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I hope this newsletter is finding everyone and their families healthy. It sure has been a difficult time for everyone hasn't it? I am hopeful that we will be able to get back to a modified normal way of life soon. I'm sure everyone has this same hope. I have a bunch of information to share with everyone so I apologize if this gets to be a little long.

First it is with great disappointment that I must announce that we will not be having our annual State Conference in July. The board was hopeful that by the end of July the Covid-19 crisis would be on its way to being under control. It does not appear that this is going to be the case, as we are roughly two months away and the state is in various stages of reopening. Many concerned employers are not allowing staff to attend professional conferences at this time. We also are concerned that many of our members are having some financial difficulties at this time as well. The plan is to forgo a State Conference for this year and proceed in 2021. We will be looking for ways to provide everyone with some type of education and will keep everyone posted.

With the State Conference being pushed back until next year we will be keeping the same board members and will hold an election at the 2021 state conference. I will continue on as President and as always feel free to contact me if you need anything. It is my hope that by then things will be more

stabilized. Stay tuned for more information.

As an organization I feel we need to take this opportunity to take a step back and reevaluate our current policies and procedures. Have discussions on how to best provide our membership with educational opportunities and to conduct business if something should happen in the future. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has brought to light some areas that we can improve upon to better serve our membership. This will not happen overnight however; I believe we can start to explore options. If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact us.

On to good news! We are moving forward with our new web page. The committee is currently working with the web design company, Blue Cardinal, to get things up and running. It is my hope that the new site will enhance what we already have and make things a little easier to maneuver. I would like to see a direct link to the AAMA web site as one of the enhancements. It is my understanding that it will be easier to find our web page as well. I am excited to see the end results and will keep you all posted. My thoughts are that we should have it up and running in July of this year barring anything getting delayed.

I am very excited to announce that Diana Rogers, Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants Parliamentarian, is going to be running for AAMA Trustee this year. I believe she will be amazing and will be exceptional in her service to the AAMA and state societies. She is extremely knowledgeable and always willing to help. Please join me in congratulating her on her decision to run. The Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants is in full support of her bid for office.

Sincerely,

Kelly Humma, CMA(AAMA)

PSMA President

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 11 - 14, 2020 - AAMA 64th Annual Conference at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista in Orlando Florida

September 24 - 27, 2021 - AAMA 65th Annual Conference at the Westin Galleria Houston, Houston, Texas

More information on future events will be forthcoming. Don't forget to check out the website, Facebook and emails for registrations.

WEBSITE INFO

American Association of Medical Assistants is aama-ntl.org

Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants is pasociety-cma.org

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

*****ATTENTION*****

The Pennsylvania Society of Medical Assistants has CANCELED the Annual State Conference for this year due to the status of the state with the Covid-19 situation. All Officers and committees will remain in effect until next year at the 2021 annual conference. We will update members thru email regarding any continuing education in the near future.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2020

Sierra Lynne Ondorf is our scholarship winner this year. She attends the Central Pa Institute of Science and Technology. The following is her response for wanting to become a medical assistant:

I would love to say that I decided to become a medical assistant for the sole purpose of helping people. If truth be told, that is the answer that most people are likely to give. However, if I were to base this paper on that topic, it would be misguided. Of course, helping people is an advantage to being in the medical field, but the main reason I am becoming a medical assistant is from my passion of learning the material. I am becoming a medical a medical assistant because honestly, i could not see myself doing anything else.

I discovered my love for the medical field after starting the high school Medical Science Program at fifteen years old. I was indecisive about my future and I was clueless as to what I wanted to do with my life. I never imagined that my path would be in the medical field, but I took a chance and decided to try something new. To my surprise, I immediately fell in love with what I was learning. I became devoted to obtaining as much information as I could. There was a constant drive to learn more, know more, understand more. I discovered that my happy place was disguised as body systems and medical terminology. It only seemed fit follow my passion and continue my education as a medical assistant after graduation.

Marc Anthony once said, "if you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." Becoming a CMA is my way of making a career for myself that won't lead to burnout. I could go on and on about why I chose to become a medical assistant, but truthfully, I feel as though itches me. I get to learn what I love and do what makes me happy every single day, and as an added bonus, I get to help people while I do it. What more could I ask for? Getting this scholarship would bring me one step closer to turning my dreams into reality. Anyone can attempt to become a good medical assistant, but it takes passion and a love for the work to truly make a difference.

Sierra Ondorf

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

You can contribute to the PSMA WAVE! We are looking for volunteers to submit articles and topics of interest to the medical assistants in Pennsylvania.

Articles can be of any length. They should cover topics of education for clinical, general or administrative content. Please be sure they are factual and include references. Any questions or submissions, please contact the editor at dollyr2004@comcast.net.

AAMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA

AAMA Annual Conference is being held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida on September 11 - 14, 2020. Registration brochure is on the AAMA website at aama-ntl.org. You can register online and the hotel information is also included on the brochure. There is LEAP Workshop being held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 1-5 at the Holiday Inn Resort which is close to the Host Hotel. This has an additional cost and is worth 4 CEU's. Any questions or more information, please contact me at dollyr2004@comcast.net