FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

TO: Patricia Allen, CMA FSMA President
FSMA Executive Council

FROM: Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C(AAMA)
Delegate AAMA

RE: FSMA Fall Executive Council Meeting Report

The AAMA 58th Annual Meeting was held at the Hilton Ballpark Hotel in St. Louis Mo. As a Delegate I attended all the meetings concerning the Business of the House of Delegates.

At the orientation of Delegates and Alternates we learned to use the electronic voting machines, received an update and booklet regarding Parliamentary Procedure.

At the State Leaders conference we were given updates on the tools that are contained on the AAMA Website. When State Societies send AAMA all the listings of the state officers and committee chairs and the Chapter Officers their information and that of their duties are entered into certain access portals on the AAMA site thus, these leaders can print rosters for their chapters, and get information member lists etc. . There is also help for Chapters in the Leaders Center under Volunteers on the AAMA site.

There was much discussion during the Reference Committee meeting about the ABR Order Entry that AAMA makes available to non Certified medical assistants and their employers to enable the medical assistant to enter Medicine, X-Rays and Lab orders into the EMR. The information regarding this is on the AAMA site. Executive Director Don Balasa, JD, MBA and AAMA President Nina Watson, CMA (AAMA) both presented informative information about this issue and copies will be put on the AAMA website.

Confusion about the 60 month after graduation requirement for the CMA (AAMA) Certification Examination and eligibility to recertify by retesting was discussed at length by Executive Director Balasa. A short version is anyone who graduated from a CAAHEP or ABHES accredited medical assisting program prior to January 1, 2010 can take the Certification Exam and upon passing become or recertify their CMA (AAMA). The full information can be found on the AAMA Website under “Legal Eye”.

During voting at the House of Delegates there was a complication regarding some candidates for Trustee not receiving a Majority Vote the Delegates voted three times with no solution, so according to our bylaws the candidate with the lowest amount was dropped off, then voting again still not a majority so we voted again dropping off another candidate. Voting was finally accomplished and we elected the following: Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) Vice President, Lisa Lee, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the House, Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA) Vice Speaker of the House, Loxie Kistler, CMA (AAMA) Trustee and Michael Pfeil, CMA (AAMA) Trustee. At their meeting Monday morning at the BOT meeting, Susan Hawes, CMA (AAMA) was appointed to a one year term as Trustee (Susan had received a majority vote in the first two votes but because of the bylaw issue she was dropped in the last vote).

Thank you for the privilege of serving the FSMA as Delegate to AAMA.