

1 **OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**  
2 **AAMA 2023 Annual Conference Delegate Report**  
3 **First-Timers & Students Reception Report**  
4 **Meet the Candidates Session Report**  
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6 **INTRODUCTION**  
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8 This report provides a comprehensive overview of this delegate's participation in the AAMA  
9 Annual Conference, specifically focusing on the "First-Timers & Students Reception" and the  
10 "Meet the Candidates" sessions as assigned by OSMA President Holcomb, CMA (AAMA).  
11 These sessions are integral for welcoming new members and facilitating the electoral process for  
12 AAMA leadership positions.  
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14 **FIRST-TIMERS & STUDENTS RECEPTION**  
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16 The First-Timers and Students Reception is a crucial event aimed at integrating newcomers into  
17 the AAMA community. This session was held at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, FL on  
18 September 23, 2023, and was designed to orient new attendees to the AAMA Annual  
19 Conference.  
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21 **Event Details:**

- 22 - Hosts: AAMA Board of Trustees.
- 23 - Participants: New AAMA members and first-time conference attendees.
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25 **Activities Included:**

- 26 - Introduction by the AAMA Board, explaining the organization's mission and operational  
27 details.
- 28 - Detailed overview of the conference schedule, important locations, and session logistics.
- 29 - Networking opportunities with established AAMA members and leaders.
- 30 - Guidance on professional behavior and conference etiquette.
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32 **Impact:**

33 The reception was instrumental in helping first-time attendees navigate the complexities of the  
34 conference, providing them with valuable connections and insights. This delegate reflects the  
35 session's effectiveness in fostering a welcoming and informative atmosphere.  
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37 **MEET THE CANDIDATES**  
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39 The "Meet the Candidates" session is a forum where candidates for AAMA leadership positions  
40 present their platforms and are provided opportunities for conversation and questions from

41 session attendees. This session plays a critical role in the governance of AAMA by informing the  
42 electoral decisions of the delegates. The session was held on September 23, 2023 immediately  
43 following the morning session of the House of Delegates.

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45 **Event Details:**

46 - Participants: Candidates for various AAMA elected positions and conference delegates

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48 **Session Highlights:**

49 - Presentations by candidates outlining their qualifications, achievements, and strategic plans for  
50 AAMA.

51 - Discussion on key initiatives such as educational enhancements and membership expansion.

52 - An interactive Q&A session, enabling delegates to ask detailed questions of the candidates.

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54 **Outcome:**

55 The clarity provided by the candidates about their respective visions significantly contributed to  
56 a transparent and informed election process. This delegate valued the direct interactions with  
57 candidates, which facilitated a well-informed voting environment.

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59 **CONCLUSION**

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61 The sessions designated for first-timers and the electoral process were highly effective in  
62 enhancing the overall experience of conference attendees and ensuring democratic practices  
63 within AAMA.

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65 **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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67 The delegate extends special thanks to the AAMA Board of Trustees for their excellent  
68 organization of the sessions and to all candidates for their commitment to the association's values  
69 and future. Additionally, heartfelt thanks to OSMA for allowing this delegate the honor to  
70 represent OSMA in the capacity of delegate at the 2023 AAMA National Conference.

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72 Yours in service,

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