Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

Date: October 25, 2014

To:

Pat Allen, CMA (AAMA), FSMA President
Executive Council Members
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representatives
Physician Liaison

Re: Executive Board Meeting

From: Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA)
Alternate for AAMA Convention
St. Louis, MO. 10/16-10/20/2014

Thank you for allowing me to represent the Florida Society of Medical Assistants.
It was a privilege to participate and be involved with the delegates who kept me totally in the loop of all things that needed a vote.
This was one of my all-time favorite Conventions.
First of all, the weather was perfect. Not that we spent a lot of time out of doors. Beautiful sunsets and pleasant temperatures.

There was such a variety of Ceu's available that sometimes it was hard to choose which one to go to.
Just to mention a few subjects that we had an opportunity to participate in:

Asthma	Medical practice, Law and Litigation. Lawyers presentation was great.
Vaccines	Time is muscle—Time is brain (my favorite subject and speaker)
The affordable Care Act. (How timely)	Living with Chronic Illness.

In the end I totally ended up with 20 Ceu's and enjoyed these and more.
There was an abundance of Administrative credits included. Not always easy
To find.
The house was an all-consuming day. It is always a pleasure to see and meet others from all over the country. Nice to see so many come from Alaska and Hawaii and become more active. Now we truly have 50 Societies who are involved.

I attended every phase of the House and found it to be a long and learned experience. It was incredible that our delegates had to vote 5 times to get trustees finally elected.
If you never believed in "Robert's Rules of Order" This was a very exciting experience. I know we all learned a lot. We were given a small pamphlet on Robert' rules of order which answered most of our questions.
Executive Director and Legal Counsel Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA spent time going over the ABR-OEB and clarifying all that this is about. He made it very clear who and who not could apply for this and what this would apply to and how much it would cost.
There are 3 things that MA's need this for to be able to enter into CSM. Meds , Pharm, and radiology.

This will be a win, win for the doctors and those that are not certified.

I know everyone was exhausted when we got on the plane to go home. It was a good exhaustion. We learned a lot, where up to date on so many new things happening in the Medical Field.

My last note is to let you know how lucky we are to have Don Balasa. He is the best and as always looking out to protect our right to practice.

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