FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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Executive Council Members

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The Brevard County Chapter of Medical Assistants (BCCMA) has had its share of struggles over the last few years. With our local state college producing Registered Medical Assistants instead of CMAs(AAMA), we have not had the interest as we have in years past. However, we will not (and are not!) letting that keep us from moving forward. Continuing education and service are still top priority with the BCCMA.

Our new slate of officers were elected in May and are as follows: Jeanette Smith, President; Kathy Quinn, Vice President; Cristina Lucano, Secretary; Mary Hill, Treasurer; and Linda Vitzthum, Immediate Past President.

One of our newest endeavours is having Journal Club. It is an informal gathering where refreshments are served and members read and discuss sections of current medical journals. So far, we have had topics such as Exercise and Insulin Sensitivity and HIV Drug Resistance. Both topics were submitted to the AAMA for 1.5 CEUS. Thanks so much to Linda Vitzthum for suggesting the format and gathering the topics. Thanks also to Kathy Quinn for opening her home to us and making great food.

Another new idea is our BCCMA Facebook group. It is more interactive than a regular Facebook page. Currently, there are 106 members of the group. Our group administrators add new content often to the group, such as inspirational pictures, funny pictures relating to our profession, job postings, promoting events, etc. Anyone who is interested in the profession is welcome to join the group.

We have been exceptionally thankful to our state society President Maria for visiting our chapter often (because we are so close!)

Our chapter is working on hosting a Winter seminar to be held in mid to late January. Venue and speakers are in the works. Once we get some confirmations, we will advertise to the rest of the state

Respectfully submitted,

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