

Candidates for the AAMA Board of Trustees

Vice President

Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA)

We need to promote the CMA (AAMA) value outside of our organization, while the AAMA continues to represent and meet the needs of our profession as well as finding ways to attract and retain credentialed members.



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

Cameron Smith, BS, CMA (AAMA), CPC, HITCM-PP, PBT(ASCP)

Medical assisting is more than a career—it's the backbone of patient care in America. We are on the front lines



every day, and you deserve a trustee who understands the demands of the profession, respects the dedication required, and fights for the resources needed to succeed. Let's win together.

Vital Stats

Member: 2015; Certified: 2016

National Volunteer Teams

Chaired: Bylaws and Resolutions; Editorial Advisory; Engagement and Outreach

Served: Awards; Educators Collaborative; Marketing; Membership Development; Partnership; Test Construction

AAMA Awards: AAMA Rising Star Award (2023)

Secretary

Shirley Sawyer, CMA (AAMA)

We need to continue mentoring members to help them grow within the organization. Actively promote the organization in alignment with our mission and vision statements and communicate core values. Focus on increasing membership by listening to what our members are saying and responding to their needs.



Vital Stats

Member: 1991; Certified: 1995

National Volunteer Teams

Chaired: Continuing Education Board; Career Professional Development; Conference CE Sessions; Editorial Advisory; Leadership Development; Partnership

Served: Advisory Service; Annual

Conference; Assessment-Based Certificate; Awards; Bylaws and Resolutions; Career Professional Development; Documents; Educators Collaborative; HOD Minutes; Maxine Williams Scholarship; Membership Development and Marketing; Nominating; Practice Managers; Reference

AAMA Awards of Distinction:

Leadership and Mentoring (2018)

Trustee

Erica Arends, CMA (AAMA)

Medical assistants are the heart of rural health care. My vision for the continued success of the AAMA is to build partnerships, find new pathways, and mentor students and non-traditional members to include all medical assistants. I hope to do this while keeping true to the AAMA values and mission.



Vital Stats

Member: 2009; Certified: 2011

National Volunteer Teams

Served: Editorial Advisory; Leadership Development; Practice Managers; Reference

Rachel Ozburn, CMA (AAMA)

My vision is to strengthen the American Association of Medical Assistants by increasing membership, supporting state growth, and advancing the recognition of the CMA (AAMA). Through



advocacy, leadership, and unity, we will empower medical assistants and elevate the profession nationwide.

Vital Stats

Member: 2008; Certified: 2011

National Volunteer Teams

Served: Conference CE Sessions; Test Construction

Terri Slinker, CMA (AAMA)

Run for the Roses:

Championing CMAs (AAMA)

- *Advocating for recognition, respect, and advancement within the health care team*
- *Supporting initiatives that elevate our profession nationwide*

Focused on the Finish Line

- *Promoting certification and continuing education*
- *Encouraging leadership development for all members*

A Team Player

- *Listening to members*
- *Building collaboration through networking*

Vital Stats

Member: 1984; Certified: 1984

National Volunteer Teams

Chaired: Annual Conference; Practice Managers

Served: Continuing Education Board; Assessment-Based Certificate; Bylaws and Resolutions ♦



Call for Community Corner Profiles

This issue of *Medical Assisting Today* is the first to feature a Community Corner article (page 30). To continue highlighting the AAMA's amazing communities at the state and chapter levels in this new way, we need your submissions! Sign up via the AAMA website:



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. ♦

Your Deadline to Make a Difference

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

You can find the application on the "Volunteer Opportunities" webpage, accessible via the "Join the AAMA" dropdown menu. Or simply search for "AAMA Volunteer Leadership Application" in the search bar. ♦



Eyes on Earnings

Watch for the annual AAMA Compensation and Benefits Survey, coming to your email inbox this summer. Your responses help create an accurate report! ♦

How to Display Your Credential—The Right Way!

If you've earned the CMA (AAMA) credential and have maintained the credential's currency, you should be including the credential "CMA (AAMA)" after your name. Don't forget to include "(AAMA)" to reflect the credential accurately!



Correct: Jane Doe, CMA (AAMA)

Incorrect: Jane Doe, CMA

When writing a complete sentence, use commas around "CMA (AAMA)."

Correct: The illustrious Jane Doe, CMA (AAMA), will be our guest speaker. ♦

Save the AAMA's Texting Line to Your Contacts

Make sure the cell phone number on your AAMA profile is correct so you receive reminders and tips about CMA (AAMA)[®] recertification as well as membership news. Allow the AAMA to track your deadlines and keep you updated on when you must take action to maintain your credential.

Save these numbers to your phone!

- **Membership:** 888/505-1489
- **Certification:** 833/986-3121

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