



Your Monthly News & Updates

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Winter Seminar Recap



Shannon Mitchell, CMA (AAMA) presenting a Leadership Boot Camp at the Winter Seminar.

The Winter Seminar was held January 18-20, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory NC and was hosted by the Catawba County Chapter. There were 146 in attendance with 6 of those attendees being students. Topics presented during the continuing education sessions included: breast cancer, organ and tissue donation, coding updates, acute lymphoblastic leukemia and a leadership boot camp presented by our own Shannon Mitchell, CMA (AAMA), an NCSMA Past President. The hospitality shown by the Catawba Chapter was only exceeded by the quality of the CEU sessions.

NCSMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors held its winter meeting after the Winter Seminar and here are the highlights from that meeting:

- Dr. Keith Smith elected to the Physician Advisory Board



Left to right: Summer O'Neal NCSMA President-Elect and Amber Greer, CMA (AAMA) NCSMA President at the recent Winter Seminar held in Hickory NC.

- Agreed to cohost Knowledge Bowl with South Carolina at the AAMA Conference in Greensboro
- Succession planning was discussed and flash drives will be utilized to pass information down from year to year to committees and officers
- New name plates approved for the House of Delegates
- Long Range Planning Committee focus is on mentoring
- Nominating Committee reports there is a full slate of officers for the upcoming year
- Unfortunately, the following inactive chapters were dissolved: Ashe, Central Carolina, Iredell, Lee-Moore, Mayland and Wayne
- Buncombe County, Charlotte and Craven County are also struggling and will be contacted



UPCOMING NCSMA & AAMA EVENTS



2019 NCSMA Convention
April 25-28, 2019
Burlington, NC



NCSMA Summer Seminar 2019
August 9-11, 2019
Hosted by Lexington Chapter
Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express



Countdown to AAMA Conference 2019 to be held in Greensboro NC:

The conference is fast approaching – only 7 months away. Make your plans now to attend!

September 13-16, 2019.

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Awards & Scholarships

Joan Michaels Scholarship

Applications are being accepted until February 28th for the Joan Michaels Scholarship, which is available for students enrolled in CAAHEP accredited medical assisting programs in North Carolina. Information regarding the

scholarship and applications were mailed to each program director.

Paula Cooke, CMA (AAMA), Scholarship Chair, explained that the committee is eagerly awaiting this year's applications, since this is the first time that students in diploma and certificate programs will also be eligible. Previously the scholarship was only available to students in the second year of an associate degree program. All CAAHEP accredited programs – regardless of the length of the program – are required to uphold the same standards and teach the same core curriculum, so the committee recommended the scholarship guidelines be updated to include all of the programs. The proposal was accepted by the NCSMA Board of Directors.



The award amounts are \$300 for a diploma/certificate student and \$500 for a degree student. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the Awards Luncheon at the annual convention.

Program directors are urged to have their students submit an application. If you are a program director of a CAAHEP accredited medical assisting program and did not receive the information, email Paula Cooke, CMA (AAMA) at doglvr1463@yahoo.com.



MARY MOODY AWARD

Mary Moody was an outstanding medical assistant who so inspired her employers with her loyalty, positive attitude, sense of humor, enthusiasm, communication skills, professionalism and her dedication to all the patients she served – they created an award in her honor that is awarded to the medical assistant in North Carolina that best embodies these qualities. Know someone that goes above and beyond? Send in those nominations by March 31, 2019. Details on how to submit a nomination are on the [website](#).

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Cabarrus County – One of the Original Three

When chartered: 1962

History of the Original Three: In 1962, a group of medical assistants in and around the Charlotte area became interested in possibly affiliating with the newly formed AAMA. They met throughout 1962 and were delighted to learn that AAMA was willing to send a representative to North Carolina to help them form a state society, as long as there were three chapters within the state. AAMA representatives met with the chapters, Cabarrus County, Charlotte, and Gaston County, on April 27, 1963 at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The North Carolina Association of Medical Assistants (our original name) was officially chartered by AAMA at the annual meeting held in Miami, FL in October 1963.

Meetings: Bi-monthly in the odd months (January, March, May, July, September, November) beginning at 6 pm at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences which is located at 401 Medical Park Drive, Concord, NC 28025. The following are the meeting dates for 2019: January 29, March 26, May 28, July 23, September 24, November 19. The Cabarrus County Chapter link on the website will be continually updated with meeting information.

CEUs offered to members: At least 1 CEU will be offered at each meeting. The goal is to have 2 CEU presentations per meeting since we are meeting bi-monthly. The plan is to vary those CEUs to include general, clinical and administrative offerings.

Current focus/projects: The chapter had been inactive for several years, but beginning in October

2018, they started meeting again. Correspondence was sent out to members listed on the roster for the chapter and the response was great. Two meetings have been held since reorganizing with no less than 10 members in attendance which has been very exciting. In December, officers and delegates to the NCSMA House of Delegates were elected. The current focus for 2019 will be continuing to strengthen chapter engagement and participation. The officers are working toward reaching CMA (AAMA)s who may not realize there is an active chapter, including the possibility of establishing a social media presence for the chapter. Cabarrus's ambitious 5-year plan includes, becoming more established and then hosting a winter or summer seminar and then work towards hosting a convention. If members would like to get involved or would like more information about the chapter, they can reach out to the President, Rachel Houston, CMA (AAMA) at rachel.houston@atriumhealth.org.

Editor's note: This is a true success story and proves that while a chapter may be down, it should never be counted out. Rachel Houston, with the able assistance of Dr. Ruth Patterson, have worked diligently to get one of our founding chapters active once again. Congratulations to all the Cabarrus County Chapter



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