



Your Monthly News & Updates

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President's Welcome Message

The journey that we began with Amber last year has ended and it is time for another NCSMA year to begin. The theme I have chosen for this coming year is *"CMAs are as versatile as creatures under the sea"*. Just like medical assistants the undersea creatures must be able to multi-task and learn to be part of a team to accomplish their work. Each officer was given a sea creature that defined their office during the installation. A dolphin was chosen to represent my office and will be the symbol used throughout the upcoming year.

In my acceptance speech I urged the membership to welcome and encourage all medical assistants, regardless of their credential, to join NCSMA. As medical assistants we are all faced with the same challenges, concerns and a desire to enhance our profession. Together we are stronger and we can make a difference. Encourage a medical assistant to join our organization today and be an advocate for the profession.

I am looking forward to serving as your President this year and know that together, we will move NCSMA forward.



Summer O'Neal, CMA (AAMA)



Pictured on the left:
Summer O'Neal, CMA (AAMA)
NCSMA President 2019-20

Pictured on the right:
Amber Greer, CMA (AAMA)
NCSMA President 2018-19



Dr. Ruth Patterson, formerly CMA-AC (AAMA) is pictured with her daughter Carol after receiving NCSMA Life Membership

Ruth Patterson, EdD formerly CMA-AC (AAMA) was awarded NCSMA Life Membership at the recent NCSMA convention. Dr. Ruth was North Carolina's first CMA and a charter member of our society. She is a leader, mentor, inspiration, role model, keeper of our history, and a staunch supporter of NCSMA. During the early years she was a visionary who saw the value, of not only medical assisting, but of our professional organization. Dr. Ruth is knowledgeable, approachable, eloquent, intelligent, has a great sense of humor, and most of all is the epitome of a professional medical assistant. She is a NCSMA pioneer, one of a kind and she belongs to us! She stills works for our society and was instrumental in helping the Cabarrus Chapter to reorganize this past year. She is still considered one of the best presenters NCSMA has ever known and will be a speaker at the 2019 AAMA Conference in Greensboro. Dr. Ruth was genuinely surprised at receiving the award and we were even able to sneak her daughter in without her knowledge.

2019 NCSMA Convention = SUCCESS

If you were not able to attend the convention held in Burlington, you missed a GREAT time. The Alamance County Chapter, the hosting chapter, reports there were a total of 247 registered with only 10 not being able to attend. There were 209 members, 20 non-members and 18 students. There were 15 CEUs offered, meetings of the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors, the Awards Luncheon, President's Banquet, the Student Quiz Bowl and the installation of offices for 2019-20. Alamance would also like to thank the following chapters who made a financial donation to support the convention: Albemarle Area, Catawba County, Forsyth-Stokes-Davie, Gaston County, Greensboro, Haywood County, High Point, Lenoir County, Pitt County, Surry County and Union County. If you were there look for your photo in the upcoming Annual TEMPO that will cover the NCSMA year 2018-19 as the convention will be featured. Check out the website and our Facebook page for photos of the event including the award and scholarship recipients.

House of Delegates Highlights

Elected:

- Officers for 2019-2020 – listed on the website along with contact information
- Delegates and alternates to AAMA House of Delegates
- Members to Awards and Nominating Committees

Bylaws amendments adopted (updated bylaws will be available on

website) Granted Life Membership to Ruth Patterson, EdD, formerly CMA-AC (AAMA)

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors met twice during the recent convention and here are the highlights of those meetings:

- Approved purchase of full page ad in the AAMA 2019 Conference brochure to support the campaign of Rebecca Surratt, CMA (AAMA) for AAMA Trustee
- Approved submission of EXCEL awards for TEMPO, Website, the CAN CAN campaign and the membership marketing campaign
- Consolidated savings and moved our CD to obtain better interest
- Members elected to executive council, nominating and awards committees
- Ad hoc committee appointed to aid the Wake County area in forming a new chapter
- 2020 Convention will be state sponsored and held in Wilmington NC
- Regretfully the Buncombe and Craven Chapters were dissolved
- The Charlotte Chapter was placed on inactive status
- Approved updates to guidelines
- Community service campaign benefitting the Sarcoma Foundation of America in honor of Rachel Migliardi, a 20-year-old who was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma at the age of 18, was approved for the upcoming year

UPCOMING NCSMA & AAMA EVENTS

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

The conference is fast approaching – only 4 months away. Make your plans now to attend!



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 5 months away. Make your plans now to attend!
September 13-16, 2019.

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Learn more about our upcoming events & register on our website!



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