FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

TO: Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA) FSMA President
FSMA Executive Council

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

RE: Attendance Report AAMA Conference

The AAMA 60th Annual Meeting was held at the Hyatt Hotel in Reston, Virginia. As a Delegate, I attended all the meetings concerning the Business of the AAMA 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

Of special note, during the House of Delegates the following actions were reported by the Board of Trustees:

- AAMA is has been awarded accreditation under ISO Standardization (ISO). It establishes criteria for certification programs. ISO 17024 is a higher level of accreditation for certifying bodies. The Certifying Board of the AAMA is one of only ten health care certifying bodies that has been accredited as having met the requirements.
- CMA's (AAMA) wishing to recertify online no longer need to wait until the last 30 days before their certification expires. They may recertify as early as they wish. Please note the new 60-month period starts the first of the next month after this recertification.
- An important issue brought to the AAMA House of Delegates was the decision that the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) not accept any other medical assistant credentialing organization for sponsorship until the Executive Committee of the MAERB and their Executive Director Sara Marino meets with the AAMA Board of Trustees in November. The results of this meeting is to be reported back to the members of the 2016 House of Delegates by April 1, 2017. There was much discussion about this issue on the floor of the HOD mainly because of the potential adverse effects that other credentialing organizations could benefit from and MAERB would not. It was suggested by the Delegates that partnering or sponsorship by other Allied Health organizations like Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Medical Management, or Physician groups would better serve the image of the MAERB.

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