FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Affiliate of the American Association of Medical Assistants

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To: Executive Council Members

From: Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA)
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This officer has responded to written correspondence, emails, and telephone calls as her duties require.

After the annual meeting the list of newly elected FSMA officers for 2016-2017 was emailed to AAMA along with the names of the newly elected Delegates and Alternates to the 60th AAMA Annual Conference. With the increase in membership in FSMA, we were able to send 5 delegates and 2 alternates. Thank you FSMA members for making this possible.

Following the May 1, 2016 Executive Council Meeting, an email was sent to the FSMA Executive Council asking if FSMA wished to host the 2018 AAMA Annual Conference. The Board voted no at this point since we will be concentrating on working on the resolution passed in the General Assembly to add a subsection on certification to the Florida Medical Assisting Practice Act.

Assisted Marsha Benedict, CMA-A (AAMA), Meeting Coordinator, by doing a site visit to 2 hotels in Daytona Beach for the November 2017 FSMA meeting. Hotel selected is the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. FSMA Board voted to accept the contract for November 4, 2017 – rates single/double $109, triple $119, quad $129. The hotel is on the beach, has a very nice, reasonably priced casual restaurant, each room has an ocean view.

Worked with Christine P. Giri, CMA (AAMA), Membership/Certification Committee Chair, to make sure AAMA had the correct zip codes for each chapter and that members were assigned to the appropriate chapter. If a member is not assigned to a chapter they will miss out on eBlasts sent specifically for their area – such as employment opportunities and local chapter meetings and seminars.

A seminar on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder was held at the Holiday Inn Disney Springs on August 20, 2016. Attendees earned 4 free CEUs. Breakfast was provided compliments of FSMA. An FSMA planning session was held following the seminar.

Attended the 60th AAMA Annual Conference as a delegate for FSMA and was honored to be recognized as the FSMA President. Please see separate delegate report on activities and House of Delegates at the AAMA Annual Conference.

Sent email to AAMA regarding FSMA choices for AAMA representative at the 2017 FSMA Annual Meeting to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Orlando Sea World, May 5 and 6, 2017. Our three choices are as follows:

1. Susan Hawes
2. Debby Houston
3. Patty Licurs

Since my theme this year is the Power of WE – the Force of FSMA – Force meaning FSMA for Recognition, Credentialing, Education - I wanted to reinforce with each Chapter that all of us are part of the WE. Since I had the time and the opportunity, I visited each Chapter – some for a chapter meeting, some for a seminar. At each event I saw Chapter officers committed to providing their members with quality education and the opportunity to just talk with fellow Medical Assistants about what's going on in their profession. The greatest need for both local Chapters and the Florida State Society is for more volunteers. I encourage all of you to help – whether for one small project - or the commitment of being an officer or committee chair or member. There is always someone there to guide you and new ideas are always welcome.

I would like to thank our FSMA Officers, Committee Chairs and Co-chairs, Chapter Presidents and all those who work so hard to make our seminars and meetings successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Florida Society of Medical Assistants.