



FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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To: Theresa Errante Parrino, FSMA President
Executive Board Members
From: Kris Hardy, CMA
Educators Board Chair
Re: Report/January 2009 Executive Board Meeting

AAMA Conference/Responsibilities

This chair attended the AAMA convention in Chicago. All sessions pertaining to curriculum, national testing, and MAERB meetings were attended and critical issues addressed. There are multiple issues that are still pending and programs are awaiting further detail from the certifying board and MAERB. This educator will keep all concerned parties informed.

Credentialing/Curriculum

This chair was successful through the State of Florida Department of Education in having the certifying agency NHA removed from the state curriculum framework. I am happy to report that while there were many hours spent revising the wording and adding and deleting and conference calls the only accrediting bodies attached are now CAAHEP/AAMA and ABHES/AMT. I was also successful in suggestions to align the curriculum framework with the new AAMA 2008 standards and we are now working on decreasing the number of state hours to coincide with other private sectors. Community colleges should realign to make the educational goal and time consideration more manageable in today's tough economical times. This is not and did not cost the FSMA any additional budget but appreciate the offer for financial support in which to get this accomplished.

Prometric CMA Testing Sites

This continues to be a real issue for many programs across the country. Program Directors and faculty did not feel that any viable explanations or assistance was offered at the convention. If programs feel the thresholds are hard to meet we are requesting that there are no penalties to the programs should be instituted as there was no thought process in securing the Prometric testing sites.

Mentor Award

This chair has forwarded once again to all CAAHEP and ABHES schools in the State of Florida to remind them of the Mentor Award, the deadline, and the process. Final candidates applications will be given to a select committee and the current president will be notified. Ashley Laufenberg will also serve on the committee this year as a past winner.

Educators Meeting

Meeting will be held in January as usual.

Kris Hardy, CMA