OREGON SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

2020 Annual Meeting

Report of Delegate Miller

For the period ending April 16, 2020

This Delegate attended all meetings and sessions as required including but not limited to: HOD orientation and training, HOD check in, HOD session I, reference committees, the candidates meet and greet and the HOD session II. During the HOD, she participated and voted when needed. She attended many educational sessions and took every opportunity available to network with members. She took every opportunity she could to talk with AAMA Past Presidents as their wisdom is vital in the successfulness of our organization.

Miller was to report on the BOT, the orientation of delegates and alternates session, the Welcome and Awards Celebration and the President’s Luncheon.

The BOT meeting was very well attended with a full room. After the introduction of the BOT, the Gallery introduced themselves and identified which state they were from. The minutes were approved. Reports of the BOT, Don Balasa, JD and Boards were reviewed which updates given if needed. The floor was opened to questions from the Gallery. After this, Mr. Balsa gave an interesting presentation of Anti-Trust Laws which brought up much discussion and questions. At this point the Gallery was asked to leave as the BOT then met in executive session.

At the Welcome and Awards Celebration there was a tasty array of fruit and berries, veggies and dip, local and domestic cheeses served with french bread and crackers, mini desserts, coffee, iced tea and lemonade.

The recipients of the Awards of Distinction were:

**Golden Apple**
Deborah White, CMA (AAMA), MS

**Leadership and Mentoring**
Sandra Weir Williams, CMA (AAMA)

**Medical Assistant of the Year**
Crissy Taylor, CMA (AAMA)

**Student Award (Sponsored by F.A. Davis)**
Susan Michelle Little, Greenville Technical College in Greensville, SC

There is an exciting new award! CMA (AAMA) Employer of the Year Award. The categories for this award are:

- Section A = 1-25 employees
- Section B = 26-50 employees
- Section C = 51-75 employees
- Section D = 76 or more employees

The winner of this year’s award was:
Mercy Health Physicians in Lima (Section D)
The Excel and Achievement Awards are divided in four categories:

- Section A = 200 members or fewer
- Section B = 201-500 members
- Section C = 501-800 members
- Section D = 801 members or more

OSMA falls under Section D

The categories these are awarded for are: Publishing, Website Development, Marketing, Promotion and Recruitment, Community Service, Membership Retention, Membership Recruitment, Student Membership Recruitment and CMA(AAMA) Certification.

OSMA won an Achievement Award for their website. This is very exciting as the OSMA website has been recently renovated. Thank you for all involved.

A complete listing of the award recipients is on the AAMA website.

After the awards presentation, the audience was entertained by a surprise trio of musicians and singers; Don Balasa, Jim Hardman and Lee Rumpel. The sang an entertaining variety of songs led by Don Balasa on the piano. This, to me, was the highlight of the evening!

The Delegate/Alternate Delegate training went on without incident. They went over the process of electronic voting using the handheld device. This is the same process we have used for a few years. This voting process makes the HOD run much more efficient. It would be great if OSMA could incorporate a voting procedure like this, but it is probably way too costly for OSMA.

The President’s Reception started with introduction of the head table and a parade and introduction of the state presidents or their representatives. After lunch was served and enjoyed, 2018-19 President Hawes passed the gavel on to incoming President Debbie Houston. She made her incoming “speech” and the lunch was over.

As a note, OSMA donated to the Maxine Williams Scholarship Fund and the Ivy Reade Relkin Surveyor Training Fund as they have done for many years. Those who donate are mentioned at the President’s Luncheon.

This Delegate appreciates the opportunity to be a delegate to the AAMA conference. It is a pleasure and honor to serve in this capacity.

Candy Miller, CMA (AAMA)