FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

TO: Florida Executive Council
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representative

FROM: Marsha Benedict, MSA, CMA-A (AAMA), CPC
FSMA Delegate

Date: October 27, 2014

Thank you to FSMA for allowing this delegate to represent the society.

The 58th Annual AAMA conference began Friday morning October 17th at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark in St. Louis Mo..

Many excellent educational sessions were offered for educators, clinical and administrative certified medical assistants. A first-timers and student reception was held and Board of Trustees, Endowment meeting.

An evening of socializing and dessert social was enjoyed by all. Many states won Excel Awards. Winners will be published in the Jan/Feb 2014 issue of CMA Today.

Awards of Distinction were received for:

Golden Apple, Mary CMA-AC (AAMA); Leadership and Mentoring, Rusty Dowling,CMA (AAMA); Medical Assistant of the Year, Kathy Puckett, CMA(AAMA). Student essay award sponsored by F.A. Davis was awarded to Shalan Beasley, Clevelend State Community College, Cleveland, TN.

Donald Balasa JD, MBA enlightened the entire HOD with regard to Meaningful Use and Order Entry. All CMA's should be aware of the final rule of CMS on August 23, 2012 regarding who may do Order Entry and the definition of a Credential with regard to this ruling. Read your CMA Today and read all the information on the AAMA website to determine who is eligible in your office to complete Order Entry. The Credential that is accepted must come from and 3rd party and not an employee, the credentialed person must pass a test. CMS may audit an office at anytime and ask for a refund of the incentive program.

We are saving trees and saving time! The delegates for the 2nd year voted electronically in the evening session of the House of Delegates. Officers, trustees, and Nominating Committee members were elected with a click of a button.

President of AAMA for 2014-2015 is Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA)

The HOD elected the following officers and trustees:

Vice President/Paula Purdy, CMA(AAMA)
Speaker of the House/Lisa Lee, CMA (AAMA)
Trustees/Debby Houston, CMA(AAMA), CPT
Loxie Kistler, CMA(AAMA), EdD, RN
Michael Pfeil, CMA(AAMA)

Nominating Committee

Jennifer Amara, CMA(AAMA)
Sherry Bogar, CMA(AAMA)
Monica Case, CMA(AAMA)
Laura Mitchell, CMA(AAMA)

Bylaws amendments approved by the HOD included the following:

Article VI-MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 2, Qualifications

A. ACTIVE-An active member shall be one of the following:

2. Anyone who was an active member on 12/31/87, **who has never been a CMA(AAMA),** and who has maintained continuous active membership. Continuous active membership shall be defined as having dues postmarked or submitted electronically to the AAMA Executive Office by December 31 (the controlling time is that of sending, not that of receiving).

Minutes from the HOD will be posted to AAMA website for all members to read.

The 59th AAMA Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon; September 18-21, 2015.