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President's Message

by Joyce Nakano, CMA-A (AAMA)

It has been six months since our April Meeting in Sacramento. Much has happened and plans are moving forward for our Annual Meeting to be held in Santa Ana, California, at the CCI Headquarters. We are appreciative in their extending their facilities for our meeting and to Donna Patterson, CMA (AAMA) for making these arrangements.

Since our annual meeting, the President attended the SW Regional Meeting in Chandler, Arizona. The Vice President and another new member attended. On site, we reacquainted with another member from Santa Clara. The SW Regional was full of education, networking and social events. A detailed report appears in another area of our newsletter. Next year, California will host the SW Regional at the Holiday Inn Express in San Diego. Information, which will be updated as plans proceed, on our

web site. Of special note is that there is a definite deadline for room reservations. Anyone trying to reserve a room **AF-TER the deadline** will pay the usual room rate and not the discounted rate.

This President, 2 other delegates and one alternate attended the 53rd Annual AAMA Conference in Houston, Texas. The Conference scheduling has been reduced to accommodate more people to attend the Annual Conference and not have to take off too much extra time from work. There are some pros and cons for this newly changed schedule: Pro: Reduced cost of room charge by 1 or 2 days; less time off work as an educator or practitioner; in some ways a more compact conference. Con: The conference felt, like to this officer, a glorified weekend meeting, Ways

and Means Tables for regional states is no longer an option but continues to be an option for the hosting state; fewer social/events but this may actually be positive as it reduces the cost of the conference. Same: Airfare will be the same no matter whether you reduced the days; Registration will remain the same or be increased due to increased costs and this cannot be reduced; elimination of tours but the hosting state may provide information. A new addition to this but it is not known if this will continue with future conferences but a daily Continental breakfast was provided. A detailed First Delegates Report and other reports on the Conference are printed elsewhere

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in this issue. Next year the 54th Annual AAMA Conference will be held at the Hilton Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, September 24-27, 2010.

Plans are moving forward for the CSMA Annual Meeting, April 16-18, 2010. This year's meeting will be held at the CCI Headquarters in Santa Ana. CSMA has made arrangements with the Doubletree Club Hotel for sleeping rooms. Room Rates are \$89 plus 11% room tax. This includes up to 2 American Breakfast Buffet each morning per room. The hotel asked us to note that if anyone loses his/her breakfast ticket, there will be a \$7.00 charge for a replacement. Complimentary shuttle to and from the John Wayne Airport is available between 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Wireless Internet is available for \$9.95 per day for a 24-hour period. You may call the hotel at 1 (714) 751-2400 for reservations directly with the hotel or you can call 1(877) 252-3646 24 hours a day. Please use Group Code: C16 or California Society of Medical Assistants. Information is on our website and on the Double Club Hotel website. Please remember that all room reservations **MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN April 2, 2010.** Any reservations made after this date will be charged the regular room rate charge. The meeting will be across the street at the CCI Headquarters. More information will be posted to our CSMA web site as plans proceed. Nine hours of CE Sessions have been planned.

AAMA dues notices have been sent out. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to run for a leadership position must have their dues paid as of December 31, 2009.

The CSMA Executive Committee has been working on a Leadership Manual so prospective members may find out what the responsibilities are for each position. The Executive Committee is also working on a Procedures Manual.

CSMA has tried to use online meetings. One meeting has several members who were oriented on the online format by our Vice President. Another meeting was scheduled; however, there was an unfortunate glitch that did not allow us to all meet but other meetings will be planned. If we can orient everyone who wishes to take part, this technology may

be another venue for those chapters having difficulty with members not attending local meetings. We do not wish to make this type of meeting a replacement for our local face-to-face meetings so limited opportunities will be available.

Now is the time our Nominating Committee will be out searching for qualified leader nominees for our upcoming annual meeting election. This is your organization and we are all willing to volunteer to serve as your leaders; however, we would like to see more of YOU participate in YOUR organization. If you are not ready to be an officer, why not volunteer for a committee or committee chairship. This is one way to give back to your organization to help us fulfill the goals and objectives of our organization.

It is, with pleasure, to announce that our web site and our web master, Pamela Whiteley, CMA (AAMA) and members Cori Burns, CMA (AAMA) and Betty Thang, CMA (AAMA) were recognized with an Achievement Award for our web site. Oregon won the Excel Award. Please visit our site as we are always updating information on this site with events and information. Web site address: www.csma-medassist.org. Keep up to date on new policies of AAMA on the CSMA site.

See you in Santa Ana in April 2010.

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
FIRST DELGATE'S REPORT
AAMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
HOUSTON, TEXAS
September 11-14, 2009**

The 53rd Annual AAMA National Conference was held at the JW Marriott Galleria in Houston, Texas. There were approximately 550 attendees which is down from last year but understandable due to our current economic situation.

The schedule and planning for the current and future conferences has changed. AAMA will have a convention chair for the hosting state, education chair, reduce the number of days for the conference to 4 days excluding travel days, hire temporary workers so there are fewer needs for volunteers and staff. Ways and Means tables are no longer available to regional states and is available to the hosting state should it choose to have one. This year a benefit of attendance was a morning Continental Breakfast for all attendees every day of the convention. California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado and Texas had Ways and Means Tables. California sold See's lollipops, hand-knit dish cloths made by Patte Goshorn and crocheted baby blanket by Kathy Ham, and tote bags made

by Miriam Perez. Most of the handmade products were sold and we came back with some of the boxes of lollipops which we will use at our state or SW Regional in 2010.

The Excel Luncheon was replaced by a Welcome Desert Social and Excel Awards. California received an Achievement Award for its webpage. Carol Hartig, RN, CMA (AAMA) received the Golden Apple Award and Jolene Penning, CMA (AAMA) received the Spirit of Medical Assisting Award.

The House of Delegates began with the Buffalo Soldiers color guard presenting the flag of our nation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Josephine Estrada, CMA-AC (AAMA), RN. The national anthem was sung by Jerri Foster. Past Presidents were introduced and Life Members present were: Laura Lockhart Haynes, CMA-AC (AAMA); Jo Estrada, RN, CMA-AC (AAMA); and Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA). Founding member Roberta Antrim, CMA-AC (AAMA), MHR was recognized for her lifetime dedication to the association. In memoriam was given for past CEB Chair Loretta Hatlestad, CMA (AAMA) who passed away last June. She served on the CEB for many years and two terms as chair. Convention Chair Ann Naegele, CMA (AAMA) read a proclamation from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, 18th Congressional District of Texas.

Credentials Committee indicated a voting body of 131 including 4 proxy votes. The First Session of the House included accepting the agenda, the program with changes. This year, the HOD did not have a keynote speaker; however, Executive Director Balasa discussed the PCMH model. Another delegate will report on the substance of this report. Nominations were open and nominees accepted from the floor. Elected Officers: Vice President: Betty Springer, CMA-C (AAMA) (FL); Secretary-Treasurer: Ann Naegele, CMA (AAMA) (TX); Trustees: 2-year term – Lisa Lee, CMA (AAMA) (UT); Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA) (VA); Julie Flaatten, RN, NREMT-B, CMA (AAMA) (WI); and 1-year term – Jocelyn Willis, CMA (AAMA), COHC (OR) and Crissy Taylor, CMA (AAMA) (SC). One Trustee, Rusty Dowling, CMA (AAMA) withdrew her name from nomination. Nominating Committee: Darcy Atwood, CMA (AAMA) (AZ), Ruth Durham, CMA (AAMA) (NC), Jenny McGuire, CMA (AAMA) (OK); and Patty Licurs, CMA (AAMA) (SC). It was also announced that the Board of Trustees Winter and Summer meetings will meet on the East Coast.

Scottsdale, Arizona, will be the site for the 2012 AAMA National Conference.

All officers, trustees and committee/strategy team/task force, education board reports were approved as presented. All bylaws proposals were defeated and there were no resolutions.

The Marketplace provided a box lunch and exhibitors were visited by the attendees. Exhibitors included: AAMA Society of Past Presidents; American Association of Medical Assistants; The Abby Liz Group; Any Lab Test Now; Career Uniforms; Columbia Southern University; Delmar, Cengage Learning; eScience Labs, Inc.; F.A. Davis; Kaplan University School of Health; McGraw-Hill Higher Education, Medical Assisting Education Review Board; Mosby-Elsevier; Pearson/Prentice Hall; Righteous Intent Publishing, LLD; Quest Diagnostics; and Wolters Kluwer Health-Lippincott Williams and Wilkins; Collections were made for the Maxine Williams Scholarship Fund and the Ivy Reade-Relkin Surveyor Training Fund.

Another delegate will report on the CE Sessions. Special sessions included Practitioners and Educators Exchange Room (PEER) and Leaders in Education and Practice (LEAP) Roundtable. There were 3 speakers who did not show and 1 cancelled session on online teaching.

Another delegate will report on the Presidents' Banquet as this delegate had to return on Monday.

Next year's AAMA National Conference will be in Orlando, Florida, at the Hilton Walt Disney World Resort, September 24-27, 2010.

This delegate wishes to thank the members of CSMA for their confidence in sending this delegate to represent the views of California members and to vote on behalf of the medical assistant profession in our state and nationally.

Joyce Nakano, CMA-A (AAMA)
CSMA First Delegate

SAD NEWS

For those who have been members for sometime, it is with sadness that I inform you that Roberta (Bobbie) Antrim, suffered a stroke. The last report is that she has difficulty speaking. Our prayers go out to her for a speedy recovery.

**AAMA National Conference
Houston, TX
September 11-15, 2009
CSMA Second Delegates Report**

In April 2009, I was elected to serve the California Society of Medical Assistants as the 3rd Delegate to the AAMA National Conference, however due to the inability for the 2nd delegate to serve, I became the 2nd delegate. It was an honor and privilege to attend the conference in Houston. I arrived in Houston on Thursday, September 10 in the evening and departed early Tuesday, September 15 as the format of the conference has been shortened to four days.

On Friday, the 11th the CSMA delegates met to discuss our delegate package. CSMA President, Joyce Nakano, CMA (AAMA) organized the topics for discussion in an effort to better understand the long term impact of our decisions on the bylaw changes and Board of Trustees (BOT) nominees. We were well prepared for the House of Delegates. The delegate package includes reports of the committees, BOT and financial status of the AAMA organization. Although these are provided for information only, it is the delegates' responsibility to review the reports and keep in mind the financial impact of the decisions made at the conference and by the BOT. A big thank you to Jane Valley, RN, CMA (AAMA), who, during our discussion, looked after the "Ways and Means" table.

The conference offers a wide assortment of continued education sessions that are of interest to the educators, practitioners and students who attend the conference. The sessions provided are in general, administrative and clinical categories. It appeared that there were less clinical sessions offered and many more no show speakers or cancellations of sessions than usual. Many attendees were disappointed that the "An Online Medical Assisting Program? Really?" session was cancelled. I attended the CEU sessions "The Gift of Creativity" and "Adventures in Attitudes" which was presented by the CEB Practice Managers Task Force. The speaker, Carol Clendien, RN, MS was an entertaining and dynamic speaker. During both sessions the speaker gave numerous examples or food for thought such as "*The value, power, and impact of any life event is determined by our response to it*" and "*As you think you become*". This enlightening information is useful in dealing with life in general and as we perform the functions of a medical assistant. Other sessions that were offered and attended by this delegate were "What to Say When the Diagnosis is Scary", "Appeals Made Easy" and Optimize Your E/M Compliance and

Revenue".

The House of Delegates took place on Sunday, September 13. The voting power of the delegates was 131 votes. The delegates elected the following members to serve the BOT for 2009-2010: Vice President Betty Springer, CMA (AAMA), Secretary-Treasurer Ann Naegele, CMA (AAMA), Vice Speaker Nina Watson, CMA (AAMA) CPC. Newly elected as trustees are Lisa Lee, CMA (AAMA) of (UT) *two-year term*, Charlene B. Couch, CMA (AAMA) (VA) *two-year term*, Julie Flaatten, RN, NREMT-B, CMA (AAMA) (WI) *two-year term* Jocelyn Willis, CMA (AAMA) COHC (OR) *one-year term*, and Crissy Taylor, CMA (AAMA) (SC) *one-year term*. Boni M. Bruntz, CMA (AAMA) is the incoming AAMA President.

The Nominating Committee will be the following members: Darcy Atwood, CMA (AAMA) (AZ), Ruth Durham, CMA (AAMA) (NC), Patricia Licurs, CMA (AAMA) (SC), and Jenny McGuire, CMA (AAMA) AS (OK).

On Monday, I continued to serve CSMA at the President's Banquet in the Parade of Presidents. Our CSMA President, Joyce Nakano, CMA (AAMA) returned home Monday morning due to her teaching commitment.

Conference Chair, Ann Naegele, CMA (AAMA) announced that as 563 people had registered for the conference. Overall the conference was well attended and it was nice to renew acquaintances and attend the continued education sessions. Over the many years I have attended conferences and meetings, my knowledge and commitment to medical assisting has expanded and allowed me to be of greater value to the patients I serve and the physicians that have employed me. The experience has been invaluable. Thank you for again allowing me to serve CSMA in the capacity of a delegate..

Carol S. Mireles, CMA (AAMA)
CSMA Second Delegate

**53rd Annual AAMA Conference
Houston, Texas
CSMA 3rd Delegate
September 11, 2009 – September 14, 2009**

This delegate was honored to attend the 53rd annual conference in Houston, Texas as a first time delegate. Attending this conference allowed a bit more understanding of such vast association. This delegate enjoyed attending the conference while representing California.

Continued 3rd Delegates Report

At the conference, this delegate took part in the following events: Board of Trustees; Endowment meeting, Excel Awards and Dessert Social, Advisory Council of Presidents and Presidents-Elect, House of Delegates, Meet the Candidates (candidate speeches/questioning), Marketplace Boxed Lunch, President's Banquet, Incoming President's Reception and continuing education sessions. This report will review a few of said events.

During the Board of Trustees meeting, Executive Director Balasa, spoke regarding the Patient Centered Medical Home and how it advocates for CMAs (AAMA). Executive Director Balasa states that the key principles include team approach, whole person orientation, patient advocacy, and enhanced access to care. The PCMH movement has helped medical assisting and CMAs by bringing awareness to our profession. Executive Director Balasa states that everyone who attended the meeting knows who medical assistants are and many know about CMAs. Also, PCMH will spotlight our legal existence and differentiation as a CMA. Executive Director Balasa states there may even be the possibility of reimbursement for certain duties performed by CMAs (AAMA), not other medical assistants.

The Certifying Board also spoke at Board of Trustees meeting. Certifying Board talked about the changes that will be in effect starting January 2010. Changes will include the limitation on how many times one may repeat the CMA exam. The limit is now at three times; if an individual is not able to pass the exam after three tries, they will not be able to repeat the exam. Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) also spoke about how the curriculum will be more stringent.

Excel awards and dessert social was a nice ending to the first day of the conference. While the attendees over indulged in many tasty desserts, winners were announced for the different awards and categories. California received the achievement award for website development; although it was not announced, it was nice to be recognized. At the end of the social, the state of Florida and its neighboring states presented the preview for the 54th annual conference in Lake Buena Vista.

After the morning session of House of Delegates, this delegate was able to meet the candidates. Each candidate gave their speech on why they are the best choice for their desired position. Then each of the candidates were asked how they will advance the profession if elected.

This "meet the candidate" session was informative; the format was well organized and executed.

Finally, this delegate attended the following continuing education sessions: What to Say When the Diagnosis is Scary, How Safe is Your Office, Shaken Baby Syndrome,

and Are You Practicing Within Your Legal Boundaries as a Medical Assistant.

In summary, this delegate expresses gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the 53rd annual AAMA conference. This delegate has gained valuable knowledge in continuing education topics and current events pertaining to the association.

Betty Thang, CMA (AAMA)
CSMA Third Delegate

**2009 AAMA National Conference
Houston, TX; September 11-15
CSMA 1st Alternate Delegates Report**

This delegate was elected as the 2nd Alternate Delegate however the CSMA 2nd Delegate was unable to attend the conference this year. It was an honor and a privilege to move in to this position and attend the conference in Houston. This delegate arrived in Houston on Thursday September 10 late in the evening and departed for home early Tuesday September 15. The format of the conference was shortened to four days this year and this delegate thinks that it was a successful change.

The first day of the conference started with the Continuing Education (CE) session titled 'Interactive Learning'. This delegate, also being an educator, enjoyed this presentation and garnered some valuable teaching strategies. As is usually the case for conference, this delegate learned almost as much from the collegial conversations of those attending as from the presenter.

This delegate attended the second half of the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday as well. The two items being discussed during this session included the USASkills organization and the revised Conflict of Interest Statement required of new BOT members.

The USASkills organization has contacted the AAMA requesting support for its annual competition. This organization partners with educational programs and gives students in various occupational areas a chance to display their skills in competition. They are requesting support in the form of either monetary donations or representatives to judge the competition in Medical Assisting. There was much discussion on this and an Ad Hoc committee will be formed at the close of House of Delegates to research the organization and whether or not to be involved.

Continued 1st Alternate Delegate

The second issue discussed was the revision of the BOT Conflict of Interest statement.

This statement is required of new BOT members prior to serving and restricts board members from using their Board status when representing themselves outside of Board-approved functions. The revision outlines the restrictions and will be distributed to those members who have submitted the paperwork announcing their candidacy.

Friday concluded with the Welcome Party Desert Social and Excel Awards Ceremony. The desert social was very good with a large array of sweets. During the Awards Ceremony, California won an Achievement Award for its newly created website. Oregon Society won the Excel Award in this category.

Day two of the conference included the CE session 'How Safe is Your Office?' This was a presentation on OSHA and Safety Compliance and this delegate thoroughly enjoyed it. The speaker was dynamic and very informative.

Saturday evening the delegates from California attended the President's Advisory Council which is a chance for state President's and President-Elects, or any other members who wish to attend, get updates on the projects of various National committees. There was much discussion on using web conferencing for committee meetings as piloted by the Membership Recruitment Strategy Team. Other discussions included updates from the Continuing Education and Certification departments.

Day three, Sunday, was the House of Delegates. Please refer to the reports of the other delegates for the specifics of the Committee and Officer Reports, proposed Bylaws Amendments and Resolutions. This delegate will however report on Executive Director Don Balasa's report on the work that he has been doing in conjunction with the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and the role of the CMA (AAMA) within this 'new' primary care framework. The highlights of this report outline how the CMA (AAMA) can be of great benefit to physicians who choose to employ this patient-centered approach to care. Mr. Balasa has received supportive feedback from involved physicians and it would seem to have great potential for the future of the CMA (AAMA).

The last day of the conference, Monday, started with the CE session 'Shaken Baby Syndrome'. The information was useful and unfortunate at the same time, as this is a syndrome that just should not exist. The conference evening concluded with the President's Banquet. The food was very good, the parade of Presidents was touching and new President Boni Bruntz, **CMA-AC (AAMA)** speech was inspiring. The closing remarks from outgoing Speaker of the House Springer included a tribute to outgoing President Panagiatacos filled with humor and was a fitting way to end this conference.

Cori Burns, CMA (AAMA)
CSMA First Alternate Delegate

**CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
CHANDLER, ARIZONA**

July 17-19, 2009

The President of CSMA represents the Society at all official functions of the Society. The President attended the Southwest Regional Conference hosted by the Arizona State Society of Medical Assistants in Chandler, Arizona. On Saturday, it was 115 and Sunday was 116!!

The Arizona Society does an excellent job of offering continuing education, business to discuss that affects all SW Regional states, adds fun to the entire weekend, and allows time for networking and reacquainting with friends and meeting new friends. California had 4 CMA (AAMA)s attending this conference including the President and Vice President of CSMA. There were 37 members in attendance which is a good number considering our economic recession.

There were 16.5 CEUs offered this weekend with speakers from Cord Blood Registry, Southwest Women's Center, Hospice of the Valley, Bryman School, Synergy Seven and JP Publishing. Topics included: Expectations by Katharine Effinger, Ph.D; Robotic Surgery by Jamal Mourad, D.O., Pumping the Board, Pain and Narcotics by Carol J. Peairs, M.D., Surfing the Wave – Prescription monitoring Program by Dean Wright, RPH, Stealing the Beach – Sexual Dysfunction by Laura T. Kimbro, D.O.; Are You Smarter than a Medical Assistant? By Program Director Tina Martin, CMA (AAMA); Feathering – Ethics/Health Care Directives by Lee E. Arp, Chaplain; Sleeper Set – Grief and Mourning; Hang Ten – Working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing by Michelle R. Ahern, M.A.;

Continued Southwest Regional Conference Meeting

The Unborn by Lisa Jones, RDMS, Shaka – Health Skin by Allison Reiner, B.S.; Pearl – What’s New in Plastic by replacement Carol McDonald, CMA (AAMA); and Fat Wave – Dog Therapy by Phyllis Davis, CMA (AAMA).

Fun included Ducks Bingo, Waterless Duck Race, Dinner and Entertainment at a local casino with a show of impersonators - - - what an entertaining show. The FUN also included Morgan, the therapy dog of Phyllis Davis who came and showed her professional talents. A Continental-style breakfast; lunch on Friday was provided by Cord Blood Registry; Saturday’s lunch was on your own so you could shop or have a meal in the nearby mall, Saturday dinner was at the casino. Lots of goodies like trail mix, cookies, and munchies to keep you going.

The meeting included a business meeting for the SW Regional during which CSMA presented the flyer of information for next year. There were people who never visited San Diego so we hope we will have a good number of attendees although space may be limited.

Time was then given to Ann Naegele, CMA (AAMA), Co-Convention Chair for Houston. Cynthia Lundgren, CMA (AAMA), Co-Chair of Houston was also present. Co-Chair Naegele explained the changes made by the BOT for Conferences in the future and took comments and questions from those in attendance. The AAMARepresentative was Betty Springer, CMA (AAMA). Speaker of the House Springer talked with attendees and took comments and questions from members in attendance.

The President, Vice President and one member from California had to leave to catch a plane. All returned home safely, although my plane was delayed an hour.

The President wishes to thank the California Society of Medical Assistants for allowing her to represent the Society. This President wishes that more members of AAMA in the SW Regional would attend these conferences. It is truly a time, not only for education, but discussion of vital issues that affect all of us and members should attend to help give positive input and concerns to all as resolutions of issues cannot happen if the BOT or the leaders of your associations do not know your goals and concerns for the profession.

NOW - - -It’s on to SAN DIEGO with cooler weather (only kidding as the weather may have been hot in Arizona but it was dry heat) AND we actually have WATER AND BEACHES!!! So no “waterless beaches” but maritime fun.

Information and updates for the SW Regional 2010 will be posted on our web site: www.csma-medassist.org.

Joyce Nakano, CMA (AAMA)
CSMA President/SW Regional Representative 2009

NEWS

We have been notified that long time member, Margaret Retoske, has fallen ill. Please send cards to: Margaret Retoske, 923 Powell Drive, Costa Mesa 92626-2943.

We were told that her family is thinking of moving her out of state. As many of you know, she is from New York state when she transplanted in California. She has always been a strong supporter of AAMA and CSMA while active with us.

Our best wishes to Margaret for a speedy recovery.

Kathy Ham, past president of CSMA, and Pamela Whiteley both recently had surgery and have recovered and returned to work. We are so grateful to the fine physicians that cared for them and look forward to seeing them at our Annual Meeting in April.

**“Be present in all things and thankful for all things”
-Maya Angelou**

We are truly thankful for all our members who give so much of their time to keep CSMA a functional society both at the state and chapter level.

There will be an election of officers at the Annual Meeting in Santa Ana. We hope to see some new faces and members who would like to serve CSMA as an officer or on a committee.

MEMBERS PLEASE STAY WELL!!

2009 CSMA PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS WITH RATIONALE

BYLAWS PROPOSAL #01-2010

CURRENT WORDING:

ARTICLE VII- CHARTERS

Section 1. Application for Charter

Local chapters may apply for charter by submitting the following documents to the President of the Society:

- A. Letter of application
- B. List of charter members
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- D. Chapter, Society and AAMA dues **(Local, state and national dues) (Editorial)**

RATIONALE:

Section 1.C. Reduce the number of hard copies filed with the application for a Charter. Three(3) hard copies would provide copies for any member of the Bylaws and Executive Committee processing the application as there may be some members who do not have a computer. Others may be sent copies via telecommunications; therefore, the need for one electronic copy.

BYLAWS PROPOSAL # 02-2010

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 2. Approval of Charter

The application and all appropriate documents shall be reviewed by the Society Bylaws Committee, and approved by the Society Executive Committee.

Section 3. Charter presentation

- A. Charters shall be presented at the annual or interim meetings of the Society.
- B. Charters shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Society.

Section 4. Notification and Representation.

- A. Official notification of approval of charters shall be mailed to the component chapter president.
- B. Eligible chapter members shall be a part of the voting body at the annual meeting or at the interim meeting of the Society upon approval of the charter.

Section 5. Revocation of Charter

- A. A component chapter found guilty of any conduct or action deemed in violation of the Code of Ethics or bylaws of AAMA and/or the Society shall be subject to revocation of its charter by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership.

Continued CSMA Proposed 2010 Bylaws Amendments with Rationale

Bylaws Proposal #02-2010

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RATIONALE:

Two-thirds of the elected Executive Committee will expedite and be cost effective in making this decision. The entire membership may not have a vested interest in welfare of another regional/local chapter.

REMINDER: CSMA ANNUAL MEETING - April 16 - 18, 2010

The meeting will take place at Corinthian College at 6 Hutton Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92707. For those who can not commute on a daily basis CSMA has made arrangements with Doubletree Club Hotel at 7 Hutton Center Drive.

Registration form, course outline and all information is posted on this website. Please download the registration form and mail with your fee prior to March 26th, 2010.