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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome back from a very hot summer. This chapter has been lead for the last two years by Ruth Lapio, CMA (AAMA), who has done a fantastic job. Thank you Ruth for all that you have done. You have really brought the TEAM together.

I hope to continue as a TEAM. The speakers are set for the year. Of course there is always a snag and a change at the last minute. You will notice that there has been a change of officers and committee chairs. This is a positive move in our chapter.

Our chapter has shrunk in membership due to the splitting of the chapter. Manatee County has split off and their chapter contains all of Manatee County and the northern part of Sarasota County, as well as Desoto County. It has been a positive move in the northern area. Members are now obtaining CEU's in that area. When it comes to dues renewal time, you can choose which chapter you want to belong to. You can attend meetings that both chapters offer. Each chapter has information on the FSMA website (fsmaonline.org). Please go to the chapter section and look to see what works best for you to obtain CEU's.

I am looking ahead to a positive year with the changes we have made as a TEAM. Please take the time to do the survey in this newsletter. This will help us meet your needs. Please look around your place of employment and invite the non-member CMA or any one that might be interested in the topic that is being presented.

I am looking forward to working with the Charlotte Vo-Tech and Southwest Florida College with the students and the new CMA's from the school.

Hope to see you all at the meeting (remember to bring a guest) on September 1, 2011. Please bring ideas for a community service project. Also, please let me know if you are attending the AAMA National Conference.

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
Southwest Chapter President

Minutes from April 7, 2011

Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Port Charlotte, Florida

Called to order by President, Ruth Lapio, CMA

Roll call by Pam Gatts, CMA: Absent: Agnes Foxall, CMA, Angela Carpenter, NCMA and Lisa Chin, CMA.

A quorum was declared by President Ruth Lapio, CMA.

The minutes from February 3, 2011 were approved without corrections and placed on file.

President: Ruth Lapio, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

President Elect: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Recording Secretary: Pam Gatts, CMA. Minutes from February 3, 2011 submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Heidi Fortin, CMA, CPC. Report read and placed on file. Current balance \$1,831.41

Past President: Ruth Lapio, CMA. No report.

Physician Liaison: Dr. Rodriguez-Martin. Absent.

Bylaws: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Education: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Marketing: Angela Carpenter, NCMA. Absent.

Membership: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Newsletter: Pam Gatts, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Service: Pam Gatts, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Ways & Means: Marvine Dethloff, CMA. Report read and placed on file.

Unfinished Business:

1. Checking account: The SWCMA is keeping Busey Bank as our bank. A motion was made by Deniece Jozefiak, CMA to have two additional signees on our account. Marvine Dethloff, CMA seconded. No discussion. Motion was passed to have two additional signees on our account.
2. Proposed budget for Treasurer: A motion to keep the proposed budget with corrections was made by Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Pam Gatts, CMA seconded. No discussion. Motion was passed to keep the proposed budget with corrections. Awesome job Heidi!
3. Ballot/Presentation for new officers: Stands as: President: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. President Elect: Heidi Fortin, CMA, CPC. Secretary: Pam Gatts, CMA. Treasurer: Heidi Fortin, CMA, CPC. Bylaws: Ruth Lapio, CMA. Education: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA. Marketing: Ruth Lapio, CMA. Membership: Heidi Fortin, CMA. Newsletter: Pam Gatts, CMA. Service: Pam Gatts, CMA. Ways & Means: Marvine Dethloff, CMA.

New Business:

1. Fund raiser money distribution for FSMA convention: A motion was made by Deniece Jozefiak, CMA for funds for the state conventions from the budget be distributed to SWCMA elected officers, committee chairs and committee members, and student representative attending a medical assisting program. Marvine Dethloff, CMA seconded. No discussion. Motion was passed to distribute funds for the state conventions from the budget to SWCMA elected officers, committee chairs and committee members, and student representative attending a medical assisting program. A motion was then made by Deniece Jozefiak, CMA that disbursement of funds will be at our April meeting. The deadline will be April 1st to

Minutes from April 7, 2011 (cont.)

The deadline will be April 1st to advise the Treasurer if attending the state convention in May for disbursement of funds. The main requirement is that member MUST attend the General Assembly for monies to be disbursed. Receipts must be turned in to the Treasurer within 30 days of attending the convention. Those members who do not attend will have to reimburse the Treasurer within five business days.

- 2. Installation of officers: Saturday, June 4th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Ruth Lapio’s home.
- 3. FSMA program booklet: \$5.00 to have your name listed. Ruth Lapio, CMA and Deniece Jozefiak, CMA chose to participate.
- 4. FSMA October, 2012 convention is in Punta Gorda, FL!

Announcements:

- 1. Our spring mini-seminar is April 16, 2011 at Fawcett Memorial Hospital from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 2. The FSMA state conventions are April 28 – May 1, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando, FL. and October 15, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront in Jacksonville, FL.
- 3. Newsletter deadline: August 5, 2011.
- 4. Our fall mini-seminar is November 12, 2011.
- 5. Next spring’s mini-seminar is going to be either April 14th or 21st, 2012. Deniece Jozefiak will get back to us regarding the actual date.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

FEATURE SPEAKER: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Topic for the night will be on vertigo and vestibular training by Liz Kruppa, P.T. 1 CEU.

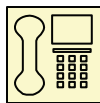
SWCMA welcomes all members, medical professionals, friends, colleagues and individuals interested in health care issues.

There will be a \$5.00 fee for non-members who want their CEU’s listed with the AAMA.



We’re on the web! Go to:
FSMAONLINE.ORG
Then go to “Chapter Events” to find the Southwest Chapter.

Our current Bylaws can also be found on our website now.



SOUTHWEST DIRECTORY

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SOUTHWEST CHAPTER OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

The Southwest Chapter of Medical Assistants is asking for your input regarding meetings by way of this questionnaire.

1. Are you aware that this chapter was split and now only contains Charlotte County and Southern Sarasota County to meet the needs of members in the Northern portion of the chapter? ____ Yes ____ No
2. Are you interested in attending meetings? ____ Yes ____ No
3. Should meetings be:
____ Monthly ____ Quarterly ____ Bi Annually ____ Yearly
4. How many CEU's would you like per meeting, based on above answer? _____
5. Where would you like to have the meeting's held? _____
6. What time would you like the meeting to start based on above answer? _____
7. Would you like to help organize a meeting? ____ Yes ____ No
8. How far would you be willing to travel to a meeting? _____ Miles
9. What day of the week would you pick to have a meeting? _____
10. Are you content to not have meetings? ____ Yes ____ No
11. Would you accept a leadership position in the Chapter? ____ Yes ____ No
12. If no, would you be willing to help with committee work? ____ Yes ____ No
13. How do you Re-certify to stay a current CMA?
____ CEU's ____ re-take the exam ____ don't bother
14. Any and all suggestions are welcome, including educational topics and speakers.

Thank you in advance for filling this out. This will help us serve the members of the Southwest Chapter according to the members needs.

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)

Southwest Chapter President

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SOUTHWEST CHAPTER OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011-2012 (REMEMBER THIS IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FAWCETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 7:00 PM EDUCATION STARTS

- 9/1/11 LIZ KRUPPA, P.T.
VERTIGO AND VESTIBULAR TRAINING 1 CEU
BUSINESS MEETING
- 10/6/11 DR. MCALLISTER,
MENTAL ILLNESS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY 1.5 CEU'S
NO BUSINESS MEETING
- 11/3/11 FRAN REDDING, R.N., EDUCATOR 1 CEU
EKG UPDATES
BUSINESS MEETING
- 11/12/11 MINI SEMINAR 9 a.m.—4 p.m. 6 CEU'S
COMPUTER SKILLS, OFFICE WEB PAGE DESIGNING, DRUG ADDICTION (3 HOURS)
- 12/__/10 CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER
- JAN 2012 NO MEETING
- 2/2/12 DR. JOYCE
VENUS AND ARTERIAL CLAUDICATION 1 CEU
BUSINESS MEETING
- 3/1/12 DR. KAVEH
KIDNEY DISEASE 1.5 CEU'S
NO BUSINESS MEETING
- 4/5/12 KRISTINE KELLER, DENTAL HYGENIST
IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ORAL CARE 1 CEU
BUSINEES MEETING – YEAR END
- 4/14/12 MINI SEMINAR 9 a.m.—4 p.m. 6 CEU'S
TERRY SALZ, INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL BILLING: MEDICARE UPDATES
DR. SHEER, SLEEP SPECIALIST: SLEEP DISORDERS

IDEAS WELCOME FOR TOPICS AND SPEAKERS. PLEASE CALL 286-8551 OR E-MAIL DENIECE AT DJCOMA@COMCAST.NET (NOTE NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS)



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