bylaws. However, in retrospect, one of the candidates for trustee, Sue Hawes, CMA (AAMA), received a majority vote of the House of Delegates on the first two ballots, and should have been elected. In an effort to bring about an equitable result, at its post-House of Delegates meeting the AAMA Board of Trustees (BOT) appointed Ms. Hawes to a one-year trustee term.

The Board of Trustees is already working on an amendment to Article IX, Section 2, D, that will prevent any uncertainty from occurring in the future. A proposed Bylaws amendment will be brought to the 2015 House of Delegates.

This letter also is being copied to the State Society presidents and presidents-elect, for their reference. Please let me know whether you have any questions. Thank you.

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AAMA President 2014-2015

cc: Board of Trustees
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