Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

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To: Patricia Allen, CMA (AAMA), FSMA President
Executive Council Members
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Central Florida Chapter President

The Central Florida Chapter meets 6 times a year. The last meeting for 2014 will be on November 19, 2014 at the I-HOP at 1345 Lee Road in Orlando, FL. Meetings for 2015 will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, September, October, November.

Our fall seminar was held at Florida Technical College in Orlando, FL on September 13, 2014. We had 57 attendees – 27 CMAs, 10 educators, 20 students. Six CEUs were offered. Our spring 2015 seminar will be held on March 14, 2015 probably at Lake Technical Center in Eustis, FL. Information will be posted online at www.fsmaonline.org and on our Facebook page – Central Florida Chapter of Medical Assistants – when details are finalized.

Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA), Olive Devine, CMA (AAMA) and I visited Lake Technical Center – the newest CAAHEP accredited school in our chapter – on October 21, 2014. We brought a cake, lots of information about AAMA, FSMA, and Central Florida Chapter, and pins for Medical Assistant Recognition Week. It was a pleasure to see such dedicated instructors and students! We gave away 2 AAMA student memberships as prizes. We hope to hold our spring 2015 seminar here. We think all their students will

attend. All students know the importance of certification and the school uses the CMA (AAMA) exam exclusively.

I visited Florida Technical College in Kissimmee, FL (ABHES accredited) for their career day which happened to coincide with Medical Assistant Recognition Day, October 22, 2014. I spoke to approximately 60 students about AAMA, FSMA, and the Central Florida Chapter. I stressed the value and recognition of the CMA (AAMA) certification with the students. I will go back at a later date to speak to their evening students.

At our last chapter meeting in October 2014 we had a CMA (AAMA) attend who is with Physicians Associates, a large group of doctors affiliated with Orlando Health in Orlando. Orlando Health is the other large hospital group in the Orlando area. We might have the opportunity to have a table at their next career Community Resource Fair. We look forward to building that relationship.

At the AAMA annual conference, I sought out members of the Alabama State Society to perhaps offer our chapter members who live in Pensacola an opportunity to attend a seminar in Mobile, AL which is about a one hour drive from Pensacola. I will let you know if anything comes of this.

We continue to look for ways to get more of our members involved in the chapter meetings and seminars, as well as on the state level.