

OSMA Board Highlights

June & August 2026 Board Meetings

OSMA continues to focus on strengthening member benefits, expanding educational opportunities, supporting the medical assisting profession, and creating new opportunities for member involvement.

2027 OSMA Annual Conference

Planning is well underway for the 2027 OSMA Annual Conference, which will be held at Clackamas Community College.

The conference theme is:

ELEVATE: Advancing Medical Assistants. Elevating Patient Care.

The Conference Committee is developing a program that will include approximately 16.5 CEUs, with potential offerings such as:

- Student breakout session
- Oregon Influencers panel
- Educators session
- Keynote presentation
- Scavenger Hunt
- Fun Night and networking activities

Additional conference details, including lodging and event logistics, are being developed.

Continuing Education Opportunities

OSMA continues to provide educational opportunities throughout the year. The Board discussed the future of the Summer and Fall Quarterlies and decided to maintain the current schedule at this time.

The Fall Quarterly will be held:

Saturday, October 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In Person – Lunch & Learn

The event will also serve as OSMA's kickoff to Medical Assistants Recognition Week (MAR Week).

New Member Scholarship Opportunity

OSMA is exploring a new scholarship program designed to help members with expenses such as meeting registration fees.

President-Elect Shawn Molnar, CMA (AAMA) will chair the pilot program, with guidelines to be developed.

This initiative is intended to help make OSMA educational opportunities more accessible to members.

Annual Community Sponsorship

OSMA is developing a new Annual Community Sponsorship program that will allow the sitting President to select an organization to receive OSMA's community support.

For 2026, President Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA), selected My Father's House, which assists struggling families through housing, food and clothing assistance, and other support services.

Candy Miller, CMA (AAMA) is chairing the pilot program, and guidelines will be presented to the Board by November.

Improving Member Communication

The Membership & Marketing Committee is reviewing OSMA's email communication practices to ensure members receive important information without being overwhelmed.

The Board is also addressing an issue with Constant Contact emails being delivered to spam folders.

Membership & Marketing Chair Rachelle Ellis, CMA (AAMA) and Social Media Chair Beth Ann Keen, CMA (AAMA) will work together to coordinate OSMA's social media and member communication as it relates to Membership..

OSMA Website Recognition

OSMA's website has been submitted to the AAMA Excel Awards Committee for consideration.

General Assembly

As a recognized nonprofit organization in Oregon, OSMA is governed directly by the [Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act \(ORS Chapter 65\)](#). We are required to present all business of the organization to its members which we accomplish by conducting a General Assembly (GA) at the OSMA Annual Conference. Failing to run the organization according to these statutory rules carries severe real-world consequences. The Board clarified the General Assembly quorum

requirement under OSMA Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 3C, a quorum is one percent of OSMA membership, based on membership numbers provided by AAMA as of March 1 of the current year.

OSMA is also developing a General Assembly script to help ensure a consistent and organized meeting.

Get Involved in OSMA

OSMA is seeking members interested in serving in a volunteer capacity on committee such as Membership, Leadership, Social Media and more

The Board is also discussing the Bylaws and whether additional members may be eligible for leadership opportunities.

Your participation matters. If you are interested in becoming more involved with OSMA, consider volunteering for a committee or exploring a leadership position.

New OSMA Mailing Address

The Board approved establishing an OSMA Post Office Box to provide the organization with a consistent mailing address for business correspondence.

AAMA Conference

AAMA Conference meetings have been scheduled, and Delegate packets are available for printing for Oregon delegates.

Educational Resources

Questions regarding OSMA educational flyers were addressed and resolved, helping ensure members receive accurate information about upcoming educational opportunities.

OSMA: Connecting. Educating. Supporting.

Through the work of our volunteer Board and committees, OSMA continues to develop meaningful educational opportunities, strengthen member benefits, recognize community service, and provide opportunities for medical assistants to connect and lead.

Thank you to the OSMA volunteers who continue to give their time and expertise to advance the medical assisting profession throughout Oregon.