FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

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To: Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of the General Assembly
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From: Kathryn Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA)
Chair-Bylaws/Policy & Procedure

Spring FSMA Annual Meeting

This past year since the close of the 2018 General Assembly, much has transpired. Following the close of the annual meeting, shortly after the announcement of Kathleen Quinn, CMA, President resigning due to personal reasons, Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA) stepped into the position of FSMA President. Following the annual meeting appointed President Benedict and newly elected Loxie Kistler, CMA (AAMA) Vice President prepared the FSMA Bylaws change 2018 and noticed the membership of those charges May 6, 2018.

<u>The November FSMA Fall meeting report is included here as well for FSMA members:</u>

Amendments to the AAMA Bylaws from Kathy Langley, AAMA Board Services were forwarded to this Chair from President Benedict. The two amendments to the AAMA Bylaws as approved for dissemination are as follows:

ARTICLE V—Component Chapters
NEW WORDING
Component (Local) Chapters are those county or district chapters of medical assistants within the geographic limits of a Constituent Society. The Component Chapters shall be under the jurisdiction of that Constituent Society. Annual chapter dues for all classes of members shall be fixed by the state society.

ARTICLE XXIII---AMENDMENTS
NEW WORDING
These Bylaws may be amended at any annual House of Delegates meeting by a two-thirds vote provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing to the elected Delegates no later than 45 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

NOTE: These amendments do not affect any of the mandatory areas of the AAMA Bylaws, therefore state societies are not required at this time to make any changes to their own bylaws.

The AAMA Bylaws will be updated and reposted to the AAMA website.

This officer appreciates the opportunity to serve the Florida Society of Medical Assistants.