

OSMA Highlights: Spring 2008

OSMA President: Paula Purdy, CMA(AAMA)

- Renewed the Leadership Camp for all chapters. This was held at Camp Cascade with 26 attendees. Topics discussed were: Concierge Customer Service, Marketing your Credentials, and Burnout.
- Attended the Lane Chapter meeting: topic was Coding Updates.
- Will attend the River Cities meeting March 29. Topic: Risk Management and the Medical Assistant Legal Ramifications of Poor Communication.

OSMA President Elect: Kathy Puckett, CMA(AAMA)

- Attended the OSMA Winter Quarterly meeting in Salem on February 2nd. Surprise wedding shower for Kelly Fanning, CMA(AAMA) was held.
- Kathy is in charge of the special OSMA awards selection. Applications were distributed. The award winners will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the OSMA Annual Conference, April 10-13, 2008, Eugene, Oregon.
- Kathy attended the 2008 Leadership Camp and was excited to see many new faces in attendance. Reservations have been made for next year, same location.
- Kathy is excited about her forthcoming year serving OSMA as the president. She has her team leaders lined up and is ready to get things started.
- Kathy encourages us all to utilize the OSMA website for constant and complete communication.

Strategic Planning: Candy Miller, CMA(AAMA)

Accomplished goals for 2007-2008:

- A successful membership drive
- Excellent education throughout the state
- Promoting AAMA at all OSMA functions
- Updating and improving the OSMA website
- Reinstating the traditional leadership program
- Improved chapter mentoring, training and support

Items that will carry over to 2008-2009:

- Physician Advisor job description
- Generic OSMA business card
- Higher OSMA profile within the healthcare community
- Better promotion of the CMA(AAMA) credential

Bylaws Report: Kelly Fanning, CMA(AAMA)

At the Leadership Camp, Delegate packets were distributed. In the packet was the report from the Bylaws Team for changes to the Bylaws.

In order to take less time with explanations, please discuss these changes with your fellow chapter delegates before the Reference Committees on Friday, April 11, 2008.

Publicity Team Report: Joce Willis, CMA(AAMA), COHC

It has been decided by the OSMA Board of Trustees that the OSMA Website is now our continuous online journal. Therefore, it will be updated quarterly. The deadlines for all information that you want to go onto the website are:

December 1st, March 15th, June 15th, September 15th.

The website will be updated in January, April, July, and October.

Lane Chapter

Education topics have been: Thermography Breast Scanning, Water Safety, 2008 Coding Updates, MRSA Super Bug.

Lane Chapter will be hosting the 2008 OSMA 50th Annual Conference, April 10-13, 2008 in Eugene, Or at the Red Lion Coburg. It sounds very exciting! See you there!

Central Oregon Chapter

COCMA has been under reconstruction over the past year. They have elected officers, re-done their bylaws, and have held two education meetings with great success. They meet at the Bend Memorial Clinic Physicians lounge, every other month at 9:45 AM.

COCMA was the winning chapter for the "Charmed Bucks", and they will be sending Lee Knapp CMA(AAMA) to the state conference in April. Way to go!

Central Oregon Chapter will be officially recognized as a chapter and seated in the OSMA House of Delegates on April 11, 2008.

Marion Polk Chapter

MP Chapter has had its election of new officers and welcomes Debbie Smith, CPC, CPC-C, as the new president.

MP will be hosting the 2009 OSMA Conference and has held it's first planning meeting.

MP will be presenting Kathy Puckett, CMA(AAMA) as the 2008 OSMA President at the President's Banquet, April 12th. Be sure to attend this elegant affair.

MP's focus this year will be education and marketing.