

OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Annual Report

Public Affairs Liaison Committee

Period ending April 2025

Committee Responsibilities

The Public Affairs Team is responsible for addressing inquiries from the public and medical community, including managers, physicians, medical assistants, and other entities. Questions of a legal nature are forwarded to the CEO and Legal Counsel of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA).

Established in 2009 and formally accepted by the OSMA House of Delegates in 2010, the Public Affairs Team was created to provide a dedicated representative to manage inquiries, concerns, and issues related to the medical assisting profession and the CMA (AAMA) credential.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Serves as the public voice of OSMA.
- Responds to written and oral inquiries regarding Scope of Practice, Right to Practice, exam eligibility, and other relevant topics.
- Provides information via mail, email, or in-person communication.
- Defers complex or legal inquiries to the CEO and Legal Counsel of AAMA, as appropriate.
- Submits a quarterly report to the OSMA Board detailing activities and key matters addressed.

Email Correspondence & Inquiries

Emails received through the OSMA website are directed to the Chair of the Public Affairs Liaison. Over the past year, a total of **36 emails** have been received, covering the following topics:

- **Scope of Practice in Oregon**
- **Correspond with the President of OR HLA regarding meeting at the OMA over MAs scope of practice**
- **Advertising opportunities on the OSMA website**
- **Education and Continuing Education Units (CEUs)**
- **Credentialing**

Any inquiries deemed legal in nature are referred to by the CEO and Legal Counsel of AAMA for further review.

Committee Performance & Acknowledgments

All correspondence and activities have been handled promptly and efficiently. The Chair extends gratitude to the OSMA Board and President Oldenstadt for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA)

Chair