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Dear ISMA Member:

HO HO HO!!! Mark your calendar to attend Souper Saturday on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Brightwood College. This is your opportunity to do some early shopping and gather some wonderful holiday items at our silent auction. Members exhibit their culinary skills as well with delicious contributions for our pre-education meal. Our chefs are so generous you need to pack a few "go containers" and an extra bag to take your auction purchases home. So come hungry and bring your checkbook to support the ISMA annual fundraiser.

Also use this opportunity to network with the committee chairs to learn about plans for developing interest and participation in the district and state organizations. My objective this year is to strengthen the lines of communication between the local districts and the state leaders. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. This will help identify where we need to strengthen our information trail which leads to inspiring our future leaders!

Information about all the activities at the AAMA National Conference will be shared at this meeting as well. So pack up your holiday items which you set aside for regifting to share with your fellow ISMA members and bring a healthy appetite to Indianapolis on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWS FLASH!** *We just learned ISMA received a **Special Achievement Award** for our website and Med-A-Scoop news at the 62<sup>nd</sup> AAMA National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Congratulations to Pam Neu, CMA (AAMA), MBA, Website Chair and Med-A-Scoop Editor.*

Hope everyone enjoys a healthy and happy holiday season. Remember to pay your dues before December 31 to enjoy the benefits of membership next year. May you and your loved ones bring in the New Year with joy and a lot of energy. Your caring attitude and positive outlook will shine in 2019.

Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA)  
ISMA President 2018-2019



## October/December 2018

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### ISMA Mission Statement

**The Indiana Society of Medical Assistants, in affiliation with the American Association of Medical Assistants, strives to:**

- Promote professional growth of and Identify its membership through education and credentialing
- Inspire members to provide honest, loyal and efficient service to the public they serve and the proficient;
- Stimulate a feeling of fellowship and cooperation with the medical professional in improving public relations;
- Encourage and assist medical assistants in forming component

## ISMA Physician Advisors 2018-19

Jeff Stidam, M.D.  
Jewish Hospital Louisville, KY  
3 years

Scott Guenthner, M.D.  
The Dermatology Center of Indiana Plainfield, IN  
2 years

Kristi Peck, M.D.  
Evansville Surgical Associates Evansville, IN  
1 year

## ISMA Honorary Members

1980 Herbert Dixon\*  
1997 Bruce Johnson  
Hubert Irwin\*  
2008 Earl Williams\*  
2013 Jack Begley  
Kathy Heck

## ISMA Life Members

1992 Bonnie Reidenbach, CMA-AC  
1994 Patricia Kennington, RN, CMA\*  
2005 Eva Irwin, CMA\*  
2011 Eulah Dearing, CMA (AAMA)  
2012 June Brown, RMA  
2015 Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA)  
2018 Marjorie Mikesell, CMA (AAMA)

\*Denotes deceased

## Leon Levi Award Recipients

1988 Patricia Kennington, RN, CMA\*  
Jane Seelig, CMA-A  
Pauline Pinnick, CMA  
1990 Bonnie Reidenbach, CMA-AC  
1991 Bettye Yard, CMA-C\*  
1998 Norma Harmon, CMA  
2001 Eva Irwin, CMA\*  
2002 Eulah Dearing, CMA  
2010 Marjorie Mikesell, CMA  
2013 Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA)  
2014 Sandra Johnson, MS, CMA (AAMA),  
CPC  
2016 Rita Michel, CMA (AAMA)

**These physicians and members have contributed much to our society; be sure to thank them!**

## Medical Assistant Creed

I believe in the principles and purposes of the profession of medical assisting.  
I endeavor to be more effective.  
I aspire to render greater service.  
I protect the confidence entrusted to me.  
I am dedicated to the care and well-being of all people.  
I am loyal to my employer.  
I am true to the ethics of my profession.  
I am strengthened by compassion, courage, and faith.



## Indiana State Medical Assistants

### Code of Ethics

E is for Endeavor in our duties  
T is for Truthfulness in all we do  
H is for Helpfulness to others  
I is for Integrity in our work  
C is for courteous treatment to all  
S is for sincerity in our purpose

**Put them all together they spell ETHICS,  
A WORD WE MUST UPHOLD TO ATTAIN  
OUR GOAL**

**J. Marie Theobald Wilhite**



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**INDIANA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING  
BRIGHTWOOD COLLEGE – SOUTH CAMPUS  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
AUGUST 25, 2018**

- Call to Order** President Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA) called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- Invocation** The invocation was given by Heidi Sisson, CMA (AAMA), Chaplain.
- Medical Assistant Creed** The Medical Assistant Creed was led by Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA). Vice President.
- Introductions** President Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA) requested the Medical Assistant of the Year, Leon Levi, Golden Apple, and Life Time Award Winners to introduce themselves.
- Credentials Report** Jeni Begley, CMA (AAMA), Vice Chair gave the credentials report. There were 12 registered for the meeting with a possible voting power of 9, a quorum of 9, a majority of 5 and a 2/3 vote of 6.
- President's Report** Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA) – Reports were given on Standing Committees, ISMA 2018-19 Board of Director tips, and ISMA Director Guidelines.
- Secretary's Report** Recording Secretary, Dianne Wimsett, CMA (AAMA), reported that the minutes of the June 23, 2018 meeting were published in the Med-A-Scoop. There were no addition or correction. Filed for audit.
- Treasurer's Report** Treasurer, Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA), CPT (ASPT) gave the treasurer's report.
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| Beginning Balance    | \$ 22,202.35 |
| Income               | \$ 21,016.37 |
| Expenses             | \$ 1,917.92  |
| Ending Balance       | \$ 41,300.80 |
| CD 9561              | \$ 30,622.59 |
| CD 70408             | \$ 15,236.26 |
| Eva Irwin CMA Fund   | \$ 4,121.91  |
| Student Support Fund | \$ 1,407.00  |
- Filed for audit.
- Presentation of Bills** There were no unbudgeted bills presented.
- Correspondence** Paula Schubert, CMA (AAMA), CPT (IAPS), Corresponding Secretary - Reports were given from 1.) President of the Washington State Society of Medical Assistants about Retired Medical Assistants and having a "R" placed after the CMA credential. 2.) Letter from Stephanie Hoffer - Medical Malpractice attorney in Grand Rapids, MI. The letter was concerning trouble with identifying an expert witness/consultant for a case concerning a case involving medication instructions provided to a patient by a CMA. 3.) Letter from Eva Larson, Outreach Coordinator – Houston, TX. MedicalAssistantCertification.org – The letter was concerning the Website - Career Center Page – She has seen the website perform and does not have a good opinion of it. This was forwarded to Donald Balasa, JD, MBA – Chief Executive Officer, Legal Counsel, American Association of Medical Assistants.
- Officers Report**
- President – Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA) – No report.
- Vice President – Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA) – No report.
- Secretary – Dianne Wimsett, CMA (AAMA) – No report.
- Treasurer – Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA), CPT (ASPT) – No report.
- Med-A-Scoop – Pam Neu, CMA-A (AAMA), MBA – No report.
- Immediate Past President – Clara Poriot, CMA (AAMA), CN-BC – No report.
- Committee Reports**
- Budget & Finance – Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA), CPT (ASPT) – Everything concerning the bank is done. Waiting on the Debit Card.
- Bylaws & Standing Rules – Paula Schubert, CMA (AAMA), CPT (IAPS) – Paula reported that she has received Bylaws from the East Central Chapter of Medical Assistants, West Central District Chapter of Medical

Assistants, and St. Joseph District Chapter of Medical Assistants. The chair has reviewed the bylaws and completed two and sent them on to the PIPS for review. Bylaws are still needed from the First District Chapter of Medical Assistant, Southeast District Chapter of Medical Assistants, and Twelfth District Chapter of Medical Assistants.

**Certification** – Cate Gardner, CMA (AAMA) – No Report.

**Conference Guidelines** – Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA), CPT (ASPT) – The conference guidelines are done. They will be sent to Pam Neu, CMA-A, MBA to be published on the website.

**Continuing Education** – Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA) – She reported that the program today was titled Someone You Love “The HPV Epidemic” Documentary DVD was approved for 2 clinical or 2 general CEU’s and Coding/Billing/Reimbursement for HPV was approved for 1 administrative CEU, which was presented by Sandra Johnson, MS, CPC, CMA (AAMA). We had 13 in attendance. Certificates were made available to all attendees.

**Council of Past Presidents** – Clara Poirot, CMA (AAMA) CN-BC – No report.

**Eva I. Irwin CMA (AAMA) Medical Assistant** - Sandra Johnson, MS, CMA (AAMA) CPC – She brought up about one grant being given for \$500 or splitting it up for 2 at \$250 each. There was discussion about changing the amount and offering more. It was decided to leave now to see what is decided about the Student Support Fund

**Student Support Fund** – Sandra Johnson, MS, CMA (AAMA), CPC - The Student Support Fund is for the hosting district to support their students to attend the conference. PIPS will review amount.

**Historian** – Dorothy Geiger, CMA (AAMA) – No report. Still taking pictures. She requested pictures to be taken at the National Conference..

**ISMA Liaison** – Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA) - (given by Paula Schubert, CMA (AAMA), CPT (IAPS) – The Indiana Medical Association Convention is September 29-30, 2018 at the Sheraton, Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis, Indiana. Information for the full page Ad to be in the Convention Booklet has been sent in and all the table brochures have been updated and ordered from AAMA. The Resolution has been prepared and will be presented by Dr. Pond. The room reservations have been made. A final report will be given at the next meeting in November.

**Membership** – Clara Poirot, CMA (AAMA) – She reported that there are 1,396 members in the state of Indiana. District Chapters can contact her for the list of names for recruitment.

**Mentoring** – Rita Michel, CMA (AAMA) – Mentoring Committee Chair – She reported to this date that we have Jodi Cadreau, CMA (AAMA), LMR, Southeast District and Dorothy Geiger, CMA (AAMA) from St. Joseph District. We are looking for volunteers from East Central, First District, and West Central District to serve on this committee. Please let her know if you are willing to donate your time to help develop a mentoring program for membership development. The committee will be working with both the local and state membership and certification committees. Paula Schubert volunteered for the East Central position. Someone is still needed from the First District and West Central.

**Procedure Manual** – Marjorie Mikesell, CMA (AAMA) – No report.

**Ways and Means** – Sandra Johnson, MS, CMA (AAMA) CPC – The raffle basket was provided by the Southeast District Chapter this month. The basket raised \$226.00. The winner of the raffle basket was Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA), There will not be a raffle basket for the month of November. We will be having our silent auction. The East Central District will provide the raffle basket for the February meeting.

**Nominating Committee** - Rita Michel, CMA (AAMA), Nominating Committee Chair –

The nominating committee will be talking with each of the currently elected officers to determine their intent to serve a second year for 2019-2020. If so agreed, we will have a printed slate of nominated officers for the November ISMA Board meeting. Committee members are Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA), CPT (ASPT), Heidi Sisson, CMA (AAMA), Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA), Dorothy Geiger, CMA (AAMA) and Jeni Begley, CMA (AAMA)

**2019 State Conference** – Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA) –Report was given by Paula Schubert, CMA (AAMA).

CPT (IAPS) - Our committee members have been very busy and are looking forward to the 2019 State Conference. We have confirmed our speakers and will be offering 8 CEU’s. All of our information has been finalized. The Registration form will be in the next Med-A-Scoop. The information for the State Conference is:

April 5-7, 2019 at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Evansville, IN. The theme will be “Laughter is the Best Medicine.” A note to remember is the Evansville TIME difference. You are ONE HOUR “AHEAD” of Evansville time!!! Please make plans to attend.

**2020 State Conference** – Sandra Johnson, MS, CPC, CMA (AAMA) – Conference to be held at Wooded Glen,

Henryville, Indiana. Tentative dates are April 24-26, 2020.

**2021 State Conference – St Joseph District**

Plans are being discussed.

**District Reports**

**East Central – Heidi Sisson, CMA (AAMA) –** There has not been a board or chapter meeting since the last report. The next scheduled workshop will be September 8, 2018 for 8 CEU's. East Central has 393 members.

**First District – Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA) –**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at Ivy Tech College in Evansville. The speaker will be, Sheila Seiler, Executive Director – Susan G. Komen, Evansville Tri-State.

The Topic will be Breast Self Awareness – What Every Woman Should Know. The 2019 Conference Committee met in late July and are working on gathering information. The committee will meet again on August 28, 2018. First District currently has 186 members.

**St Joseph District – Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA) –** The next workshop will be on October 6, 2018 at Elkhart General Hospital, Auditorium B, 600 East Blvd, Elkhart, Indiana 46514. Registration and Breakfast 7:45-8:25 a.m. Workshops will run from 8:30-11:50 a.m. Board meeting from 12:00-12:45 p.m. (Board meeting). Workshops continue from 1:00-4:20 p.m. The cost is Members - \$35, Nonmembers - \$40 and Students - \$25. Registration and payment is due by September 29, 2018. Plan on bringing extra cash for the 50/50 drawing.

**Southeast District – Sandra Johnson, MS, CPC, CMA (AAMA) –** Our chapter officers participated in a Medical Assistant Program Open House at Ivy Tech, Sellersburg on July 25, 2018. Our table offered information about AAMA and the CMA (AAMA) credential. We were able to discuss the value of a medical assistant with the CMA (AAMA) credential in Louisville and southern Indiana healthcare facilities. We will soon be planning the 2020 ISMA conference at Wooded Glen in Henryville, Indiana. Tentative dates are April 24-26, 2020. We currently have 135 members.

**Twelfth District – Pam Neu, CMA-A (AAMA), MBA –** No Report.

**West Central – Jenifer Begley, CMA (AAMA) –** The West Central District has not met since the last ISMA meeting and does not have a future meeting scheduled. We have 163 members.

**Unfinished Business –**

Audio/Visual Equipment – No report.

Member input regarding online Med-A-Scoop - We need to get Eblast sent out regarding online Med-A-Scoop.

Rita will check with Pam. Prestige Printing was advised Med-A-Scoop no long being printed.

**New Business**

AAMA Delegate packet – The packets were discussed.

AAMA Annual Conference attendees assignments – Each attendee is asked to pick a feature from the National Conference and prepare a report for the November meeting.

The color for the Sunday meeting is Black and White.

Leaders - Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA), President has asked each member to email her a copy of their resume.

A corner is the Med-A-Scoop will feature a leader from the ISMA.

Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA), President shared a quote.:

At the end of life what matters is not what we bought but what we built. Not what we got but what we shared, not our competence but our character and not our successes, but our significance. Live a life that matters. Live a life of Love.

**Choices Chances Changes**

*You must make a choice to take a chance or your life will never change!*

**Announcements**

Med-A-Scoop Deadline - September 22, 2018

Next Meeting – November 10, 2018 at Brightwood College

Executive Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m..

Meal – 11:00 a.m.

Workshop – 12 Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting - 3:15 p.m.

**Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

**Dianne M. Wimsett, CMA (AAMA)**

**Recording Secretary**

**ISMA Board of Directors  
Agenda  
November 10, 2018**

Call to Order	Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA), Vice President
Invocation	Heidi Sisson, CMA (AAMA), Chaplain
Medical Assistant Creed	Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA), Vice President
Credentials Report	Jeni Begley, CMA (AAMA), Vice Chair _____ registered _____ voting power <u>7</u> quorum _____ majority _____ 2/3
Introductions	Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA), Vice President
Secretary's Report	Dianne Wimsett, CMA (AAMA)
Treasurer's Report	Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA) CPT (ASPT)
Presentation of Bills	Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA), Vice President
Correspondence	Paula Schubert, CMA (AAMA), CPT (IAPS) Corresponding Secretary
Officer Reports	President- Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA) Vice President- Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA) Secretary- Dianne Wimsett, CMA (AAMA) Treasurer- Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA) CPT (ASPT) Med-A-Scoop/Website Development- Pam Neu, CMA-A (AAMA) MBA Immediate Past President- Clara Poirot, CMA (AAMA), CN-BC
Committee Reports	Budget & Finance- Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA), CPT (ASPT) Bylaws & Standing Rules- Paula Schubert, CMA (AAMA), CPT (IAPS) Certification-Cate Gardner, CMA (AAMA) Continuing Education- Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA) Council of Past Presidents- Clara Poirot, CMA (AAMA), CN-BC Eva I Irwin CMA (AAMA) Medical Assistant Support Fund- Sandra Johnson, MS, CMA (AAMA), CPC Historian- Dorothy Geiger, CMA (AAMA) ISMA Liaison-Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA) Membership- Clara Poirot, CMA (AAMA), CN-BC Mentoring- Rita Michel, CMA (AAMA) Manual- Marjorie Mikesell, CMA (AAMA) Ways & Means- Sandra Johnson, MS, CMA (AAMA), CPC 2019 State Conference- Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA) 2020 State Conference – Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA) CPT (ASPT) 2021 State Conference – Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA)
District Reports	East Central District – Heidi Sisson, CMA (AAMA) First District – Marianne Hawker Green CMA (AAMA) St. Joseph District – Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA) Southeast District – Jodie Cadreau, CMA (AAMA), LMR Twelfth District – Pam Neu, CMA-A (AAMA), MBA West Central District – Jeni Begley, CMA (AAMA)
Unfinished Business	Audio/Visual Equipment upgrade for interfacing – Jodie Cadreau AAMA National Conference reports: Delegates Jane Seelig, Karen Pershing, Paula Schubert, Joyce Edds, Jeni Begley, and alternate Clara Poirot
New Business	Proposed bylaws/standing rule amendments A. Discuss developing Social Media Committee B. Discuss ISMA not reimbursing for state or national conference costs when paid by reimbursed by another source ISMA Facebook page- Jeni Begley Discuss development of leadership support fund
Announcements	Deadline for all state award nomination submissions to President Seelig is December 31, 2018; Medical Assistant of the Year, Leon Levi and Golden Apple. Guidelines for nomination are #12 of Bylaws Standing Rules. Med-A-Scoop Deadline December 8, 2018 Next meeting February 9, 2019 at Brightwood College Executive Board Meeting 10:00 am Meal 11:00 am Workshop 12 Noon – 3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting 3:15 pm
Adjournment	



## ***The Coding Corner***

If you were not able to attend the AAMA conference in Salt Lake City, you missed a great opportunity to earn CEUs, network with medical assistants from all over the country, and visit a beautiful city. I'd like to highlight a few of the workshops that I attended that relate to the topic of this article.

*Health Care Fraud* presented by Todd Thompson, a special agent with the FBI and an expert on health care fraud, gave startling statistics for 2017. The Fraud Strike Force is comprised of the Office of Inspector General, FBI, Attorney General, Department of Justice, and the National Healthcare Antifraud Association. Statistics for 2017: More than \$2.4 billion in fraud and false claims involving healthcare industry: drug companies, hospitals, pharmacies, laboratories, and physicians. Remember: Fraud accusations must prove the intent to commit a fraudulent act, negligence, and/or the profit or gain resulting from the act.

Another workshop focused on previous articles published in this newsletter: *Medicare Health Assessments*: The Welcome to Medicare Initial Preventive Physical Exam (IPPE) and the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV). The speaker, Darin Checketts, DO, FACP, is an internal medicine specialist where he is a physician and a teacher. He reviewed the differences between the IPPE and AWV and the components of each. He emphasized variations in the provisions of coverage, especially in the advantage plans, from state to state. He also stressed caution in code selections in the electronic medical record. For Medicare screening procedures, such as the IPPE, AWV, Pap smears, prostate exams, etc., Medicare utilizes the "G" codes in HCPCS, not CPT codes. An interactive portion of this session was group participation in the AWV's cognitive testing procedures which measures reasoning, perception, memory, verbal and mathematical ability, and problem solving. While this was interactive and entertaining, it gave participants valuable insight into the brain's activity and the aging process.

Workers' Compensation Fraud presented by Kurt Cottrell, AVP, MPA, CFS, was a true eye-opener as to the extent of creativity of individuals presenting cases for workers' compensation. Mr. Cottrell, a former police officer with experience in patrol, investigations, D.A.R.E., youth crimes, and gang intervention. He served as an investigator with WCF Insurance and is now the director of the Special Investigative Unit. He shared actual surveillance videos and the outcomes of these investigations. It was astounding what self-harm and other creative measures many people undertake to present as accidents related to the job.

Next year's AAMA conference is located in Greensboro, North Carolina. Make plans now to attend!

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### **ISMA Liaison Report 9-21-18**

The 169th Annual Indiana State Medical Association Convention will be on September 29-30, 2018. Representing the Indiana Society are Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA), Clara Poirot, CMA (AAMA) CN-BC and Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA). We are very excited to be at the Convention again this year. There are 56 "Resolutions" filed and submitted to the 2018 House of Delegates. We are proud to have a Resolution submitted by Dr. William Pond for our Indiana Society. The complete description of the Resolution and the results from the HOD will be given at the November meeting.

Other news of interest from the ISMA Reports Publication are:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has released the proposed Physician Fee Schedule and Quality Payment Program Rule for 2019. The American Medical Association has prepared an analysis listing some Positive Elements, AMA Recommended Changes, Concerns regarding the impact of Proposed E/M Coding Changes and What's Next. Read CMS proposed 2019 Rule@ [www.isma.org/CMSproposed2019](http://www.isma.org/CMSproposed2019)

Indiana medical schools have more 2018 graduates to continue their training in Indiana than in any other state. The two Indiana Schools in Indianapolis are: Indiana University School of Medicine and Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The list the Top "6" Residency Specialties as: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Psychiatry. An area of particular need in Indiana is listed as primary care specialties.

Opioid Continuing Medical Education requirement for Physicians starts July 1, 2019. The text for this online is at [www.ismaet.org/SEA225](http://www.ismaet.org/SEA225)

Tammy Daily CMA (AAMA) ISMA Liaison



**2018 ISMA Convention**

Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA)

Jane Seelig, CMA—A (AAMA)

Clara Poirot, CMA (AAMA), CN BC



**2018 ISMA Convention**

Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA)



**2018 HOD**

Far left:

Jeni Begley, CMA (AAMA)

Paula Shubert, CMA (AAMA), CPT (IAPS),

Joyce Edds, CMA (AAMA), CPT (ASPT)

Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA)

Jane Seelig, CMA—A (AAMA)

Hello:

This communication is being sent out to state society presidents and presidents-elect, and to chapter presidents.

For your information (and for dissemination to your members) the following two amendments to AAMA Bylaws were approved by the 2018 House of Delegates at the September Annual Conference:

## ARTICLE V—COMPONENT CHAPTERS

### NEW WORDING

Component (Local) Chapters are those county or district chapters of medical assistants within the geographic limits of a Constituent Society. The Component Chapters shall be under the jurisdiction of that Constituent Society. **Annual chapter dues for all classes of members shall be fixed by the state society.**

## ARTICLE XXIII—AMENDMENTS

### NEW WORDING

These Bylaws may be amended at any annual House of Delegates meeting by a two-thirds vote provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing to the elected Delegates no later than **45** days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

*NOTE: These amendments do not affect any of the mandatory areas of the AAMA Bylaws, therefore state societies are **not** required at this time to make any changes to their own bylaws.*

The AAMA Bylaws will be updated and reposted to the AAMA website.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kathy Langley

Director of Board Services

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Students - \$130.00

Non-Members - \$200.00

**Saturday Workshop \$125.00 (Includes lunch only)**

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**INDIANA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, INC.**  
**63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**APRIL 5-7, 2019**  
**DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON 601 WALNUT STREET EVANSVILLE, IN 47708**  
**812-423-5002**

**ROOM RESERVATION AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM – Deadline: March 5, 2019**

Please call DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON for room reservations 812-423-5002, Room rate is \$119.00 all rooms  
In order to obtain the special room rate, please mention the:

**Indiana Society of Medical Assistants, Inc. Conference.**

If a Handicap room is required, please notify at the time of reservations.

**Please print:**

Name and Credential: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee \_\_\_ Newly Certified \_\_\_ Newly Recertified \_\_\_ Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Present Office Held: Local \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ National \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Guest Prices for Meal Functions: (Please list number of guest attending function)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night-\$26 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Dinner and Banquet \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Continental Breakfast \$25

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FIRST DISTRICT CONFERENCE FUND**

**Send completed registration by MARCH 5, 2019**

TO: June Brown, RMA  
400 Southbrook Drive, Evansville, IN 47711

**For questions, please call:**

Tammy Daily, CMA (AAMA) at 812-424-5730  
or June Brown, RMA at 812-319-3931

**Applying for 8 CEUs. (Total CEUs may be subject to change)**

If you have food allergies or need a special diet, please indicate on line below  
\_\_\_\_\_

# T-shirt Order Form

We will have the following t-shirts available for **pre-order**.  
The shirts will be available to be picked up at the conference.



The shirts are short sleeved and the color is Red with Black print on White state of Indiana  
Shirts need to be paid for at the time of order, checks made to

## First District Conference Fund

**Price:** S-XXXL \$15.00/ea.

Small \_\_\_\_\_

Med \_\_\_\_\_

Large \_\_\_\_\_

X Large \_\_\_\_\_

XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_

XXX-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Souper Saturday**

**November 10, 2018**



**Silent Auction-Bring an Item(s)**



**Lunch at 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch: Please bring a dish to share**

**Brightwood College  
4200 S. East Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46227**

**Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

## **ISMA Educational Workshop**

**Registration for Workshop at 11:45 a.m.**

**Workshop: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (3 CEU's)**

**Epidemic and HIV/HCV - Dr. Joan Duwve**

**Comprehensive and in-depth of Naloxone Drug - Justin Philips  
(Overdose Lifeline)**

**Registration fee includes lunch and workshop**

**\$15.00 Members**

**\$25.00 Non Members**

**No Charge to Students**

## **ISMA Board Meeting**

**Registration 3:00 to 3:15 p.m.**

**Business Meeting 3:15 p.m.**

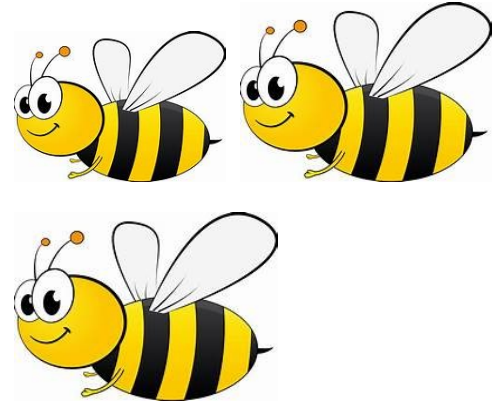
**For more information contact**

**Karen Pershing, CMA (AAMA)**

**[klpershing@aol.com](mailto:klpershing@aol.com),**

**cell phone (574) 217-5948**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER 2018-2019  
ISMA BOARD MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS  
ALL STATE BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT**

**Brightwood College  
4200 S. East Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46227**

**Meeting Dates**  
November 10, 2018  
February 9, 2019  
April 5-7, 2019

**Med A Scoop Deadline**  
September 22, 2018  
December 8, 2018  
February 16, 2019

**Please email all district news for publication directly to:**

**Pam Neu, CMA (AAMA)  
msneu@yahoo.com**

**All material must be submitted  
via email and Microsoft Word**



## RESOLUTION 18-06 SUPPORT OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Introduced by: William W. Pond, MD  
Fort Wayne Medical Society  
Allen County

Referred to: **REFERNCE COMMITTEE 3**

Whereas, physicians rely on an increasing number of health professionals to extend care. They include medical assistants, who perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician, such as scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes, taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood and administering medications as directed by a physician; and

Whereas, medical assistants benefit from training, certification and continuing education similar to other health professionals, such as certified nursing assistants (CNAs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), registered nurses (RNs), physician assistants (PAs) , etc.; and

Whereas, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects medical assisting to grow at a faster rate than other occupations and professions through 2024; and

Whereas, under the auspices of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA), certified medical assistants undergo the certification examination that is the only medical assisting examination that utilizes the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) for test development, delivery, analysis and scoring, thus ensuring the highest level of psychometric quality; and

Whereas, the CMA (AAMA) Certification Examination is the only medical assisting credential for which candidates must be graduates of an accredited postsecondary medical assisting program that is at least one (1) academic year in length and that covers both the clinical and administrative aspects of medical assisting; and

Whereas, the CMA (AAMA) Certification Program is the only medical assisting credential accredited by: (1) the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA); and (2) the International Accreditation Service (IAS) under International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standard 17024, a global benchmark for personnel certification programs ensuring that they operate in a “consistent, comparable and reliable manner”; and

Whereas, CMAs (AAMA) must recertify every sixty (60) months by either retesting or continuing education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that ISMA applauds efforts to bring uniform, consistent high quality to medical assistant training, certification and continuing education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMA urge its members, Indiana physicians, and health care organizations to give preference in hiring to medical assistants who have demonstrated training, qualifications and continuing education such as those proved by CMA (AAMA) credentials.

Tammy Daily, CMA  
(AAMA) and Dr. William  
Pond



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1-800-ACT-AAMA or [www.aama-ntl.org](http://www.aama-ntl.org)***

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