

1 **OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS\**

2 **Report of the President**  
3 **For Period Ending April 2021**

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5 The President shall:

- 6 A. preside at all OSMA meetings except meetings of the General Assembly;  
7 B. be Chair of the Board;  
8 C. report to the General Assembly;  
9 D. be ex-officio member of all teams except Nominations and teams of the General Assembly;  
10 E. have the power, in the event of a Team Leader vacancy, to appoint a Leader from among the  
11 members of that team, when possible.

12 The following is a summary of tasks performed by this President since her 2020 Annual  
13 Conference report:

14 President Miller had corresponded with President Elect Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) about many  
15 issues regarding OSMA. Including but not limited to: The postponement and eventual  
16 cancellation of the 2020 OSMA Conference, the 2020-21 officers and delegates of OSMA,  
17 OSMA Awards and other matters.

18 Contact was made with Don Balasa, JD regarding several issues including continuation of  
19 2019-20 Officers and Delegates. The following Email was formulated and emailed to all OSMA  
20 members; "*The OSMA Board recommends the 2019-2020 Elected Board members and*  
21 *Delegates remain the same throughout the 2020-2021 year*". The recommendation passed.

22 President Miller wishes to thank Johnny Adamson, CMA-AC (AAMA) for her expertise in  
23 sending out all the emails and mailings and compiling the results regarding the board  
24 recommendation. Adamson has also sent out many emails on behalf of OSMA, to members  
25 regarding upcoming education and other time sensitive issues. The service she has provided has  
26 saved this President and other members of OSMA many hours of work.

27 Since the 2019-20 Speaker did not renew her membership, and the Vice Speaker and Secretary  
28 resigned. The positions were appointed by the OSMA Board. The appointments are as follows  
29 Secretary (one year) Jocelyn Willis, Speaker Christy Oldenstadt, CMA (AAMA) and Vice  
30 Speaker Joyce Garibay, CMA (AAMA).

31 There were many issues regarding refunds for the canceled 2020 Conference. Miller spent  
32 many hours dealing with this situation and making sure all registrants were refunded their  
33 registration payments. She communicated via phone and email to many registrants reassuring  
34 them they would receive a refund as soon as possible. She worked with LB chapter and OSMA  
35 Treasurer Brenna Clayton, CMA (AAMA). Unfortunately, this situation took over 7 months to  
36 be resolved.

37 The President researched potential online meeting resources for OSMA. After being forced into  
38 social distancing and learning to meet online, she feels that ZOOM is a good platform for  
39 meetings. This President wishes to thank Andrea Erickson, CMA (AAMA) for her help and  
40 instruction with ZOOM. Without her expertise, Miller would not have been able to navigate the  
41 ZOOM meeting process and facilitate meetings. Erickson has volunteered to continue to assist  
42 in this regard.

43 Miller facilitated a Zoom Strategic Planning session on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. Several members  
44 were in attendance.

45 Miller attended an online meeting presented by the AAMA Membership Strategy Team on the  
46 aspects of the AAMA website and FB page. Also reviewed was the online CEU program  
47 approval submission process, as well as online program attendance submission. Members can  
48 submit their own CPR card by downloading a copy. New membership cards will be arriving to  
49 new and renewing members once the current cardstock has been used. The new membership  
50 cards will contain Name, State Society, Local Chapter, Membership Number (and when current  
51 through), Certification Number (and when current through), and the State and Chapter websites  
52 (if available). ***Also, if you joined or renewed your AAMA membership online on or before  
53 11/1/20, you will received an \$8.00 discount on the AAMA portion of dues for non-student  
54 members.***

55 This President has been in contact on several occasions with Linn-Benton and Marion-Polk  
56 chapters regarding the possibility of merging to one chapter. If they decide to, they will let  
57 Miller know so the proper procedure can be taken.

58 As announced at the Fall board meeting, Miller received a letter of resignation from  
59 Parliamentarian and Communications chair, Kathy Puckett, CMA(AAMA). Parliamentarian  
60 position will be appointed at the time of meetings until a new one is selected. President Elect  
61 Purdy will assume the position of communication chair.

62 President Miller is co-chair of the 2021 NW Regional Virtual Conference and has been actively  
63 participating in the meetings and assigned duties. The virtual meeting will be held on May 15,  
64 2021 via Zoom. 8 CEUs will be available. She also is co-chair of the 2022 NW Regional  
65 Conference and has been involved in meetings regarding the contract.

66 Miller assisted Purdy in the planning of the Leadership Workshop. She facilitated a session on  
67 the OSMA Board Manual.

68 She has set up the Zoom meetings for the Board Manual Review sessions and attended and  
69 participated in the meetings.

70 This President continues to serve on the AAMA Membership Strategy Team.

71 The OSMA Board has several committee vacancies, among them are Leadership and Mentoring  
72 and Membership and Marketing. This President wishes to thank all who have stepped up to help  
73 in these capacities.

74 President Miller has reached out and contacted members of the board when necessary to check  
75 on the status of their job responsibilities.

76 This President has responded to all inquiries and correspondence.

77 Miller has been cc'd on many emails, mostly from Public Affairs Chair, Paula Purdy,  
78 CMA(AAMA), regarding scope of practice, right to practice and many other topics. She  
79 applauds and thanks Purdy for her knowledge and professional representation of OSMA. She  
80 has received numerous other emails and phone calls and forwarded to the appropriate individual,  
81 as necessary.

82 Miller thanks the members of OSMA for the continued support and appreciates the time and  
83 energy the members of the Board have spent for the good of our organization. She wishes to  
84 thank Don Balasa, JD for his guidance on several issues this past year.

85 This President has a special thank you to President Elect Purdy for her expert knowledge,  
86 guidance, and assistance on so many matters.

87 Before closing this report, Miller wishes to thank all OSMA members who have helped herself  
88 or any other member during this time of crisis. This year has been a difficult one, many events  
89 were canceled or changed. No Annual Conference, no WSSMA visit, no National conference in  
90 Orlando and no in person meetings, we are becoming "virtual" experts. Several members have  
91 suffered family deaths, illness, loss of income, and devastation to homes and property due to  
92 fires, wind, rain, snow, and ice storms. Add the additional stress due to COVID on the medical  
93 field, we are SUPERHEROS! The care and concern showed by others is a true sign of friendship  
94 and family. This makes President Miller even prouder to be a part of this wonderful organization.  
95 We are surviving!

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97 Candy Miller, CMA (AAMA)  
98 OSMA President, 2019-2021