

1 **OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDIAL ASSISTANTS**
2 **Annual Report**
3 **Period Ending May 2024**

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5 **AAMA 2023 National Delegate**
6 **Sheraton Hotel Portland Airport**
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8 Member attended the AAMA National Conference in Orlando, Florida September 22-25, 2023.
9 National Delegated was charged to cover the House of Delegates. The following are the highlights of
10 this event.

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12 **HOD SESSION I – 8am**

13 Don Balasa, CEO and General Counsel of the AAMA was the Key note speaker. CEO Balasa
14 described the accrediting body that AAMA falls under, National Commission for Certifying Agencies
15 (NCCA). There are five credentialing organizations that fall under NCCA. They are;

- 16 • AAMA, American Association of Medical Assistants (CMA AAMA)
- 17 • AMT, American Medical Technologists (RMA)
- 18 • NHA, National Healthcareers Association (CCMA)
- 19 • NCCT, National Center for Competency Testing (NCMA)
- 20 • AMCA, American Medical Certified Association (CMAC)

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22 There is an increasing number of states that recognize NCCA and the accrediting bodies they accredit.
23 There are five (5) states that reference NCCA in their statutes for recognizing medical assistants.
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25 CEO Balasa mentioned that MA students can now earn up to 20 CEUs prior to becoming a CMA
26 (AAMA). In order to get credit for the 20 CEUs, the student must pass their AAMA CMA exam.
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28 House started at 9:07am and there was an introduction of the Board:

- 29 • Deb Novak, CMA (AAMA) – President
- 30 • Patty Licurs, CMA (AAMA) – Immediate Past President
- 31 • Monica Case, CMA (AAMA) – Vice President
- 32 • Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA) – Secretary
- 33 • Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA) – Speaker of the House
- 34 • Sherry Bogar, CMA (AAMA) – Vice Speaker of the House
- 35 • Candy Miller, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee
- 36 • Claire Houghton, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee
- 37 • Sandra Williams, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee
- 38 • Natasha Geno, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee
- 39 • Shelley Gingrich, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee
- 40 • Jane Selig, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee

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42 There were also introductions of the AAMA staff in attendance and AAMA past presidents.
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44 President Novak gave her supplement report that included the following updates:

- 45 • The AAMA is revamping their website and using a IT consultant. There is no completion date
46 at this time.

- 47 • CEO Balasa gave a report which included information regarding state licensure; states scope of
48 practice, which can be found on the AAMA website; and recognition by nursing boards who
49 support the need to delegate to certified medical assistants.
50 • AAMA voted to rename the AAMA publication to be “Medical Assisting Today” the magazine
51 for professional medical assistants.
52 • Vote to support our Partnership NCCRT (National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable) in their
53 petition for colorectal screenings to begin at age 45.
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55 There were nominations from the floor for officer and nominations committee. The following
56 members were given as nominees. All members are CMA (AAMA) unless indicated otherwise:

- 57 • Chrissy Taylor – SC
58 • Paula Cook – NC
59 • Jeannette Tylor – FL
60 • Paula Schubert – IN
61 • Julie Fogt – OH
62 • Todd Lasher – NY
63 • Casey Hamilton – NC
64 • Michelle VanHandel – WI
65 • Tom Kaufman – NM
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67 A eulogy was given for Ann Naegle, CMA (AAMA), past AAMA President, who passed away in July
68 2023 of cancer. Past President Naegle was also a AAMA Life Member.
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70 First session of the HOD adjured at 1:00pm, which was immediately followed by the Reference
71 Committee meetings.
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73 **HOD SESSION II – 6:30PM**

74 **Bylaws Reference Committee:**

75 **Bylaw Amendment 23-01 passed**

76 The Officers of the AAMA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Speaker of the House and
77 Immediate Past President. Treasurer is no longer part of the Secretary’s duties.
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79 **Bylaw Amendment 23-02 passed**

80 Additional qualifications for specific offices were revised. Vice President no longer attends the
81 meeting of MAERB (Medical Assisting Education Review Board).
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83 **Bylaw Amendment 23-03 passed**

84 Qualifications for Vice President; Secretary; Speaker of the House; and Vice Speaker of the House.
85 This includes being a member of the AAMA Board and a has served as a officer of a Constituent
86 Society.
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88 **Bylaw Amendment 23-04 passed**

89 *Membership Active Qualifications*

90 A credentialed medical assistant holding a current status through a NCCA (National Commission for
91 Certifying Agencies) accredited certification program and whose credential has not been revoked as
92 provide by the respective credentialing body.
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95 Anyone who was an Active member on December 31,1987, who has never been a CMA (AAMA) and
96 who has maintained continuous Active membership. Continuous active membership shall be defined
97 as having dues postmarked or submitted electronically to the AAMA Executive Office by December
98 31st (the controlling time is that of sending, not that of receiving).

99 **Bylaw Amendment 23-05 not passed**

100 *Privileges*

101 AAMA Active and Life members who are CMA (AAMA) holding current status are eligible to serve as
102 a national officers, trustees, and committee chairs. Any AAMA Active or Life Member may serve as a
103 Delegate, Alternate Delegate or committee member. Privileges on a State Society and Chapter level
104 will be determined by those entities respectively.

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106 **Bylaw Amendment 23-06 passed**

107 **1. Boards and Councils, Sections 1-2, Certifying Board (CB)**

108 An annual report shall be submitted on a date specified by the Speaker of the House.

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110 **2. Continuing Education Board (CEB)**

111 The CEB shall be under the authority of the AAMA Board of Trustees. An annual report shall
112 be submitted on a date specified by the Speaker of the House.

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114 **Bylaw Amendment 23-07 passed**

115 *Publications*

116 There shall be an official publication that is published regularly according to the format and frequency
117 determined by the AAMA Board of Trustees.

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119 **Reference Committee on Reports**

120 All reports of the Officers, Board of Trustees, and Committee Chairs were passed.

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122 **The new AAMA Officers for 2023-2024 are:**

123 Monica Case, CMA (AAMA) – President (TN)

124 Deb Novak, CMA (AAMA) – Immediate Past President (OH)

125 Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA) = Vice President (OH)

126 Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA) – Secretary (VA)

127 Sherry Bogar, CMA (AAMA) = Speaker of the House (TX)

128 Natasha Geno, CMA (AAMA) – Vice Speaker of the House (OH)

129 Candy Miller, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee (OR)

130 Aimee Quinn, CMA (AAMA) = Trustee

131 Shirley Sawyer, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee (NC)

132 Shannon Thomas, CMA (AAMA) = Trustee (NC)

133 Sandra Williams, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee

134 Pamela Neu, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee

135 Claire Houghton, CMA (AAMA) – Trustee (TX)

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137 **Nomination Committee 2023–2024 are:**

138 Todd Lasher, CMA (AAMA) NY

139 Crissy Taylor, CMA (AAMA) SC

140 Michelle VanHandel, CMA (AAMA) WI

141 Casey Hamilton, CMA (AAMA) NC

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143 Delegate would like to thank the General Assembly, OSMA Board, and President Holcomb for
144 allowing her to serve OSMA.

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146 Submitted by:

147 Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA)

148 National Delegate to AAMA