

1 OSMA 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
2 Springfield, OR.

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4 Public Affairs Liaison
5 Period Ending May 2023
6 Annual Report
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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 Emails from the OSMA website are forwarded to the Chair of the Public Affairs Liaison. Any
27 topic the Chair addresses does not change much. Currently Chair has addressed a total of **25**
28 **emails** ranging from Scope of Practice questions to education.

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30 We are also watching the new chaperone rule that was passed by the state (**see attached**). It's
31 possibly we have an education on this topic in the near future. Any topic that is a legal matter is
32 addressed and copied to CEO and Legal Counsel for AAMA (Don Balasa). Chair is very clear
33 when addressing any topic that she is not an attorney and that should this be of a legal matter
34 addressee should consult an attorney.

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36 CEO and Legal Counsel has also been presenting to people who inquire about Scope of Practice,
37 the Oregon OMB philosophy (**see attached**). This philosophy has changed slightly but not many
38 employers rely on it's contents, according to the OSMA Public Affairs Liaison Chair. OSMA
39 will need to keep an eye on it.

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41 At the recommendation of CEO Balasa with AAMA, Chair has signed up for the ONA and the
42 Oregon Board of Medical Examiners emails regarding any issues that might relate to medical
43 assisting.

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45 All correspondence, and activities, have been handled in a timely manner.

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47 Chair would like to thank the Board and President Chambers to allow her to serve.

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49 Chair

50 Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA), 2023-2024