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# Conference Information

## Nebraska Society of Medical Assistants

### CMAAs (AAMA) and other Medical Office Personnel

The Hastings Chapter wishes to extend this official invitation to you to attend the 48th annual NSMA Conference. The conference will be held April 25 & 26, 2014, at the Howard Johnson Inn, 2205 Osborne Drive East, Hastings, Nebraska.

Included is the registration form and hotel reservation information. As you will notice on the registration form, you have the option of the full two-day registration, which is your best deal, or individual days, if you are not able to come for the entire conference. Registration will begin Friday at 7:00 AM. There will be approximately 12 hours of continuing education presented. The applicable fees are included in the registration fee. Registration deadline is April 4, 2014, and no refunds after April 17, 2014.

On the hotel reservation information sheet, note the deadline for room reservations, Friday, April 4, 2014, is the last date to obtain the special conference group rate. Do not wait to make your hotel reservations as the allotment of rooms may fill up before the deadline date.

A special invitation is extended to all first time conference attendees, non-members and medical assisting students. You will be able to meet medical assistants and share ideas with them. Take a look at the organization and all it has to offer. There will be members available to answer any questions regarding our tri-level organization.

We will be honoring members and installing our newly elected Board members during the conference. Meals that are included in the registration fee include the Friday Dinner and Saturday Luncheon.

Make a note for your packing; it is difficult to keep the temperature in all rooms comfortable for everyone, so please, dress in layers---if desired. Attire is casual business attire for all functions during the conference including the CEU sessions and business meetings, NO sweats, scrubs, or cut-offs and no blue jeans on Saturday.

Alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, and smoking are prohibited during conference-sponsored events. Photos taken throughout the conference may be utilized in NSMA media.

As we gather to attend the 48th Annual NSMA Conference, we hope your stay is enjoyable and comfortable. May we take this opportunity to continue growing in our profession and to become the best medical assistants we can be!

Please distribute an invitation to others who may also want this opportunity to receive continuing education.

If you have questions, please contact any member of the Hastings Chapter for more information -

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### **One day only ~ bring your cash for the Denim Day Friday FUNdrasier!**

For a separate 5-dollar donation to the Denim Day FUNdrasier, on Friday, April 25th **only**, you can contribute and wear your blue jeans to the Friday sessions. Your \$5 will be payable at the registration table only-not on your registration form, no jeans with holes please. The rest of the conference is casual business dress - no scrubs, sweats, shorts and no blue jeans on Saturday.

# Conference Agenda

## 48th Annual NSMA Conference at the Howard Johnson Inn • Hastings, NE April 25 & 26, 2014

Name badges must be worn at all times for admittance to all CEU sessions and meals.

### Friday, April 25, 2014

6:00 am - 7:00 am	Breakfast at the hotel restaurant - 15% off coupon provided with paid room reservation	
7:00 am - 12:30 pm	Registration (Foyer of the Convention Center)	
7:15 am - 8:40 am	Pre-Conference Board Meeting - Terrace Room	
9:00 am - 11:00 am	House of Delegates - Convention Center	
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch on your own (All Speakers will be in the hotel Convention Center)	
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm	Welcome to Hastings by Mayor Vernon Powers	
12:45 pm - 2:45 pm	<i>Workplace Violence</i> Lt. Finney with the Nebraska State Patrol	2 CEUs
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break (Foyer of the Convention Center area)	
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<i>Advances in Knee and Hip Replacement</i> Dr. Stoner	2 CEUs
5:00 pm - 5:20 pm	Friday Dinner and CEU Speaker - Shannon Frink - Hy-Vee	
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Shannon Frink - Hy-Vee	1 CEU

### Saturday, April 26, 2014

6:00 am - 7:45 am	Breakfast Buffet in Courtyard - (must be wearing conference name badge)	
7:15 am - 8:50 am	Registration (Foyer of the Convention Center area)	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<i>OTC Medications/Vitamins</i> Brandee Schram, Pharmacist	1 CEU
10:15 am - 11:15 am	<i>Pacemakers</i> Dale Gibson, NP-NHI-Hastings	1 CEU
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	<i>Alzheimer's</i> Clayton Freeman-Great Plains Chapter	1 CEU
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon/Installation of NSMA Officers and Awards Ceremony	
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	<i>Wide River</i>	2 CEUs
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break	
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	CMS	2 CEUs
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Post Conference Board meeting - Terrace Room	

Education Sessions are subject to change without written notice. Because we are honoring our elected officers and special guests this weekend, we ask that you dress in casual business attire, no scrubs, sweats, shorts and NO blue jeans on Saturday. In addition, clothe for your own personal temperature comfort.



# Registration Form

Nebraska Society of Medical Assistants 48th Annual Conference Registration  
Friday, April 25 & Saturday, April 26, 2014

Name:		Credentials:	
Address:			
City:		State & ZIP:	
Email:		Phone:	
Chapter:		AAMA ID or SS#:	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Is this your 1 <sup>st</sup> NSMA Conference? 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you a past State President? 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you a Newly Certified CMA (AAMA) within the past 12 months? 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Have you Recertified your CMA (AAMA) credential since April of 2014? (mo/yr _____)			

## FULL TWO-DAY REGISTRATION (10 CEUs and Two meals)

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| <input type="radio"/> Members (meals & educational sessions)     | \$120.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Non-Members (meals & educational sessions) | \$200.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Students (meals & educational sessions)    | \$100.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Students (educational sessions only)       | \$ 20.00 |

## FRIDAY ONLY (5 CEUs and One meal)

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| <input type="radio"/> Members (meal & educational sessions)     | \$ 70.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Non-Members (meal & educational sessions) | \$120.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Students (meal & educational sessions)    | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Students (educational sessions only)      | \$ 10.00 |

## SATURDAY ONLY (7 CEUs and Two meal)

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| <input type="radio"/> Members (meal & educational sessions)     | \$110.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Non-Members (meal & educational sessions) | \$120.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Students (meal & educational sessions)    | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="radio"/> Students (educational sessions only)      | \$ 10.00 |

## OPTIONS

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> GUEST Friday evening meal ticket      | _____ @ \$20.00  |
| <input type="radio"/> GUEST Saturday luncheon/awards ticket | _____ @ \$20.00  |
| <input type="radio"/> LATE FEE for Registration             | _____ @ \$ 10.00 |

(If Postmarked after April 4, 2014)

*Registrations will be processed at the registration rate available when payment is received*

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To provide accurate meal counts, please check the following:

- |   |
|---|
| <input type="radio"/> I plan on attending the Friday evening meal           |
| <input type="radio"/> I plan on attending the Saturday breakfast buffet     |
| <input type="radio"/> I plan on attending the Saturday luncheon/awards meal |

Alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, and smoking are prohibited during the conference-sponsored events.

Conference name badges must be worn for admittance to all CEU sessions and meals

## Registration Deadline is

**April 4, 2014.**

No Refunds after April 17, 2014.

Make Check Payable To:  
**2014 NSMA CONFERENCE**

Mail Check and Registration To:  
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The continuing education sessions at this conference have been approved by the AAMA for CEUs. Granting approval in no way constitutes endorsement by the AAMA of either the program's content or facilitator.

Photos taken throughout the conference may be utilized in NSMA media.

**For those with paid hotel registration – a 15% off coupon will be given at check-in to be use at the hotel restaurant on Friday from 6:00 am-7:00 am**

**Saturday - Breakfast buffet with paid conference registration from 6:00 am - 7:45 am**

# **Hotel Reservation Information**

## **2014 NSMA Conference**

Friday, April 25 – Saturday, April 26, 2014

Howard Johnson Inn  
2205 Osborne Drive East, Hastings, Nebraska  
(402) 463-6721

<http://www.hojo.com/hotels/nebraska/hastings/-howard-johnson-hastings>

NSMA Group Room rate deadline is Friday, April 4, 2014  
***Specify NSMA Conference when making reservation.***

### **Hotel Reservation Information**

Single, double, or king sleeping room accommodations in our Main and North Buildings with outside entrances are \$69.99 per night. These are flat rates for 1-4 persons per room.

Same hotel as we have used in past conferences, just a recent name change. The hotel is conveniently located just off HWY 281. It is close to many restaurants and fast food eateries.

Each guest room comes complete with wired and wireless Internet access, a flat-screen television with cable, coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, hair dryer, alarm clock, iron, and ironing board and leisure chairs.

Guests of this hotel will enjoy many amenities such as...indoor heated swimming pool, game room, fitness center, and hot tub. Also included is unlimited use of the business center and complimentary wired and wireless Internet access in all rooms. There is an on-site dining.  
Pets are welcome-fees apply.

Check-in is 3:00 pm and checkout is 11:00 am

### **NSMA Conference Updates**

**2015 NSMA's 49th Annual Conference 2015**, hosted by the Lincoln Chapter  
**2016 NSMA's 50th Annual Conference 2016**, hosted by the Grand Island Chapter

### **Thank You:**

- To the 2013-2014 State Medical Advisory Board:
- To the 2013-2014 elected and volunteering members of NSMA State Board and local chapters.
- To the 2013-2014 elected and volunteering members of the AAMA.

Without the support from members like you, our organization would not continue to grow.

## **Letter From The President**



Dear Members of NSMA;

I am writing this letter as one of my last official duties as the President of NSMA. The holidays are over and it is time to be thinking of the annual state conference. The Hastings Chapter has been hard at work to give us the chance to earn CEUs and to meet with other CMAs, MAs and other colleagues across the state.

Last year was the 50th anniversary of the death of John F. Kennedy and I have always liked what he said in one of his speeches, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." Maybe, we as medical assistants should be asking ourselves that same thing. What can we do for NSMA and AAMA? There are a lot of us who could do more at all these levels. It is not difficult if you ask for help, as we have a lot of experience in our organization. It might seem scary I am sure, I know I was when I took on that first committee, but I had people I could ask for help and guess what..... they helped me. We all want the same thing in this organization, to be the best that we can be and do the best that we can do. So please think about it and ask yourself... what can I do for the NSMA?

Andy Stewart, CMA (AAMA),  
2013-2014 NSMA President



# 2013-2014 NSMA Officers

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What is the purpose of the AAMA?

The purpose of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) is to enable medical assisting professionals to enhance and demonstrate the knowledge, skills and professionalism required by employers and patients; protect medical assistants rights to practice; and promote effective, efficient healthcare delivery through optimal use of multi-skilled CMAs (AAMA).

Have you seen the updated AAMA website? Many new changes have been made to the site, for example, once you have setup your login, you will

be able to make updates to your personal information, renew your membership, and recertify online with the click of a mouse. To learn more about the updates, follow the information supplied by the AAMA below.

### **AAMA Website - Time-Saving Tips**

The AAMA website is new and improved! You no longer need to use your last name and ID number to sign in to the website. You will need to create a new account using your e-mail address.

Follow the link below to begin your new AAMA website experience!

<https://www.aama-ntl.org/register>

If you have any trouble, feel free to call us at 800/228-2262, ext. 774.

**Extra Tip:** For access to personal and professional information, such as your CEU transcript, sign in and click on "My Account" in the upper-right corner.

Look for the AAMA on Facebook also!

If you would like more information on the NSMA or a membership packet sent to a fellow Medical Assistant, contact the NSMA Membership Chair-

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Student Buzz

# "I want to be a *medical assistant*

## MEDICAL ASSISTING STUDENT VIDEO & ESSAY COMPETITION

## because..."

What made you want to become a medical assistant? Interest in the medical field? A desire to help others? Tell us!

Produce a short video or write an essay titled "I want to be a medical assistant because..." and send it in.

### Your entry could win \$500!

(Sponsored by textbook publisher F.A. Davis.)

**Your audience:** Potential medical assisting students. Who better to tell them about entering the medical assisting profession than you!

**Your pitch:** Your story should inspire others to consider the profession and aspire to achieve the CMA (AAMA) credential.

**Your judges:** The AAMA Communications and Marketing Department

**Your deadline:** July 1, 2014

**How to get started:** Think about what you would say to a friend or an acquaintance to encourage them in pursuing medical assisting as a profession. Why did you choose it as your career path? Then, think about what you would tell this person about going after that CMA (AAMA) credential. What kind of professional edge does the credential provide?

**Eligibility:** You are eligible to enter if you enrolled in and have completed at least one quarter or semester at a postsecondary medical assisting program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

### Submission requirements

#### Essay

- Send as an attachment via e-mail to [communications@aama-ntl.org](mailto:communications@aama-ntl.org) (Include the information from the form below in your e-mail message.)
- Length: 400–500 words
- Save in Microsoft Word .doc or .docx format

#### Video

- Must be submitted as a video file (.avi, .mpeg, .wmv, .mp4, .mov) on DVD (3 copies required)
- Length: 3-minute maximum
- No limit on number of actors in video

### Judging criteria

- Essay entries will be judged based on writing quality, content, and overall effectiveness.
- Video entries will be judged on quality of production, content, and overall effectiveness.

*Entries that do not meet all the submission requirements will automatically be disqualified. All entries become the property of the AAMA and will not be returned.*

**Essay entry:** See submission requirements above.

**Video entry:** Fill out this form, detach it, and mail it by **July 1, 2010** with your entry to the AAMA.

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# Newly Certified Medical Assistants

The Nebraska Society of Medical Assistants would like to acknowledge the following Certified Medical Assistants who passed their certification exam from February 1, 2013 to September 1, 2013

## Newly Certified:

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Amanda Muriel Arndt, CMA (AAMA)	Alda, NE	Michele R Hedden, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Heather Jo Ekhooff, CMA (AAMA)	Aurora, NE
Ashley C Hascall, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Molley AM Snyder, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Heather Marie Menn, CMA (AAMA)	Fremont, NE
Ashley Christina Curran, CMA (AAMA)	Gretna, NE	Nafiya Khoudeida, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Heather Renae Logan, CMA (AAMA)	Seward, NE
Ashley Elizabeth Yates, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Nichole Ann Chipalu, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Holly L Mace, CMA (AAMA)	Grand Island, NE
Ashley Faye Condon, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Olivia Danielle Malloy, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Janet Hake, CMA (AAMA)	Palmer, NE
Audrey S Johnson, CMA (AAMA)	Bellevue, NE	Rachel N Pihlgren, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Janis M. Frederick, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Bobbi Jo Adams, CMA (AAMA)	Kearney, NE	Regan C Beranek, CMA (AAMA)	Milford, NE	Jeanette Marie Morrison, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Brittney Diane Widhalm, CMA (AAMA)	Bellevue, NE	Samantha J Hanquist, CMA (AAMA)	Hordville, NE	Jennifer Aine Metcalf, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Carrie Lyn Prall, CMA (AAMA)	Winslow, NE	Samantha S Keffer, CMA (AAMA)	Sutton, NE	Juanita M Watson, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Chanda Lea Reaves, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Saranne Marie Vogt, CMA (AAMA)	Murdock, NE	Kay Marie Stepanek, CMA (AAMA)	Papillion, NE
Courtney B Mecham, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Shara Elizabeth Hollingshead, CMA (AAMA)		Kellie Jo Irby, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Crystal A Mindiola, CMA (AAMA)	Bellevue, NE		Omaha, NE	Kimberly C. Probst, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Crystal E Granados, CMA (AAMA)	Bennington, NE	Taylor Mae Wilshusen, CMA (AAMA)	Fremont, NE	Kimberly Dawn Soukup, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Danielle P Smith, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Tiffany Marie Cary, CMA (AAMA)	Bellevue, NE	Lori D. Kounovsky, CMA (AAMA)	Plainview, NE
Donita S Williams, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE			Lori Marie Cordell, CMA (AAMA)	Alliance, NE
Erin E Avery, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE			Michel K McKinney, CMA (AAMA), BS	Hastings, NE
Erin Pochinski, CMA (AAMA)	Papillion, NE	<b><u>Recertified CMAs (AAMA)</u></b>		Michele Renee Williamson, CMA (AAMA)	Friend, NE
Felicia A Galletta, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Aimee M Leishman, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Miriam L. Bybee, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Haley L Marfisi, CMA (AAMA)	Fremont, NE	Alicia Lynn Harlow, CMA (AAMA)	Waterloo, NE	Nicole M Blodgett, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Hannah Irene Sorensen, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Amanda Barnes, CMA (AAMA)	Waverly, NE	Patricia Diane Thompson, CMA (AAMA)	O' Neill, NE
Heather Dawn Petersen, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Amanda Renee Vashon, CMA (AAMA)	La Vista, NE	Rhiannon L. Clausen, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Heather Marie Oskey, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Amber Ranae Mather, CMA (AAMA)	Eagle, NE	Sally A. Elley, CMA (AAMA)	Hastings, NE
Jeanine F Harders, CMA (AAMA)	Wood River, NE	Amy Lynn Saltzman, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Sandra L. Tripp, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Jennifer A Pollock, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Anh H Nguyen, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Sandra Powers, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Jennifer L Dealey, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Ann Marie Britt, CMA (AAMA)	Tecumseh, NE	Shelley Renee Bailes, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Jessica Lynn Dummer, CMA (AAMA)	Gretna, NE	April J Mora, CMA (AAMA)	Grand Island, NE	Shelly Lynn Woita, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Jessica Renae Peshek, CMA (AAMA)	Hastings, NE	Ashley Elizabeth Dunkin, CMA (AAMA)	Adams, NE	Shonisha L Young, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE
Karen M Shope, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Ashley Jane Field, CMA (AAMA)	Unadilla, NE	Stacey Rae Finnell, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Karen Nicole Atterson, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE	Barbara K. Mansavage, CMA (AAMA)	Bellevue, NE	Stephanie L Bogus, CMA (AAMA)	Farwell, NE
Katelyn Marie Schlautman, CMA (AAMA)		Breanna R. Thomsen, CMA (AAMA)		Susan H. Engel, CMA (AAMA)	Fremont, NE
	West Point, NE		Grand Island, NE	Susan K. Holstein, CMA (AAMA)	Blair, NE
Katherine L Sieck, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Brenda K. Andel, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Tamara J. Omer, CMA (AAMA)	Norfolk, NE
Kendra J Sell, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Carrie S. Petz, CMA (AAMA)	West Point, NE	Torrie D. Stokely, CMA (AAMA)	Grand Island, NE
Kimberly Tatiana Rodenbarger, CMA (AAMA)		Casey R Weaver, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE	Trista A Ashman, CMA (AAMA)	Lincoln, NE
Bellevue, NE		Cheri Diane Buglewicz, CMA (AAMA)	Omaha, NE		

We try to get the most accurate list of newly Certified Medical Assistants from the AAMA, but we may inadvertently miss someone. Do know that we are proud of each and every one of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations on a job well done.





# CAAHEP & ABHES Accredited Colleges in Nebraska

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Medical Assisting Program  
CAAHEP Accredited: Diploma, Associate  
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**KAPLAN UNIVERSITY - LINCOLN**

CAAHEP Accredited  
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**KAPLAN UNIVERSITY - OMAHA**

CAAHEP Accredited  
Medical Assisting Program  
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**METHODIST COLLEGE**

CAAHEP Accredited  
Medical Assisting Program  
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**METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

CAAHEP Accredited  
Medical Assisting Program  
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**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

CAAHEP Accredited: Diploma  
Medical Assisting Program  
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**VATTEROTT COLLEGE**

ABHES Accredited  
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# Informing You For a Better You

## Monitor weather conditions and follow the advice of authorities

### *Before driving*

- Stock your car with emergency supplies including a cell phone and charger, gloves, boots, blankets, flashlight and reflective triangle, non-perishable supplies of food and water.
- Remove snow from your entire car and windows.
- Keep your fuel tank at least half-full.

### *While driving*

- Regulate your speed for road conditions.
- Do not use cruise control on wet roads.
- Watch for ice on overpasses and at intersections.
- If you are in an emergency situation call 911 immediately.
- Look ahead in traffic for problems that may require more reaction time.

### *If you become stranded and need roadside assistance:*

- Call the 24-hour road service number on your AAA membership card.
- Stay with your vehicle. If you can start your engine, run it only long enough to keep warm. Be sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow.



## School failure affects the mental health of girls



Girls who fall into early patterns of failure often suffer dire consequences, even more so than boys, new research shows. Girls who experience serious school failure by 12th grade, being expelled, suspended, or dropping out, were significantly more likely to have suffered serious depression by the age of 21 than girls who did not experience these failures. The study did not show the same correlation for boys.

“For girls there are broader implications of school failure,” says Carolyn McCarty, a University of Washington researcher. “We already know that school problems lead to more poverty, higher rates of being on public assistance, and lower rates of job stability for both males and females. This study shows greater mental health implications of females.”

The study showed that girls expelled from school were more than twice more likely to suffer depression than girls who were not expelled. Thirty-three percent of girls who dropped out of school were later depressed, compared to 19 percent of those who did not drop out. Twenty-eight percent of those who were suspended suffered depression as compared to 19% of those who were not suspended.

Overall, girls who experienced major school failure suffered depression at a rate of 22%; for boys, the depression rate was 17%. While fewer girls than boys experienced failure, the consequences were more severe for girls.

## Education and prevention cuts down the falls of the elderly

Falling accounts for 10 percent of emergency room visits and 6 percent of hospitalizations among people over the age of 65. The results of falls can lead to functional decline, placement in nursing homes, and restricted activity. But are falls an inevitable consequence of aging? Researchers at Yale School of Medicine say not necessarily.

A new study reports that fall-prevention educational campaigns and interventions cut falls among the elderly study participants by 11 percent. The fall-prevention programs also resulted in almost 10 percent fewer fall-related hip fractures and head injuries, less discomfort and disability, and about \$21 million less in healthcare costs in the region where the interventions took place.

*The findings were originally published in the New England Journal of Medicine*

### **Stay healthy in your hotel room**

Even the nicest hotel room can make you sick when you travel.

A study from the online travel site found that 20 percent of female travelers come down with some kind of illness when staying at a hotel. Whether you travel for work, or you are planning a vacation, minimize your risk of catching something by following these guidelines:

- Go smoke free. Request a smoke-free room when you make your reservation or check-in, or better yet, a smoke free floor.
- Hide the bed cover. Mites and other pests can hide in bedspreads. Remove it and stash it in a far corner of your room.
- Pack disinfectant wipes. Wipe down the telephone and TV remote before using them to avoid germs and bacteria.
- Avoid drinking glasses. Use wrapped plastic cups and water bottles for your drinking water instead of glassware that has been used previously, and which may still retain germs.
- Eat healthy. Bring your own snacks, dried fruit, nuts; granola bars, etc., to avoid the temptations to overeat, risking indigestion and unwanted weight gain.



### **Creating strong bonds**

A study shows that when your children are involved with their grandparents, your kids become kinder. Schedule regular bonding times with your parents to cook a meal together, work on upcoming holiday crafts, or just go for a walk.

### **Save your face**

We all hate it, washing our cosmetic brushes, but if you are noticing more breakouts, it may be time to clean them. A few quick bacteria busting steps

1. Cleaning solution - Baby shampoo is safe and contains moisturizers.
2. Use the palm of your hand - Water can get under the bands of your bristles and wears away the glue holding the bristles. Just put the soap in your palm, swirl the bristles in soap, and then rinse in a shallow amount of water.
3. Reshaping - reshape the bristles by gently pulling on the bristles towards the brushes end.
4. Drying - lay bristles flat on a towel, never drip-dry them with the bristles pointing up.

# Seeking Active Members

As Mentor Committee Chair of the Nebraska Society of Medical Assistants (NSMA), I invite you to join me as an ACTIVE member of our Society. In the tradition of our distinguished Society, we want to continue to support the values and principles that have been established by our professional organization.

We are currently in full force of pursuing a larger ACTIVE membership base. We are widening our scope of efforts to seek new ideas and innovative approaches. With your interest and support, we hope to enhance opportunities for the membership and broaden our appeal to all Certified Medical Assistants (American Association of Medical Assistants).

No one is asking you to jump into a position that you are not comfortable with. There are many different levels of participation and many seasoned members willing to help walk you through the steps until you feel confident enough to chair a committee and get more involved.

To get you started, take a few minutes to read the NSMA Bylaws and Standing Rules that are printed in the Med-A-Gram. Next, talk to a member who has or is currently serving as an officer or committee chair from your Chapter or is a member on the NSMA Board of Directors. Ask to see one of the NSMA Policy Manuals. Review the NSMA Fact Sheets to see where your talents will fit in.

At this time, I have chosen the following three positions to inform you about the details of those elected positions.

## ARCHIVE COMMITTEE FACT SHEET

### TERM:

One year - Appointed by the Vice President with NSMA BOD approval

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Active member of NSMA in good standing  
Familiar with NSMA Bylaws and Standing Rules  
Understand basic parliamentary procedures  
Artistic, creative skills  
Organized, neat

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attend all NSMA BOD meetings and the annual NSMA HOD  
Attend the NSMA annual conference (or appoint a representative)

Keep NSMA scrapbooks current  
Update the NSMA history annually  
Official NSMA photographer  
Permanently file a copy of each Med-A-Gram  
Maintain a list for purging NSMA documents  
Prepare a written yearend report

### CHAIR APPOINTMENTS:

Chair shall serve on the NSMA Editorial Committee

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

NSMA Editorial Chair automatically serves on committee

### PROCEDURE NOTEBOOK CONTENTS:

Current NSMA operating budget and NSMA Financial Policies  
Retain copies of yearend reports for 5 years  
Current NSMA Bylaws and Standing Rules  
Update the purge schedule as needed  
Current NSMA BOD roster updated yearly  
NSMA Planning Calendar  
Archive Committee calendar – updated yearly  
Revise/replace forms and samples as needed

## AWARDS COMMITTEE FACT SHEET

### TERM:

One year - Appointed by the Vice President with NSMA BOD approval

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Active member of NSMA in good standing  
Familiar with NSMA Bylaws and Standing Rules  
Understand basic parliamentary procedures  
Ability to maintain confidentiality  
Professional written communication skills  
Able to meet deadlines  
Knowledgeable of NSMA award program rules

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attend all NSMA BOD meetings and the annual NSMA HOD  
Solicit nominations and oversee selection for the CMA (AAMA) of the Year Award  
Manage the NSMA Annual Conference Grant Award  
Supervise the student scholarship program (once established)  
Submit Nebraska entries to the AAMA Excel Awards competition  
Solicit names for special recognition certificates  
Prepare yearend report

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Chair selects one member from each component  
Chapter

**PROCEDURE NOTEBOOK CONTENTS:**

Current NSMA operating budget and Financial Policies  
Retain yearend report for 5 years  
Current NSMA Bylaws and Standing Rules  
Maintain a list of all CMA (AAMA) of the Year Award recipients  
Current NSMA BOD roster replaced yearly  
Update NSMA planning calendar  
Update Awards Committee calendar as needed  
Revise/replace forms and samples as needed

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE FACT SHEET**

**TERM:**

One year - Appointed by the Vice President with  
NSMA BOD approval

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Active member of NSMA in good standing  
Familiar with NSMA Bylaws and Standing Rules  
Understand basic parliamentary procedures  
Mastery of basic bookkeeping and accounting principles  
Capable of preparing a balanced budget  
Able to perform an audit  
Organized, logical, dependable

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Attend all NSMA BOD meetings and the annual NSMA HOD  
General supervision of NSMA finances ensuring funds are spent for the benefit of the membership  
Prepare balanced operating and annual conference budgets  
Devise ways and means of raising revenue as needed  
Update and monitor NSMA Financial Policies  
Conduct annual internal audit of Treasurer's books  
Monitor NSMA expense reimbursement policies  
Participate in reviewing delegate/alternate AAMA conference expenses  
Prepare a written yearend report

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

NSMA Treasurer consultant on Audit Sub-Committee  
Chair selects a member from the NSMA BOD to serve on Audit Sub-Committee

**PROCEDURE NOTEBOOK CONTENTS:**

Current NSMA operating and annual conference budget plus previous 6 years  
NSMA Financial Policies  
NSMA Policies for Expense Reimbursement  
Retain copies of audit reports for 6 years  
Retain Treasurer's reports for 6 years  
Retain yearend report for 6 years  
Current NSMA Bylaws and Standing Rules  
Replace NSMA BOD roster yearly  
Update NSMA Planning Calendar  
Update Budget & Finance committee calendar as needed  
Revise/replace forms and samples as needed

It is our conviction that your support and participation will make a lasting positive impact in the future of NSMA. If you are at all interested in learning more about the structure of our Society, duties of elected officers or the responsibilities of standing committee chairs, please contact me.

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# Delegates Reports

## Summary of the Delegates and Alternates reports from the 57th Annual AAMA Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, September 27 - 30, 2013

This Conference year marked the 50th anniversary of the CMA (AAMA) Examination, so throughout the weekend there were special announcements in regards to this, and of course, GOLD coin chocolates.

### Highlights from the Board of Trustees/Endowment Meetings:

- The 2015 AAMA Conference will be in Portland, OR.
- Ann Naegele, CMA (AAMA) gave her addendum report for the Constituent Societies Committee. She received feedback from Kansas Society members and Chris Hollander, CMA (AAMA) and Boni Bruntz, CMA (AAMA) volunteered to attend a meeting in Kansas.
- K.M., CMA (AAMA), PhD announced the Employer survey had been completed. Results will be tallied and reported on at a later date.
- Nina Watson, CMA (AAMA), CPC made a motion to dissolve the AdHoc Committee to Restructure the Conference. Discussion ensued and the motion failed.
- Don Balasa, JD, MBA announced he would be co-presenting with Robert

Anthony, Deputy Director, HIT Initiatives Group, Office of E-Health Standards and Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the CMS Rule for Meaningful Use Order Entry. This will also be recorded and posted to the AAMA website.

### Dessert Social/Excel Awards Golden Apple

Theresa Errante-Parrino, CMA (AAMA), EdD, MEd, PMD, BXMO, CPhT

### Publishing Award categories

Section A = 200 members or fewer

Section B = 201-500 members

Section C = 501-800 members-Nebraska is now in section "C"

Section D = 801 members or more

### Excel

MED-A-GRAM, published by **Nebraska** (C), Carol Hipke-Muske, CMA (AAMA), editor.

The Michigan Medical Assistant Journal, published by Michigan (D), Jane A. Stephens, CMA (AAMA), editor.

**Achievements**—C S M A Today, published by Connecticut (C), Jennifer Amaral, CMA (AAMA), editor. NYSSMA Today, published by New York (C), Lynn Augenstern, CMA (AAMA), MA, editor. The Statline, published by Washington (D), Patricia Hightower, CMA (AAMA), editor, Tempo, published by North Carolina (D), Elsie Brooks, CMA (AAMA), editor.

### Website Development Excel

www.mt-sma.org, managed by Montana (A), Angie L. Knowles, CMA (AAMA), Web chair (Tied) www.sdsma.weebly.com, managed by South Dakota (B), Jo Penning, CMA (AAMA), Web chair, www.mytsma.org, managed by Texas (B), Sherry Bogar, CMA (AAMA), Web chair

www.scsma.org/, managed by South Carolina (C), Jackie Harris, Web chair

www.ncsma.org/, managed by North Carolina (C), Rebecca Walker, CMA (AAMA), BS, CPC, Web chair

**Achievement** - www.nhsma.org, managed by New Hampshire (B), Linda Prince, CMA (AAMA), Web Chair, www.ctsma.org, managed by Connecticut (C), Wendy Carros, CMA (AAMA),

Web chair, [www.ossma.org/](http://www.ossma.org/), managed by Ohio (D), Melanie Shearer, CMA (AAMA), MS, MT(ASCP), Web Chair.

### **Marketing, Promotion, and Recruitment**

**"Faces of Medical Assisting,"** conducted by Ohio (D), Melanie Shearer, CMA (AAMA), MS, MT(ASCP), campaign director.

### **Community Service**

**"CSMA Spirit of Giving,"** conducted by Connecticut (C), Jennifer Amaral, CMA (AAMA), campaign director.

### **Membership Retention**

**Excel**—North Dakota (A); Idaho (B); New Jersey (C); Wisconsin (D)

**Achievements**—Montana (A), South Dakota (B), North Carolina (D)

### **Membership Recruitment**

**Excel**—Alaska (A); Utah (B); South Carolina (C); Illinois (D)

**Achievements**—Mississippi and New Mexico (A); South Dakota and Virginia (B); Nebraska and Texas (C); Oregon and Washington (D)

### **Student Membership Recruitment**

**Excel**—North Dakota (A); Utah (B); South Carolina (C); Illinois (D)

**Achievements**—Alaska (A); South Dakota (B); Nebraska (C); Indiana and Oregon (D)

### **CMA (AAMA) Certification**

**Greatest percentage increase of member CMAs** (AAMA - Alaska (A); South Dakota (B); Connecticut (C); Minnesota (D)

**Student Award** Sponsored by F.A. Davis

**Essay** - Rebecca Fitts, West Georgia Technical College, Waco, GA

### **Leadership A Training:**

Saturday the Nebraska delegation attended the House of Delegates Orientation session where we were reminded to have our Membership card and name badge ready to present for check in at the HOD. This year was the first to use electronic voting and so a "practice" session was held at the orientation session. There were a few "kinks" to work out. How to make a motion and how to vote on an amended motion were also discussed here.

**State Leaders meeting** (formerly the President and President Elect Advisory Council)

- AAMA has a new link on the homepage entitled "Leader of the Pack" which offers resources for local and state leaders to help in developing communication and organizational skills for current and future leaders. It is the intent to update this website at least quarterly.
- K.M, the AAMA co-chair of the Core Curriculum Task

Force reported on the primary results of the Employers survey reporting it provided good information from actual physicians, nurse practitioners and PAs filling out the survey.

### **House of Delegates:**

Was opened by Speaker of the House Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA) with the presentation of colors by Dobbins Air Force Base Reserve Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mary Dyer, CMA-A (AAMA), and the National Anthem sung by Sherrill Barge, CMA (AAMA), LPN.

The Maryland Delegation needed a motion to be seated, which the House approved.

The voting power of the House was a total of 132 votes for the morning session.

Georgia President Sue Sims, CMA (AAMA), LPN gave a welcome and Conference Education Chair Nikal Redwine, CMA (AAMA), RN stated there were 644 conference registrants.

### **Election results**

Nina Watson, CMA (AAMA),  
CPC President Virginia  
Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA)  
Vice President Virginia  
Julie Flaatten, CMA (AAMA), RN,  
EMT-B Secretary-Treasurer  
Wisconsin  
Freda Miller, CMA (AAMA), CPC,  
PCS Trustee, 2 yr. term Ohio  
K.M, CMA (AAMA),  
PhD Trustee, 2 yr. term  
Michigan

Patrice Hightower, CMA (AAMA)  
Trustee, 2 yr. term Washington  
Mary Gambrell, CMA (AAMA)  
Nominating Committee South  
Carolina  
Monica Case, CMA (AAMA)  
Nominating Committee South  
Carolina  
Betty Jones, no credentials  
Nominating Committee North  
Carolina  
Virginia Thomas, CMA (AAMA)  
Nominating Committee  
Virginia

**Committee report presented  
to the HOD**

All committee reports were  
accepted as written or amended  
in the 2013 House of Delegates  
packet.

**Bylaws presented to the HOD**

There were 11 proposed  
bylaws for changed presented to  
the 2013 HOD. Of those, the fol-  
lowing Bylaws were approved or  
approved as recommended:

Updates to active membership:  
• Members must have hold a  
current credential status

Updates to dues policies:  
• Officers and trustees must

maintain current membership  
during their terms of office

Updates to student membership:  
• Student members shall be  
enrolled in a medical assisting  
program accredited by either  
CAAHEP or ABHES schools  
• Student members shall be lim-  
ited to a one-time enrollment,  
selecting either a one-year or a  
two-year membership term

**Resolutions:**

There was one resolution pre-  
sented this year and adopted this  
year - That the House of  
Delegates establishes single-  
year student member dues at  
\$25 or a two-year student mem-  
ber due at \$45, beginning with  
the 2015-membership year.

**The Publishers Showcase:**

Many publishers were on hand  
to display the latest textbooks.

**Other topics of interest at the  
Conference:**

Nebraska was recognized for  
their annual contribution of  
\$50.00 to each of the following:  
the AAMA Conference Education  
Fund, the Maxine Williams

Scholarship Program, and the  
Surveyors Training Fund and 2-  
\$25 donations to Maxine  
Williams in honor of Nina Watson  
as incoming AAMA President  
and Loxie Kistler as the AAMA  
Representative to the Nebraska  
Society's 2013 Annual Spring  
Conference.

**President's Banquet:**

Chris Hollander's daughter and  
sister were the MC's for the ban-  
quet. Following the installation of  
Nina Watson, CMA (AAMA),  
CPC, the Nebraska delegation  
presented her a congratulatory  
card.

**58th AAMA National  
Convention:**

St Louis Missouri, October 17-  
20, 2014

**59th AAMA National  
Convention:**

Portland, Oregon, 2015

Submitted by,  
Andrea Stewart, CMA (AAMA)  
NE President  
(This report was condensed  
from all the delegate and  
alternate reports submitted)

## 2013 National AAMA Convention



*AAMA President Watson with the Nebraska Delegation*



*NSMA President Stewart and Med-A-Gram Editor, Carol Muske, accepts the EXCEL award in publishing for the Med-A-Gram from the AAMA President Hollander*



*Nebraska Delegates and Alternates F) Debra Potratz, Andrea Stewart, Linda Allensworth, B) Lori Kounovsky, Janet Ueding, Jan Frederick, Carol Muske*



*First HOD with the use of clickers*



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# **NSMA Conference Grant Application**

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One Grant will be offered annually and will pay the full registration fee to the Annual NSMA Conference.

## **APPLICANT CRITERIA**

Requirements:

1. The current year's CMA (AAMA) dues paid and a member of the NSMA in good standing for a minimum of two consecutive years.
2. Must presently or in the past, held an active - officer position or committee chair at the Chapter level and served as an active - officer position or committee chair at the State level to be eligible.
3. Applicant must submit the completed the grant application form. A copy of their professional curriculum vitae, listing offices and committee positions held on both the local and state levels, and any other optional documents, i.e. letters of recommendation from peers, details of special projects, and specific contributions to the organizations that may assist the judges in evaluating the application by the established deadline. Only qualified candidates will be considered.

Winner will be notified as soon as possible after the announcement at the Spring BOD meeting.

Eligibility is limited to one grant award every five years for any one member.

An appointed panel of judges will select the winner, from the information provided in your application. Judges are the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President and the Awards chair.

Contact the current Awards Committee Chair with any questions or for more information.

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## **Member-at-Large Contest**

### **To all Nebraska Society Members-at-Large**

In an effort to ensure that the Nebraska Society of Medical Assistants Member-at-Large are represented at the annual state House of Delegates, the State Society has developed a pilot incentive program. Complete the entry form below and return to the current NSMA Membership Chair by March 1, of each year. Upon receipt of your completed entry form, your name will be entered into a drawing for a free NSMA annual conference registration for that year. To qualify, you must be a member in good standing, meaning your AAMA dues have to have been received at the AAMA office by December 31st, of the previous year.

You must meet the guide-

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- Live or work 60 (sixty) miles outside the nearest functioning Chapter.
- Must be available to attend the next NSMA Annual Conference in its entirety.

The duties of the winner of the free conference registration will include:

- Serve as a member-at-large Delegate at the Nebraska Society of Medical Assistants' House of Delegates (See the NSMA Bylaws section regarding Delegates to the House.)
- Serve as an active committee chair or member on the Board of Directors the following year.

- Maintain communication with the other members-at-large and see that they are kept informed of meeting highlights and other pertinent information throughout the year.

The NSMA is hopeful that this offering will inspire all members-at-large to be involved. Just complete the bottom portion of this announcement and see if you are the lucky winner. The drawing will be at the spring NSMA BOD meeting and the winner will be notified immediately. This award is non-transferable and only good for the year awarded.

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### **To all Nebraska Society Members-at-Large: Member-At-Large Conference Delegate Entry Form**

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Applications are also available on-line.

Check you Spring Med-A-Gram or go online to [www.nsmaonline.org](http://www.nsmaonline.org)  
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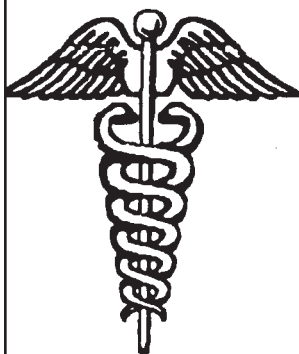
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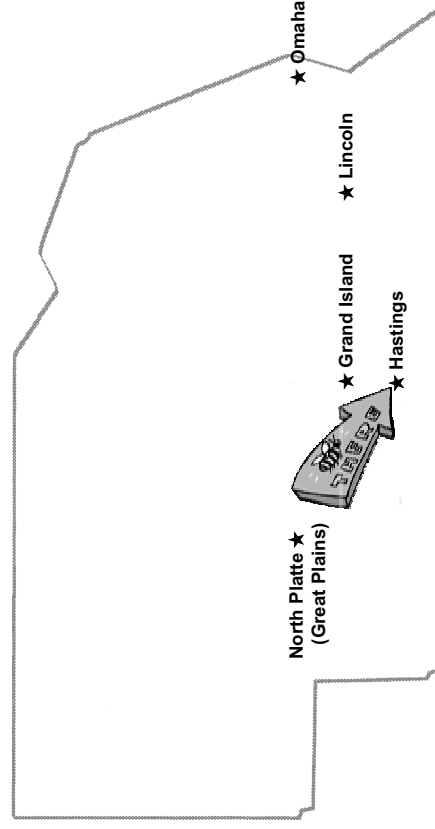
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