Florida Society of Medical Assistants, Inc.

To: **FSMA Executive Board**
Committee Chairs
Chapter Representatives
Physician Liaison

From: Judith M. Seymour, CMA (AAMA) CCRC
Vice President FSMA
Delegate to the AAMA 54th Annual House of Delegates, Orlando, Fl

Re: **Delegate Report**

This officer proudly represented FSMA as a delegate to the 54th Annual House of Delegates held on Sunday, September 26, 2010 at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Fl.

In preparation for her role as a delegate, this officer attended Leadership Training A: HOD Delegate and Alternate Orientation. This meeting was held on Saturday, September 25, 2010. This delegate attended the Leadership Training A meeting with a Student of Medical Assisting, attending the House of Delegates and the National Convention for the first time. It was important to this member to be available for this student at this meeting to help her understand and answer any questions that she may have with regards to the workings of the House of Delegates. The responsibilities of being a delegate and alternate were reviewed. Conduct during the sessions of the house was discussed. Members attending did not hesitate to ask questions or ask for clarifications on house procedures.

This delegate attended the first session of the House of Delegates on Sunday, September 26, 2010. The House was called to order by Christine Hollander, CMA (AAMA), Speaker of the House followed by the Speaker's opening reflections. The University of Central Florida ROTC presented the colors. The National Anthem was sung by Shari Skaling and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Introductions were made by Christine Hollander, CMA (AAMA). The report of the Credentials Chair, Rebecca Walker, CMA (AAMA) followed. The Credentials Chair reported 122 registered voters with 2 proxies that were seated, bringing the total voting power to 124. The majority vote was 63 and the 2/3 vote was 82.

The corrected agenda was approved by the House. Boni Bruntz, CMA-A (AAMA) President provided a supplemental report to the House. The state of Hawaii was presented their charter.

Jeanne Von Olsen, CMA (AAMA) Florida State President welcomed the members present and on behalf of the Florida State Members, presented a donation in the name of Betty Springer, CMA-C (AAMA) to the Maxine Williams Fund.

Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA Executive Director, Legal Council, presented and article written on Medical Assistants do not need to become medication aides/assistants. A follow up article will follow.

The orientation of delegates, adoption of house rules and the appointment of Reference Committees and Tellers were completed. Kathryn Panagiotacos, CMA (AAMA) provided the report from the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee confirmed the following candidates for 2010-2011:

Vice President: Ann Naegele, CMA- (AAMA)
Speaker of the House: Christine Hollander, CMA (AAMA)
Vice Speaker of the House: Nina Watson, CMA (AAMA)
Secretary/Treasurer: Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA)

Trustee: Joyce Garibay, CMA (AAMA)
Patricia Hightower, CMA (AAMA),
Debby B. Houston, CMA (AAMA)
Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA), PhD
Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA)

For the position of trustee, there were 4 (2 year terms) and 1 (1 year term) available.

The House was then recessed.

This delegate attended the Reference Committee Hearings for Reports, Proposed Bylaws Amendments and Resolutions.

It was posted in advance that FSMA members would meet in a designated room to discuss nominations, Reference Committee Reports, Proposed Bylaws Amendments and Resolutions. Delegates, alternates and state members attended. Discussions were held on all matters and the members present agreed to accept the Reports. It was decided by the members present not to accept Proposed Bylaws Amendment 10-01 and proposed Bylaws Amendment 10-02, both dealing with Article VI, Membership. It was felt by the members present that these proposed bylaws amendments should be sent back and modified. The members did agree that Proposed Bylaws Amendment 10-03 dealing with Membership be accepted and Proposed Bylaws Amendment 10-04, Article VIII-Dues be accepted. This bylaw amendment would increase the dues for student members from $20.00 to $25.00. The members present felt the Resolution 10-1 should be adopted once amended and Resolution 10-2 be adopted which would increase dues for active, associate and affiliate members from $67.00 to $77.00 for the 2012 membership year.

All members attending were in agreement for candidate voting.

This delegate voted and then attended the 2nd Session of the House of Delegates. The Credentials Chair, Rebecca Walker, CMA (AAMA) reported that there was 127 registered voters, 2 proxies with the total voting power being 129. Majority Vote was 66 and the 2/3 vote was 87.

The House of Delegates elected the following:
Ann Naegele, CMA (AAMA) as Vice President
Christine Hollander, CMA (AAMA) as Speaker of the House
Nina Watson, CMA (AAMA) as Vice Speaker of the House
Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA) as Treasurer/Secretary

Joyce Garibay, CMA (AAMA) as Trustee (2 year term)
Patricia Hightower, CMA (AAMA) as Trustee (2 year term)
Debby B. Houston, CMA (AAMA) as Trustee (2 year term)
Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) as Trustee (2 year term)
Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA) PhD, as Trustee (1 year term)

Nominating Committee (2010-2011):

Loxie Kistler, CMA (AAMA)
Kathy Puckett, CMA (AAMA)
Freida Miller, CMA (AAMA)
Charlene Driggers, CMA (AAMA)

Proposed bylaws amendments 10-01 and 10-02 were not adopted. Proposed bylaws amendments 10-03 and 10-04 were adopted. The Reference Committee recommendations on reports were accepted. Resolution 10-1 was adopted with amendments and Resolution 10-2 was adopted.

It was a privilege representing FSMA in this capacity. This delegate would like to congratulate Betty Springer, CMA-C (AAMA), President of AAMA 2010-2011 and thank Kathryn Panagiotacos CMA (AAMA) for her dedication and service on the National Level.