

1 **OSMA 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
2 **Annual Report**
3 **Period Ending May 2024**

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5 **Public Affairs Liaison**
6 **Sheraton Hotel Portland Airport**
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8 The responsibility of this committee is to field and answer questions from the general public and
9 medical community including managers, physicians, medical assistants, and other public entities.
10 Questions that are of a legal matter are forwarded to CEO and Legal Counsel of the American
11 Association of Medical Assistants. The Public Affairs Team was developed in 2009 and accepted
12 by the OSMA House of Delegates in 2010. The vision for this Team is to have one person who
13 can tend to the numerous inquiries, questions, and concerns as it relates to the profession of
14 medical assisting and the CMA (AAMA) credential.
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16 The duties are as follows:
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- 18 • Provides the public voice of OSMA.
- 19 • Responds to both written and oral inquiries regarding Scope of Practice; Right to
20 Practice; exam eligibility; and much more.
- 21 • Team may accomplish this task by providing information via mail, email, or in-person.
- 22 • Team defers questions that need further explanation or of legal matter to CEO/Legal
23 Counsel of AAMA, depending upon the nature of the question.
- 24 • Provides a quarterly report to the OSMA Board regarding activities.
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26 Emails from the OSMA website are forwarded to the Chair of the Public Affairs Liaison. Topics
27 of the emails include the following. A total of 25 emails were sent over the course of the year.

- 28 • Scope of Practice for Oregon
- 29 • Liability for BOTOX injections
- 30 • Medical Assistants inserting catheters
- 31 • Membership
- 32 • Credentialing
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34 Any topic or topics that the Chair deems to be of a legal nature is referred to the CEO and Legal
35 Counsel of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA).
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37 All correspondence, and activities, have been handled in a timely manner.
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39 Chair would like to thank the Board and President Holcomb for allowing her to serve OSMA.
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41 Chair
42 Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA)
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