FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

TO: Florida Executive Council
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representative

FROM: Marsha Benedict, MSA, CMA-A (AAMA), CPC
FSMA Alternate Delegate

Date: October 10, 2016

Thank you to FSMA for allowing this alternate delegate to represent the society.

The 60th Annual AAMA conference began Thursday morning September 15th at the Hyatt Regency, Reston, VA..

Many excellent educational sessions were offered for educators, clinical and administrative certified medical assistants. A first-timers and student reception was held and Board of Trustees, Endowment meeting.

The Continuing Education Board (CEB) in partnership with Learn Ethos, will present in 2017 the Assessment Based Certificate Program on Geriatrics. This certificate program will be available to CMAs (AAMA) and offer multiple CEU's. Learn more by following the CMA Today.

An evening of socializing and dessert social was enjoyed by all. Many states won Excel Awards. Winners will be published in the Jan/Feb 2016 issue of CMA Today.

Donald Balasa JD, MBA enlightened the entire HOD with regard to Educator Eligibility and Why the Certifying Board Continues to require CAAHEP or ABHES graduation for the CMA(AAMA) Certification exam. An article will be published in the CMA Today.

We are saving trees and saving time! The delegates for the 4th year voted electronically in the evening session of the House of Delegates. Officers, trustees, and Nominating Committee members were elected with a click of a button.

President of AAMA for 2015-2016 is Julie Flaatten, CMA (AAMA), RN, EMT is your new President of AAMA.

The HOD elected the following officers and trustees:

Vice President/Lisa Lee, CMA(AAMA)
Speaker of the House/Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA) CPC
Secretary/Treasurer/Susan Hawes, MBA,RHIT, CMA(AAMA) CMPE (one year term)
Vice Speaker of the House/Karen Minchella, PhD, CMA(AAMA)

Trustees/Deborah Novak, CMA(AAMA)
Monica Case, CMA (AAMA)
Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA)

Nominating Committee

Deb Bensen CMA (AAMA)
Crystal Weissmiller, CMA(AAMA)
Melissa Burbage, CMA(AAMA)
Tandra Bauman,, CMA(AAMA)

Bylaws amendments approved by the HOD included the following:

Article X Officers and Trustees Term of Office, Vacancy in Office, Removal From Office, Section 1. Term of Office, C.

The term of office for the Trustees shall be two years or until successors are elected. Three Trustees shall be elected in off years and four Trustees shall be elected even years, to total at least five, but no more than seven trustees.

Effective with the elections at the 2017 House of Delegates, the Trustees may be re-elected, but shall not serve more than a total of five years in the same office.

Trustee terms of office served on or after the 2016-2017 AAMA year shall be counted in calculating the five years.

The other proposed bylaws were not adopted.

A very long discussion was held in the HOD regarding Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) considering approving sponsorship by other organizations with medical assisting credentials. After a lengthy discussion and many responses from delegates, alternates and members; the BOD came to the HOD with a proposal.

The following proposal was approved by the delegates of the HOD:

Request that the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) not accept any other organization with Medical Assisting Credentials of any other organization for sponsorship until the Executive Committee of MAERB and Executive Director Marino meet with the BOT at the November 4, 2016 Planning session in Chicago, Il, and that the BOT will report back to the 2016 AAMA Delegates by April 1, 2017.

Minutes from the HOD will be posted to AAMA website for all members to read.

The 61st AAMA Conference will be held in Cincinnati, OH; October 6-9, 2017.