

Hello!

My name is Lisa Kuechle. I was one (1) of five (5) delegates for the term of 2018-2019. I am going to share my experience with you as a delegate.

I have gone twice as a delegate for the MN State Society of Medical Assistants; once to Atlanta, Georgia in September of 2013, and again in September of 2018 to Salt Lake City, Utah. I really learned the inner workings of the AAMA, plus I had some great mentors that showed me the ropes! The AAMA Board of Trustees, AAMA President, AAMA Vice-President, AAMA Immediate Past President, AAMA Secretary Treasurer, Speaker of the House, Vice Speaker of the House, Chief Executive Officer and House Legal Counsel, Awards Committee, Bylaws and Resolution Committees, Research & Development Committee, Strategic Issues Planning Committee, Leadership Development Strategy Team, Marketing Strategy Team, Membership Development team...Well you get it, all those people let you know what they have been up to!

Then this is where we get to shine as delegates and represent each other. We, as the House of Delegates, vote on proposed bylaw amendment changes and/or resolutions. This year one of the resolutions that was introduced was to provide the option of paying dues for two years of membership, so dues for two years of membership would be in the amount of \$144 plus two years of state society and local chapter dues, as applicable, instead of paying \$77 plus the state society and local chapter dues, as applicable, for a \$10 discount. This resolution was not passed due to the House of Delegates suggesting further study needed. Members still must pay annually. Another resolution introduced was to teleconference the AAMA Board of Trustee meetings so state societies can be involved in these meetings and transparency of the AAMA proceedings. This resolution was also rejected as Donald Balsa concerned the House of Delegates with the legal ramifications of having meetings potentially viewed by the public.

The AAMA National Conferences offers many approved CEU's with a wide range of topics. I enjoyed the "Pharmacology Review", "Pain & Opioid Management", of which is currently a big topic right now in current events in 2018-2019. I learned how to "Survive a Deposition", which by the way, legal stuff is good to know always. There was a special session for state and chapter leaders from the Leadership Development Team.

Finally, we got to enjoy the sights of Salt Lake City and enjoy some delicious food! A few of the other delegates, during break times, went to Salt Lake, but didn't get to view much of it due to one of the many wild fires that were going on in the United States. I enjoyed a couple of walks around the city to stretch my legs. It was just nice to meet and converse with other CMA's around the nation.

I am available to chat with you regarding any questions that you may have before you decide to run as a delegate for a one-year term. I can be reached at [lckuechle@gmail.com](mailto:lckuechle@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

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