

1 **OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**  
2 **Report of the Public Affairs Liaison**  
3 **Annual Report**

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5 **Period ending, April 2021**  
6 **Zoom Meeting**  
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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 the profession of medical  
14 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 MAR Week Events:

27 OHSU recognizes their MAs during Medical Assistants Week. Below are the 2020 winners.

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| 29 | Aaron Dirks      | New MA Award             | EMT, NREMT |
| 30 | Janet Noel       | Mentor MA Award          | CCMA       |
| 31 | Amanda Baker     | Experienced MA Award     | CMA (AAMA) |
| 32 | Briana Friedman  | COVID Superstar MA Award | CMA (AAMA) |
| 33 | Bryan Villalobos | MA of the Year Award     | CMA (AAMA) |
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35 Chair received approximately 29 emails that range from member questions to credentials  
36 verification. Below are some of the topics addressed by the Chair. Chair also wants to mention  
37 that there are additional schools pop up in high schools. These are Health Science programs are  
38 40 hours with minimal to no clinical training but, NHA does allow the high school graduates to  
39 sit for the CCMA (Certified Clinical Medical Assistant) credential.

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- 41 • Scope of Practice in Oregon, and the proper credentials. Resume received by Chair  
42 where MA had the NCCT credential but indicated it was thru AAMA. Addressed the  
43 issue and copied to AAMA CEO and Legal Counsel.
- 44 • Questions regarding AAMA CEUs
- 45 • Questions regarding MAs giving injections for lidocaine around the eyes (not  
46 recommended). Chair worked with AAMA CEO and Legal Counsel to answer this email

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- Questions regarding MAs giving Botox injections
  - Ramped issues regarding inappropriate credentials being addressed including a Facebook announcement where NHA boasts about credentialing a school program and all their graduates. They mention Certified Medical Assistant. Chair sent this information to AAMA CEO Balasa.
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53 Chair has kept abreast of all changes as it relates to affecting the role of medical assistants in  
54 Oregon.

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56 All correspondence has been handled in a timely manner and deadlines have been met.

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58 Chair would like to thank President Miller and the executive Board for allowing her to serve with  
59 this organization in this capacity for so long.

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61 Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA)

62 Chair, 2018 - 2021

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