**CSMA PRESIDENT OJEDA Messages 2018-2019**

**President Message #1 – 6/2018**I am happy to lead CSMA as president for the 2018-2019 term with my executive committee: Vice President- Nancy Lizon, CMA (AAMA), Secretary -Gini Marquette, CMA (AAMA), Treasurer/ Assistant Secretary and Immediate Past President -Joyce Nakano, CMA (AAMA) and Advisor- Kathy Ham, CMA (AAMA).

At this time I am also a “re-entry” student, attending a local phlebotomy program to obtain my Phlebotomy Certificate for the State of California.  There have been many changes over the years since I was a student, and there have been many new techniques and regulations in this field.  So far I am very impressed with the classroom environment and the students in my class as they exude an eagerness/willingness to learn, they are not afraid to ask for help and are open to suggestions.

On July 20-22, CSMA will be hosting the Southwest Regional (SWR) in Ontario, California.  Our 2018 Annual meeting was held there, and our 2017 -2018 Executive Committee chose to hold the SWR there also.  The SWR states rotate with the hosting duties for this event in the following order; Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah- see our report page to view past SWR representative reports.  This SWR will be my first time attending, and I am looking forward to the SWR as I know many of the members from attending the AAMA National Conference, but this meeting will allow me more quality time to network and speak with the other state members and leaders.

My goal for this term is to see Medical Assistants have the opportunity to have as much information and knowledge that will benefit their patients and providers.  CSMA works hard to offer continuing education to support our members and to be a resource that is inviting for our members to come to us with their concerns about such topics as the scope of practice and work education.  I would like to see a comradery as it is essential to interact with other CMA (AAMA)’s, introduce yourself and get to know others in your profession.

The AAMA National Conference will be in Salt Lake City Utah, on September 14-17, 2018.  CSMA will have 3 Delegates and one alternate first-time attendee.  We are

aware of several other California members that are attending.  If you are attending, we would love to meet up!  Message us at csma.medassist@gmail.com to join us during events at the conference.  We will be posting information at the conference in the hopes to connect with other Californians.

I am looking forward to an excellent year for our organization.  I wish to see more communication with our general members and encourage our current members to spread the word about our organization and educational opportunities and meetings.  I hope to see more people getting involved, nonmembers rejoining and seeing our organization becoming more technology savvy.

There will be many firsts for me this year, and it is an exciting time, and I hope to see the organization grow and prosper for a stable future and create good communication along the way.

Susan M. Ojeda, CMA (AAMA)President 2018-2019

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***President Message #2- 10/2018******October 15-19 is medical assistant recognition week (MAR).  An email was sent out by the CSMA Membership Committee expressing how proud we are of you.  As a CMA (AAMA) your role in the medical practice is vital.******This year has been busy for all of us.  I hope my letter finds you in good health.  As President, I have been to several events in the last three months representing CSMA.  The South West Regional Meeting in Ontario, CA and American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, both were very informative.  I met many new California members at the AAMA National Conference and will look forward to meeting even more new members in the future.******The next event on the calendar is the CSMA Annual Meeting, and it will be in Northern California in the spring of 2019.  Updates and additional information will be posted on the CSMA website.  Please visit often for updates.  CSMA will be sending out a “save the date” by emails, if you do not get an email, please contact us.***

**As members of the AAMA, you are also a member of CSMA.  Consider volunteering on a committee?  Your participating can help CSMA make decisions that will benefit our organization, network with others and stay up to date regarding changes in the Medical Assisting profession.**

**Sincerely,**

President Susan Ojeda, CMA (AAMA)

***President Message #3- 01/10/2019***

*Hello Members,*

*Happy New Year to you all and may 2019 bring you all you want.*

*The year is full of new things as I finish my year as president. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve the organization.*

*Thank you to my Executive Committee for all their support and guides.*

*I want to remind all of you that our Annual Meeting is almost here. This year it will be in Northern California. We have the pleasure to use El Camino Hospital Park Pavilion, in Mountain View, CA 94040. Virginia Marquette, CMA (AAMA) has been working hard to bring us great CEU speakers this year. More information will be emailed to you so please check your spam/trash file to make sure you don’t miss out. The CSMA website will have the information available if you don’t receive our email.*

*Thank you again*

*Look forward to seeing you all.*

*CSMA President Susan Ojeda, CMA (AAMA)*