

# Kentucky Society of Medical Assistants Forum

December 11, 2024



## AAMA 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held in Grand Rapids, Michigan



The Kentucky Society of Medical Assistants (KSMA) had 3 delegates representing our state at this year's conference in September. They were President Carol Gross, Vice-President Rina Hammer Weekly, and Delegate Terri Slinker.

### News from AAMA :

-The 2024 House of Delegates did not elect a Vice-President.

The position will remain open until next year's HOD.

-2025 AAMA conference will be held in Arlington, VA on September 19-22, 2025.

-AAMA now has a Podcast featuring information about the medical assisting profession including legal victories for the profession. Find information on the AAMA website.

-The AAMA website has a NEW LOOK! You may have noticed that the website was temporarily closed while the new website was being installed. The website is now open and has been updated to better serve the membership. If you haven't been on it lately, check it out! It has a great new look!

## KSMA wins membership increase award for our region!!



**AAMA counsel and CEO Don Balasa (known as the Face of AAMA) was awarded with the first ever Trailblazer Award for his 40+ years of extraordinary contributions, leadership, and dedication to AAMA.**



## Pictures and information needed from local chapters

The KSMA is requesting that each of the state's chapters submit updated pictures of officers, speakers, meeting announcements, etc. for our website, [kentuckymedicalassistants.com](http://kentuckymedicalassistants.com). Pictures and information should be sent to: Diana Reeder at [dl\\_reeder@yahoo.com](mailto:dl_reeder@yahoo.com). This is an excellent way to stay informed of what is going on in your state organization.



Installation Banquet April 2024 KSMA

2024-25 Officers:

Carol Gross, President

Rina Jo Weekley, President-Elect

Jessica Moore, Vice-President

Stacey Smith, Secretary

Treasurer, Tracey Phillips

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: AAMA dues must be paid and postmarked by 12/31/2024 in order to be a voting member at the 2025 KSMA House of Delegates as well as AAMA HOD. Cindy Comley Scholarship candidates must meet the above criteria as well to be considered.**

## Chapter News:

South Central Chapter meetings: August 2024 Zoom-From Student to Employee; October 2024 In person, Clinical Documentation Improvement, November, in-person Compliance for the Medical Assistant

Purchase Area Chapter meetings: The chapter has not had a speaker but has met 3-4 times to discuss and plan the 2025 KSMA to be Held at the Paducah Holiday Inn, April 10-13, 2025.

Central Kentucky Chapter: NO REPORT

Madison County Chapter: There have been no meetings held since KSMA conference.

THE NEXT FORUM WITH BE PUBLISHED EARLY 2025 AND WILL HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE 2025 KSMA CONFERENCE APRIL 10-13, 2025, PADUCAH HOLIDAY INN.



Merry Christmas Kentucky Medical Assistants! From Santa!!!!



Season's greetings



Christmas break is coming.....

## Snowball

~ Shel Silverstein

I made myself a snowball,  
As perfect as could be,  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,  
And let it sleep with me.

I made it some pajamas,  
And a pillow for its head,  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first - it wet the bed!

A little winter humor.....



Best Wishes!!!!



## Looking to post job openings or find job listings?



Check out the Kentucky Society of Medical Assistants Facebook page for job listings that have been posted by members. Contact Terri Slinker @ [tslinker@outlook.com](mailto:tslinker@outlook.com) for information on posting a listing.

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It's not how much  
we give but how  
much love we put  
into giving.

Mother Teresa



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE KSMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Let us all count the blessings we have received in 2024 and look forward to what 2025 has in store for each of us, our families, and our professional organization.

During this season of celebration, remember to be kind and sensitive to those around us who may have lost a loved one or friend this year and is having a hard time during this holiday season. Our message to those members experiencing grief is this:

“Thinking of you and the family through this difficult time. May the light of Christmas bring warmth and love into your household, and here's to hoping for a better year ahead.”

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