

Oregon Society of Medical Assistants
Annual Report of the Bylaws Team
For the Period Ending April 10, 2021

The purpose of the Bylaws Team is to review the bylaws of OSMA, to make changes to the OSMA bylaws when changes are approved by the AAMA House of Delegates and mandated by AAMA bylaws. The Bylaws Team is also responsible for reviewing the bylaws of each Chapter of OSMA, on a rotating basis.

Prior to the OSMA 2020 Annual Conference being cancelled, the Chair of this Team was involved in discussions regarding how OSMA might continue to operate without having an annual meeting while remaining in compliance with the OSMA bylaws. AAMA CFO and Legal Counsel, Donald Balasa was most helpful to OSMA in this matter.

During the past year the OSMA Bylaws Team has not met either in person or virtually.

The chair has attended OSMA Board meetings in June 2020, January 2021 and was unable to attend the October 2020 Board meeting. This chair has participated in each of the meetings to review and update the OSMA Board Manual to facilitate reconciling the Board Manual to the bylaws.

The AAMA 2020 House of Delegates was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2019 Delegates were called into service in August of 2020 to vote on a proposed amendment to the AAMA bylaws. The amendment, which was approved, reads as follows:

“ARTICLE IX—NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 2. Elections.

A. Except for the 2020-2021 AAMA year, Officers and Trustees shall be elected by ballot and a majority vote of the total voting power of the House of Delegates shall elect. For the 2020-2021 AAMA year, Officers and Trustees in office at the end of the 2019-2020 AAMA year shall remain in office for the 2020-2021 AAMA year.”

This amendment to the AAMA bylaws applies only to the AAMA BOT and to fiscal year 2020-2021. No changes need to be made to OSMA bylaws or to the bylaws of its component chapters.

It is an honor to serve OSMA as Chair of the Bylaws Team. This Chair thanks Life Member Johnny Adamson, the members of the Past Presidents Council, and President Miller for their continued assistance in monitoring the OSMA bylaws.

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Bylaws Team Chair

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