

OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

66th Annual AAMA Conference Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Reference Committee Report Presidents Banquet Report

The reference committee met at 1:00 p.m. on October 22, 2022 in the Atlantic Ballroom of the Myrtle Beach Marriott Hotel. There were approximately 250 members present.

The Reports Reference Committee (members were all CMA (AAMA)

Chair: Erica Arends,

Members: Lisa Nash, Barbara Carter, Kimberly Cooper, Aimee Quinn.

Ex-Officio Sandra William and Virginia Thomas (slide presenter

The Bylaws Reference Committee (members were all CMA (AAMA).

Chair: Cameron Smith;

Members: Kelly Charland, Christa Smith, Dawn Alter, Donna Gibbins.

Ex-officio members: Sherry Bogar and Natasha Geno, Slide Presenter.

All reports were distributed in the Delegate Packet so delegates would have the opportunity to read them prior to the Reference Committee meeting.

There was very little discussion surrounding each report and mostly was changing a word here and there, or to ask for clarification of the report being presented.

Report of the Board of Trustees In the opening paragraph it was stated the word “may” should be Replaced by “shall or must”.

Report of the President: At the CB meeting there was talk about decreasing the number of CEUs to 36 in three years Instead of the 60 CEUs in 5 years. The rationale was the need to stay more current with the everchanging issues in the medical field. This was only a request to CB for consideration.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer had a mistake Massachusetts was listed this should have been Wisconsin.

Don Balasa, CEO and Legal counsel gave a summary of his priorities and accomplishments since approximately September 1, 2021, This was a lengthy document proving how much he does for the AAMA. He ended his report with the report that a new Kansas Society of Medical Assistants has been organized and their delegates are seated at the 2022 HOD.

Report of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee -all CMA (AAMA)

Chair: Rebecca Eldridge,

Members; Shelley Gingrich, Candy Miller, Jane Seelig, Virginia Thomas.

Staff Liaison, Donald Balasa, CEO, Legal Counsel. In this report It states a letter was sent to state and chapter leaders on January 21, 2022 reminding states and chapters of the areas of mandatory compliance that must be amended in their Bylaws.

Report of the Career Professional Development Committee –

An error was found under the Sales as of June 8, 2022. The total of the Number of Purchases should Be \$1086. 00, This was corrected.

There was discussion and clarification of the Bulk Pricing It was noted that an error was shown as 15 – 49 modules – this should have been 15 – 24 modules.

Report of the Strategic Issues Planning Committee – Discussion and clarification of objectives,

Report of the Certifying Board – Discussion of pass rate of students involved in pilot program

This has been extended an additional 5 years because it had only been in place 6 months when the pandemic began to affect the US. This impacted the data for the first two years of the program.

There was discussion regarding minimum score to pass certification exam. Also requested information about accommodations for disabilities.

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

There were no resolutions submitted.

The first proposed bylaw change was Article IX Section 1. Nominations, A 1-2

Suggested wording for this bylaw there was very little discussion of this change.

- A. There shall be a Nominating Committee of five members as follows:
 1. The AAMA Immediate Past President shall be appointed chair.
 2. Following nominations from the floor at the House of Delegates, four members shall be elected by plurality vote.
 - a. Each member nominate must be an active member present at the current House of Delegates session.
 - b. Members of the Nominating Committee cannot run as a Trustee or officer while currently serving on the committee.
 - c. No two members of the committee shall be from the same Constituent Society. If more than one member from a Constituent Society receives sufficient votes to be elected, the one receiving the largest number of votes shall serve.
 - d. If there is a tie between the candidates receiving the fourth highest number of votes, another ballot shall be taken to determine the successful candidate.

The proposed change for Article XV – House of Delegated, Section 4 B

This Bylaws change was to include written or electronic to be sent to each member of the HOD. Some members felt that 14 days was not sufficient time to notify individuals of a special meeting. Also questioned if the 14 days was working days, or calendar days.

The Proposed Bylaws amendment for Article XII Board of Trustees, Section 6. Management Steering Committee.

This amendment changes the wording of who is on the Management Steering Committee. It adds The Speaker of the House, and inserts the wording Executive Office Leadership, instead of Chief Executive Officer.

There was discussion and clarification for the rationale of this change. Having five that then four members on this Committee would lessen the likelihood of a tie vote of the Management Steering Committee.

The Proposed Amendment for Article VI – Membership, Section 3. Privileges

The suggested wording:

Active and AAMA Life members who are CMAs (AAMA) holding current status are eligible to serve as officers and trustees. Any active, AAMA Life or Associate member may serve as a Delegate or Alternate or on an AAMA Committee. Privileges on a Society and Chapter level will be determined by those entities respectively.

This amendment generated a lot of questions. Members attending the Reference Committee were given ample time to express their feelings, concerns, approval, disapproval etc. regard this change which would allow non-CMA (AAMA) members to become delegate if their states would allow this privilege. If this Amendment is adopted the states would still have the right to describe what privileges Associate members would have within their state. There seemed to be a lot of confusion about this proposed amendment.

The last proposed amendment was Article XV – House of Delegates. Section 2C (1)

Suggested wording was:

Delegates and Alternates shall be Active, AAMA Life or Associate members whose membership has not been revoked, as delinquent in Article VI, Section 4.

It was noted that should there not be a 2/3 vote in favor of the former Amendment, this Amendment would be dropped.

This delegate was also assigned to report on the President's Banquet.

This event was held on Sunday, October 23rd, 2022 in the Atlantic Ballroom

The head table consisted of all of the outgoing and incoming officers, trustees and also

The sister of the outgoing President, who gave a brief speech.

Newly elected officers include:

President, Deborah Novak, CMA (AAMA)

Vice President, Monica Case, CMA (AAMA)

Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA)

Immediate Past President, Patty Licurs, CMA (AAMA) CPC

Speaker, Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA) PCMH, CCE

Vice Speaker, Sherry Bogar, CMA (AAMA), CN,B

Trustees:

Natasha Ceno, CMA (AAMA)

Candace Miller, CMA (AAMA)

Pamela Neu, CMA (AAMA)

Jane Seelig, CMA (AAMA)

Sandra Williams, CMA (AAMA)

Charlene Couch was awarded AAMA Life Membership.

EXCEL winners were introduced by Immediate Past President, Patty Licurs, CMA (AAMA), CPC.

Leadership and Mentoring – Rebecca Walker, CMA (AAMA), BS

Educator of the Year – Melanie Shearer, CMA (AAMA), MS, MT (ASCP) PBT^{CM}

There was a BOT Special Achievement MAR Week Award presented to Johnny Adamson, CMA-AC
For her many (50) years of service to AAMA.

It was an honor to be representing OSMA as a delegate at this 66th Annual Conference.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Johnny Adamson, CMA-AC

OSMA Delegate