FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

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To: Heidi Fortin, CMA (AAMA) Speaker of General Assembly
Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) Vice Speaker of General Assembly
FSMA Membership

Re: PROPOSED BYLAWS

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE #1

Current Wording:

ARTICLE IX – PHYSICIAN(s) LIAISON
Section 1. The Physician(s) Liaison:

A. Encourage physicians to support the medical assistants' active involvement in the FSMA and their educational programs.

B. Seek alliance with the Florida Medical Association and other Medical Associations for support of the credentialing of medical assistants.

Proposed Wording:
ARTICLE IX - LIAISON **BOARD**
Section 1. The Liaison **Board:**

A. Encourage physicians NP/PA MGMA and other professional medical groups to support the medical assistants' active involvement in the FSMA and their educational programs.

B. Seek alliance with Florida Medical Professional Associations, for support the credentialing of medical assistants.

Rationale:
To increase participation in FSMA activities.

PROPOSED BYLAW #2

Formation of a Judicial Council:

Current Wording:

None

Proposed Wording:

Article XVII:

Judicial Council

A. The Judicial Council shall consist of three Past Presidents of the FSMA whose membership is active.
   1. Annually, with approval of the Executive Council, the President shall appoint the most immediate Past President to serve for a term of three years. This member serves as Chair of the Judicial Council.
   2. No member shall serve more than two terms, but a member elected to serve an unexpired term shall not be regarded as having served a term unless serving three or more years.

B. The judicial power of the FSMA shall be vested in the Judicial Council, whose decisions shall be final.

C. The Council shall have jurisdiction in all questions involving:
   1. membership as provided in The Bylaws;
   2. controversies arising in the interpretation of these Bylaws;
   3. the Code of Ethics of the FSMA.

D. The Judicial Council shall:
   1. meet or consult upon the call of the Chair; consultation by mail, phone or electronic means shall be permitted among the members of the Council provided the rights of the appellant are not prejudiced.
   2. submit an annual report to the General Assembly;

Rationale:

1. Incorporate a body of experienced past presidents to review and make recommendations to the Executive Council in matters of membership as provided in the Bylaws, controversies arising in the interpretation of the Bylaws and the Code of Ethics of the FSMA.