# **AAMA** update

## Candidates for the AAMA Board of Trustees

#### Vice President



Sherry Bogar, CN-BC, CMA (AAMA) Together, we need to

Together, we need to meet all members' needs, showcase our value to employers, and elevate our profession.

Through teamwork and a shared vision, we will empower the AAMA to reclaim its leadership position for all medical assistants, drive excellence, boost membership engagement, and ensure long-term growth.

#### Vital Stats

Member: 2004; Certified: 2004

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

**Chaired:** Ad Hoc on Higher Education; Awards; HOD Minutes; Marketing; Membership Development; Social Media

Served: Speaker of the House; Vice Speaker of the House; Trustee; Annual Conference; Bylaws and Resolutions; Career Professional Development; Conference CE Sessions; Endowment; Leadership Development; Nominating; Partnership; Strategic Issues Planning

**AAMA Awards:** Medical Assistant of the Year (2018)

## Speaker of the House



Claire Houghton, CMA (AAMA)

As medical assistants, we have embraced new technologies, protocols, and guidelines to ensure the highest quality of care for

patients. Despite the uncertainties of the future,

we are confident in our skills and dedication to continue serving patients and communities to the best of our abilities.

#### **Vital Stats**

Member: 2002; Certified: 2003

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

**Chaired:** Bylaws and Resolutions; Documents; Editorial Advisory; Leadership Development; Strategic Issues Planning

Served: Vice Speaker of the House; Trustee; Ad Hoc on Higher Education; Annual Conference; Educators Collaborative; Endowment; HOD Minutes; Marketing; Maxine Williams Scholarship; Membership Development; Test Construction



Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA)

The AAMA needs to offer members education and benefits they find valuable and useful. To continue to represent our profession, we

must find a way to attract and retain members with both the CMA (AAMA) and other credentials. We need to be an organization of inclusion and not restrict entry.

#### **Vital Stats**

Member: 1979; Certified: 1981

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

Chaired: 2011 Annual Conference Education; 2008 Annual HOD Tellers; 2014 Annual HOD Credentials; 2019 Annual HOD Reference; Awards; Bylaws and Resolutions; Documents; Leadership Development; Marketing

**Served:** Speaker of the House; Vice Speaker of the House; Trustee; Annual Conference;

Career Professional Development; Conference CE Sessions; Endowment; Maxine Williams Scholarship; Membership Development; Nominating; Public Affairs; Strategic Issues Planning

## Vice Speaker of the House



Aimee Quinn, BHA, CMA (AAMA)

Leadership takes strategy, heart, and bold moves just like Yahtzee. As AAMA Vice Speaker of the House, I'll listen, lead

with integrity, and amplify your voice. I'm committed to collaboration, growth, and advancing our profession. Let's roll the dice together—for progress, unity, and a future where every member thrives.

#### **Vital Stats**

Member: 2005; Certified: 2005

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

Chaired: Social Media

**Served:** Trustee; Bylaws and Resolutions; Documents; Marketing, Membership Development; Nominating; Partnership

## Secretary



Shirley Sawyer, CMA

(AAMA)

I want to be able to empower medical assistants through advanced education, career pathways, and

greater recognition as vital health care team members. I will work to bring in new leaders to help foster leadership to elevate our profession and enhance patient care.

#### **Vital Stats**

Member: 1991; Certified: 1995

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

**Chaired:** Continuing Education Board; Career Professional Development; Conference CE Sessions; Editorial Advisory; Partnership **Served:** Annual Conference; Assessment-Based Certificate: Bylaws and Resolutions; Documents; Educators Collaborative; HOD Minutes; Leadership Development; Maxine Williams Scholarship; Membership Development and Marketing; Nominating; Practice Managers; Reference

**AAMA Awards of Distinction:** Leadership and Mentoring (2018)

#### Trustee



Christa Smith, CMA (AAMA)

*It is important to me* to show our members quality, value, and learning. We continually need to show the quality

and value to employers, that the AAMA is the professional organization for all medical assistants. By mentoring we are demonstrating learning. This is vital to the existence of the AAMA.

#### **Vital Stats**

Member: 1994; Certified: 1994

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

Chaired: 2024 Annual Conference Education

Served: Annual Conference; Leadership Development



Jeanette Tyler, BAS, CMA (AAMA)

*My vision is to promote* medical assisting as an essential profession in health care; unify all medical assistants.

regardless of credential, by demonstrating there is a seat at the AAMA table for all; and empower growth through collaboration, innovation, and benefits that strengthen the profession and community.

#### **Vital Stats**

Member: 2009; Certified: 2010

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

Served: Annual Conference; Conference CE Sessions; Leadership Development; Social Media



Sandra Williams, CMA (AAMA)

My vision of the AAMA's future lies in actively connecting with all credentialed medical assistants. I propose

a focus on identifying and mentoring passionate individuals and encouraging their professional advancement, including engagement at all available levels of the organization.

#### **Vital Stats**

Member: 1987; Certified: 1987

#### **National Volunteer Teams**

Chaired: Career Professional Development; Membership Development; Practice Managers; Strategic Issues Planning

**Served:** Trustee; Continuing Education Board; Annual Conference; Endowment; Leadership Development; Maxine Williams Scholarship

#### **AAMA Awards of Distinction:**

Leadership and Mentoring (2019); Medical Assistant of the Year (2021) ◆

## Your Deadline to Group Up

Reminder: AAMA Volunteer Leadership Applications are due by August 1.

You can find the application on the "Volunteer Opportunities" webpage, accessible via the teal "Join the AAMA" drop-down menu. Or simply search for "AAMA Volunteer Leadership Application" in the search bar. +

## BOT Qualifications

Thinking of running for the AAMA Board of Trustees? Check the AAMA Bylaws on our website (on the "Leader's Center" webpage) to make sure you meet the requirements for nominations. Nominees have already been announced, but candidates may put forth nominations from the floor at the AAMA Annual Conference. Paperwork is due to the Speaker of the House and Nominating Committee Chair by Aug. 20.

## Join the CEB!

The Continuing Education Board (CEB) is looking for experienced volunteers to continue its mission of developing and administering quality continuing education opportunities for medical assistants.

> Overview: Responsibilities will include remotely assisting with CEB projects as needed throughout the year, as well as travel to three meetings in late winter or early spring, summer, and fall.\*

**Experience** (preferred): The ideal candidate is a CMA (AAMA) who has worked in the medical assisting field for the past three years and has experience as both a state or chapter officer and a program planner.

For more information, download the AAMA Volunteer Leadership Application via the AAMA website.

\*CEB members are reimbursed for travel to their annual meetings and are provided *free lodging at the host hotels.* ◆