

Oregon Society of Medical Assistants  
General Assembly  
April 10, 2026

Report of the Bylaws Committee

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment 26-01**

Amend by Strike-Out

Current Wording

Article V – Membership

Section 3. Privileges:

- A. Active ~~and Life~~ members who are holding current credential status by a NCCA Participating credentialing agency and whose dues have been paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> are eligible to serve as President, President Elect and Oregon Delegate to the AAMA House of Delegates.

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**Rationale: OSMA Life membership without also being an active member are not eligible to be an Oregon Delegate to the AAMA House of Delegates per the AAMA Bylaws (Article XV: House of Delegates; Section 2, C, 1)**

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment 26-02**

Amend by Strike-Out and Insert

Current Wording

Article VI – Dues

Section 1. Annual State Society dues for all classes...

- A. Full dues will be assessed for Active, Associate and Affiliate members.
- B. One-half of the dues shall be assessed for Sustaining members.
- C. Dues will be assessed for Student members.
- D. ~~OSMA will reimburse AAMA annual dues to current OSMA officers.~~
- E. OSMA shall pay AAMA dues for OSMA Life members.
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- 44 C. Dues will be assessed for Student members.  
45 D. **State officer dues will be paid annually by the Oregon Society of Medical Assistants**  
46 **(OSMA) contingent upon budget funds.**  
47 E. OSMA shall pay AAMA dues for OSMA Life members.  
48 F. Honorary members are not required to pay dues.

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50 **Rationale: To clarify payment of dues for the OSMA Officers.**

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52 **Proposed Bylaws Amendment 26-03**

53 Amend by Strike-Out and Insert

54 Current Wording

55 Article VII – Officers and Their Qualifications

56 Section 5. Additional qualifications for specific officers shall be as follows:

57 B. The Secretary shall:

- 58 1. Have been a member of ~~OSMA~~ for no less than two (2) years,  
59 2. Have served previously on the OSMA Board; and  
60 3. Have attended the OSMA General Assembly no less than one (1) time as a voting member  
61 within the last three (3) years.

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63 Proposed wording

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- 67 1. Have been a member of **an AAMA Affiliate** for no less than two (2) years,  
68 2. Have served previously on the OSMA Board; and  
69 3. Have attended the OSMA General Assembly no less than one (1) time as a voting member  
70 within the last three (3) years.

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72 **Rationale: To open the position to new OSMA members that have been members of the AAMA**  
73 **in another state society.**

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75 **Proposed Bylaws Amendment 25-04**

76 Amend by Strike-Out and Insert

77 Current Wording

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80 C. The Treasurer shall:

- 81 1. Have been a member of ~~OSMA~~ for no less than two (2) years,  
82 2. Have attended the OSMA General Assembly no less than ~~two (2) times~~ as a voting  
83 member,  
84 3. ~~Have served on the OSMA Board, and~~  
85 4. Have adequate experience in bookkeeping and accounting procedures.

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93 member,

94 3. Have adequate experience in bookkeeping and accounting procedures.

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96 **Rationale: To open the position to new OSMA members that have been AAMA members in**  
97 **another State Society.**

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