Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

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RE: Fall FSMA Meeting

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FSMA President
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Alternate/Delegate Report

This Alternate Delegate had the pleasure to attend the AAMA National meeting in Reston, VA., September 16-19, 2016.

This Alternate attended the Alternate/Delegate session on Saturday. All questions and concerns were answered. During this session all alternates and delegates were familiarized with electronic voting. Even had some that did not work in practice and a smooth transition was made to correct the failed devices.

During the first session of the House of Delegates, the nominating committee gave her report of who was running for each office. Nominations were taken from the floor. A break was taken and members then returned for the Reference Committee hearings. During these hearings, reports were reviewed and the proposed bylaw changes and proposed resolution were discussed.

Reports were accepted as written or accepted as corrected.

The proposed Bylaw changes were discussed at length regarding whether a Sustaining member should or should not be allowed to be an AAMA Officer or Trustee and to be able to serve as a Committee Chair or serve as an AAMA Delegate/Alternate. This was not adopted.

The proposed Bylaw change to change the wording that an AAMA Officer/Trustee should be elected immediately after a majority vote was not adopted.
Proposed Bylaw change to drop a member receiving the lowest votes be eliminated off any further subsequent ballots. This proposed change was not adopted.

Proposed Bylaw change to how trustees can be elected and for how many terms. A trustee cannot not serve more than five years in the same office. This proposal was adopted.

The proposed Resolution regarding AAMA and members support no smoking zones (stores or gas stations that sell tobacco products) near schools. And that members contact their state tobacco control programs and to not support zoning and licensing for these businesses. This was not adopted for the second year in a row.

At the end of the Reference Committee hearings a motion was brought before the members was this motion:

“I move that this House of Delegates recommended to the Board of Trustees that, if the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) approves sponsorship by other organizations with medical assisting credentials, the American Association of Medical Assistants should dissolve its sponsorship of the MAERB, and the MAERB should be directed to remove all presence from the Executive Office of the AAMA.

This motion was proposed by Colorado with many state societies backing the motion.

These state societies do not support any affiliation with medical assisting credentials that do not ensure public and patient safety, and it is our strongest objection that the course the MAERB is pursuing will result in a lowering of educational standards than can lead only in this direction”

This was the biggest discussion of the afternoon. After lengthy discussion and input from Donald Balasa Legal Counsel for AAMA and MAERB Director Sara Marino, it was suggested by the members that partnering or sponsorships by other Allied Health organizations such as Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Medical Management or Physician groups would better serve the image of MAERB.

The Executive Council and MAERB will meet in November and report back to members of the HOD by April 1, 2017.

This member attended the State Leadership meeting. This member was part of that task force. A power point was presented on mentoring and then the rest of the session was left open to question on what AAMA can do for you the member.

This Alternate attended many educational sessions. This member appreciates the honor it was to serve as an FSMA Delegate/Alternate.