

Nebraska was represented at the first meeting held in Kansas City, Kansas to form a National Organization back in May of 1955. It was in 1963 that Nebraska qualified for its State Charter. In 1965, Nebraska presented its first educational symposium held in Lincoln. The first CMA certification exam in Nebraska was given in June of 1965.

From the beginning, there was a need, there was interest and there was constant motivation and support. All these years later, Medical Assisting is one of the fastest growing occupations.

Our members have learned how an exchange of professional ideas can broaden the scope and effectiveness of all Medical Assistants. As a member, you will make new friends and enjoy affiliation with colleagues as you share in the opportunity to advance your career goals.

NSMA has formulated a Strategic Plan to assure recognition and success. We have identified our goals and are striving to achieve our objectives. YOU are part of that overall plan! Your involvement will make a positive difference.

The Nebraska Medical Association and many County Medical Societies support and endorse the goals and objectives of the NSMA. Physicians in the communities where we work serve on our Physician Advisory Board.

Each spring, NSMA sponsors a 2 day State Conference. This educational weekend is held in various locations throughout the state. At this meeting, the House of Delegates assembles which provides the democratic forum to define the policies governing our Society. The election and formal instillation of Officers takes place, as well as entertaining social functions. The "Medical Assistant of the Year" honor is also awarded. This award acknowledges the special accomplishments of an outstanding member.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the NSMA Board Meetings. Experience the happenings behind the scenes. Familiarize yourself with the Board of Directors and the activities of the Standing Committees. Explore the many volunteer opportunities that are available for your special talents. These business meetings are usually scheduled in August, October, January, and March, with the pre and post scheduled during the state conference.

NSMA has five local chapters throughout the State. Most chapters hold regular business meetings and offer AAMA approved programs for continuing education units. Perhaps there could be enough interest in your area to form your own chapter!