Virginia Society of Medical Assistants

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2022

Online Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 2:16 pm

Roll Call

Mary Schuknecht CMA (AAMA)

Nina Beaman CMA (AAMA)

Deb Benson CMA (AAMA)

Debby Houston CMA (AAMA) absent

Virginia Thomas CMA (AAMA)

Joyce Hardee CMA (AAMA)

Tanisha Farissier CMA (AAMA) absent

Amanda Harris CMA (AAMA)

Quorum: 6/8

Approval of Minutes – Motion to accept minutes as distributed by Nina Beaman CMA (AAMA); second by Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA), Motion unanimous to accept.

Correspondence: MAERB is going totally virtual and have moved from the AAMA office. AAMA is a sponsor only. They have been independent and have their own tax ID.

Treasurer’s Report: Bank account balance on hand 06/30/2022: $7,842.06; Money Market account on hand 06/30/20022 is $8699.25.

Officers Reports

President- Mary Ruth Schuknecht CMA (AAMA)—sent in state dues, officers and delegates form. Took check to Autism Speaks which is our President’s Charity. Put in a bid for the 2024 AAMA conference.

Vice President - Nina Beaman CMA (AAMA) Assisted President with correspondence and notices to Executive Board.

Immediate Past - President Deb Benson CMA (AAMA) -contacted Don with legal questions for UVA.

Parliamentarian - Joyce Hardee CMA (AAMA) -no report

Secretary -Deb Benson, CMA (AAMA)

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance Debby Houston CMA (AAMA) – report circulated

Bylaws- Virginia Thomas CMA (AAMA)- nothing until AAMA conference.

Certification- Deb Benson CMA (AAMA)- 7 new CMA’s. Letters sent

Credentials- Joyce Hardee CMA (AAMA)- no report

Membership- Tanisha Farrrisier, CMA (AAMA)- 318 members currently. No report.

Nominating- Deb Benson CMA (AAMA)- full slate. Will need to see how many delegates Virginia will receive. May not have three.

Public Policy- Nina Beaman CMA (AAMA) – The Supreme Court Dobbs decision has far-reaching effects on Virginia’s providers because of a surge of patients coming to Virginia for reproductive care which will strain the shortage of providers. Further, pharmacists may refuse to provide medications that may have effects on fetuses, for fear of legal ramifications.

Web Site/Publicity- Tanisha Farissier CMA (AAMA), Amanda Harris CMA (AAMA), Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA) – Need input for refreshing the website content. A caution was given about scams as AAMA gave out Amanda Harris, CMA (AAMA) phone number. Virginia will alert AAMA office about this. Mary Scnuknecht, CMA (AAMA) will request a “one pager” document from Don Balasa, JD with specific right to practice for Virginia. This will be posted on the website.

Standing Committees

Strategic Plan- Deb Benson CMA (AAMA) and Debby Houston CMA (AAMA)-, new plan being developed

Fall Seminar—Deb Benson CMA (AAMA) Zoom meeting- report attached. Updated program. Deb will send the Executive Board an update when speakers confirmed. Fees were approved. Members: $20.00, nonmembers: $30.00, students: $10.00.

Annual Meeting 2023- Nina Beaman, CMA (AAMA) and Amanda Harris, CMA (AAMA)- will be at Bryant and Stratton in North Chesterfield, VA.

Ad Hoc Committees

Leadership Virginia Thomas CMA (AAMA), Deb Benson CMA (AAMA), Debbie Houston CMA (AAMA)- no report

AAMA Leaders

Immediate Past-President- Debby Houston CMA (AAMA)-absent

AAMA Secretary Treasurer- Virginia Thomas CMA (AAMA)- Covid numbers are up so if coming to AAMA conference please bring a mask and wear it. The Delegates Packet should be arriving soon and if discussion is needed by the Board a Zoom meeting will be scheduled. There will be a virtual training for AAMA delegates and alternates on September 24th at noon and September 29th at 7 pm. Information coming.

Old Business:

1. T-shirt competition results- will resend flyer as only one response received. Deadline will be November 4th. Motion to accept changes by Nina Beaman, CMA (AAMA), seconded by Deb Benson, CMA (AAMA). Motion passed.
2. Ad request sent to AAMA for Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA) as Secretary Treasurer-Deb Benson CMA (AAMA) will follow up with Gina at AAMA office.

Announcements;

 Next Executive Board Meeting: November 4, 2022 at 7:15 pm in Nina’s Zoom room.

Sharing: Debby Houston’s house is built.

Adjournment: 2:59 pm