

1 OREGON SOCIETY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS  
2 2022 General Assembly  
3 Report of OSMA Delegate Garibay  
4 Period Ending May 2022  
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6 This delegate was elected by the 2021 OSMA General Assembly to represent Oregon Society at  
7 the 2021 AAMA Annual Conference at the Houston Westin Galleria in Houston, Texas. Prior to  
8 the AAMA Conference, this delegate attended the on-line House of Delegates (HOD) Delegate  
9 Orientation session on Thursday evening, August 5, a Zoom meeting with OSMA fellow  
10 delegates to discuss the proposed bylaws amendments on the evening of August 19, and the on-  
11 line Bylaws Forum on Saturday morning, August 28. This delegate arrived in Houston on  
12 Thursday, September 23 and remained until Monday, September 27. During the Conference, she  
13 attended the AAMA Board of Trustees meeting on Friday morning, the Welcome and Awards  
14 event Friday evening; both sessions of the HOD, the Reference Committees meeting and the  
15 Publishers Showcase on Saturday; the State Leaders meeting Sunday afternoon and the  
16 Presidents Banquet Sunday evening; and attended continuing education sessions in between the  
17 meetings required of a delegate. This delegate also participated in networking with leaders from  
18 multiple states throughout the duration of the Conference, distributed "Save the Date" postcards  
19 for the 2022 NW Regional Conference, and campaigned for OSMA member Candy Miller, who  
20 ran for and was elected to the position of AAMA Trustee for a 2-year term.  
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22 This delegate was assigned to report specifically on the House of Delegates which was held on  
23 Saturday, September 25, 2021 in the Galleria Ballroom. The meeting was called to order at 8:25  
24 a.m. after a considerable delay caused by technical difficulties. Following the Opening  
25 Ceremonies, the Credentials Chair gave her report. The Agenda was followed throughout the  
26 morning. The Nominating Committee Report was followed by nominations from the floor for  
27 members of the Nominating Committee. No candidates for Trustee were nominated from the  
28 floor.  
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30 After a short break the HOD resumed with AAMA officers and CEO Donald Balasa, JD, MBA,  
31 making several announcements about the Career Professional Development Committee, a series  
32 of five new Continuing Education modules on Population Health, and the formation of the  
33 AAMA Advisory Task Force Service. Next, the candidates for Trustee and Officers gave their  
34 campaign speeches and then circulated amongst the delegates to answer specific questions posed  
35 by the delegates. During their prepared speeches, each candidate was asked to identify what she  
36 sees as the most pressing issue facing the AAMA and what strategies she would use to address  
37 these issues.  
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39 The first session of the HOD ended with a recess for lunch and a short time to visit the  
40 Publishers' Showcase.  
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42 The Reference Committees were scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.  
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44 The second session of the HOD was scheduled to convene at 6:30 p.m. but actually began at 6:50  
45 p.m. because the Reference Committee on Bylaws did not complete their work until after 6:30.  
46 After the Credentials Report, the first order of business of the evening session was the elections.

47 The following officers and trustees were elected:  
48 Deborah Novak, CMA (AAMA), Vice President  
49 Monica Case, CMA (AAMA), Speaker of the House  
50 Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA), PCMH CCE, Vice Speaker of the House  
51 Sherry Bogar, CN-BC, CMA (AAMA), Trustee  
52 Natasha Geno, ATS, CMA (AAMA), Trustee  
53 Candy Miller, CMA (AAMA), Trustee  
54 Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA), Trustee  
55 Sandra Williams, CMA (AAMA), Trustee

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57 Nominating Committee Members elected were:

58 Kim Cooper, CMA (AAMA)  
59 Summer O'Neal, CMA (AAMA)  
60 Jaquelin Harris, CMA (AAMA)  
61 Aimee Quinn, CMA (AAMA)

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63 The next order of business was the reports of the Reference Committees. The Reference  
64 Committee on Reports recommended all reports be approved as presented. The motion passed.  
65 The Reference Committee on Bylaws recommended some of the bylaws amendments be adopted  
66 and recommended against adopting others. In most cases, but not all, the delegates voted with  
67 the recommendations of the Reference Committee. The House adopted fourteen (14) of the  
68 twenty (20) proposed amendments. Those adopted were: amendments 21-01 (as amended)  
69 through 21-04, 21-06, 21-07, 21-09, 21-13 through 21-18 and 21-20. The majority of the  
70 proposed bylaws amendments pertain specifically to the AAMA Officers and Trustees and/or the  
71 Executive Office and staff of the AAMA, so they do not affect Constituent Societies.

72 The two exceptions are:

73 Amendment 21-06 which changes the date on which the AAMA determines how many delegates  
74 each state will be eligible to send to the AAMA House of Delegates. The date was previously  
75 August 31. The new date will be December 31 which is the highest point of membership for all  
76 states. This amendment may increase the number of delegates Oregon is entitled to send to the  
77 annual national Conference, which will impact the OSMA budget.

78 Amendment 21-09 allows *any Constituent Society officer* to sign a proxy allowing another  
79 delegate to vote in place of a delegate who is unable to attend the HOD. Previously, the AAMA  
80 bylaws stated that the Constituent Society *Secretary* must sign the proxy.

81 The AAMA bylaws amendments required only minor changes to the OSMA and Chapter  
82 bylaws. As OSMA and its constituent chapters are mandated by AAMA to make those changes,  
83 no vote is required to do so.

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85 No Resolutions were submitted to the 2021 House of Delegates. After a 10 minute *Good and*  
86 *Welfare* session, during which individuals made comments, gave compliments and  
87 congratulations, the House was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

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89 This delegate thanks the members of OSMA for electing her to represent you at the 2021 AAMA  
90 National Conference.

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92 Joyce Garibay, CMA (AAMA)