First Delegate Report

AAMA National Convention

Salt Lake City, Utah

September 14 – 17, 2018

This first delegate, as president was privileged to go to the 62nd AAMA National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah as representative of the California Society of Medical Assistants. The convention was held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center. The location of the hotel was convenient to see Salt Lake City with its beautiful architectural buildings.

This delegate attended the House of Delegates on Sunday, September 16, 2018. The House of Delegates is a full day of events. The meeting was called to order by the house speaker Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA), CPC at 8:00 am. The Agenda was approved.

Speaker of the House Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA), CPC, then introduced Vice Speaker K. Minchella, CMA (AAMA), Ph.D. who then went over the House rules, Appointment of Reference, and Committee and Tellers duties. There were some more announcements and supplemental reports.

House Speaker Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA), CPC recessed the meeting until

6:30 p.m. Sunday night.

This delegate then attended the Reference Committee meeting. At this meeting we listened to the chair Debra Benson, CMA (AAMA), go over the reports and ask if there were any corrections or comments. The reports were all passed after some questions were addressed.

The Bylaws were read by chair Donna Gibbins, CMA (AAMA), 18-1 would add Annual chapter dues for all classes of members shall be fixed by the state society. (This is to clarify that the chapters are under the direct guidance of the state societies and not under the national level). 18-2 for changing the amount of days from 60 days to 45 days needed to inform the states of bylaw changes was questioned. It was explained that with email we can get the information out in a faster manner of time, so sending it 45 days will be enough time for all states to receive the information. Both bylaws 18-1 and 18-2 passed.

Reference Committee chair Shelley Gingrich, CMA (AAMA), read resolution 18-1 to allow membership for active, associate and affiliate members to pay dues for two years at a time starting on September 1, 2019. After discussion from the membership, this was returned to the Board of Trustees to consider the questions about being able to keep track of members paying for two years. The incentive for the membership is low as it is only $10.00.

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Resolution 18-2 introduced by Iowa Society of Medical Assistants, Inc. to have teleconference of AAMA Board of Trustees Meetings was not adopted. The legal reasons brought to us by CEO Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, after which the membership except Iowa, voted it down. More communication is needed by the Board of Trustees to the State Society since it is so expensive to travel to Chicago for a three hour or less meeting.

House of Delegates reconvened at 6:30 pm. Voting was started and stopped because the count for delegate and proxies did not match the total given by the accreditation committee. It was found that a state with a proxy forgot to let them know when checking into the house. Once this was taken care of voting started and the meeting went very fast.

The new elected officers and trustees: Vice President Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA), CPC, Speaker of the House Deborah Novak, CMA (AAMA), Vice Speaker of the House Monica Case, CMA (AAMA), Trustees are Tandra Bauman, CMA (AAMA), RMA, Sherry Bogar, CMA (AAMA), Claire Houghton, CMA (AAMA) and Aimee Wicker, CMA (AAMA).

Next years Nominating Committee is Bryna Adani, CMA (AAMA), Natasha Geno, CMA (AAMA), Shelley Gingrich, CMA (AAMA), and Kathleen Puckett, CMA (AAMA).

Lisa Lee, CMA (AAMA), AAMA President presented the Life Time Membership to Boni Bruntz, CMA-A (AAMA), of Colorado.

This delegate finds that every AAMA National Convention she attends brings more understanding of how the organization works. This delegate would encourage other members to run for delegate next year to be able to experience the convention.

This delegate thanks CSMA for allowing me to go.

Susan Ojeda CMA (AAMA)

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CSMA President