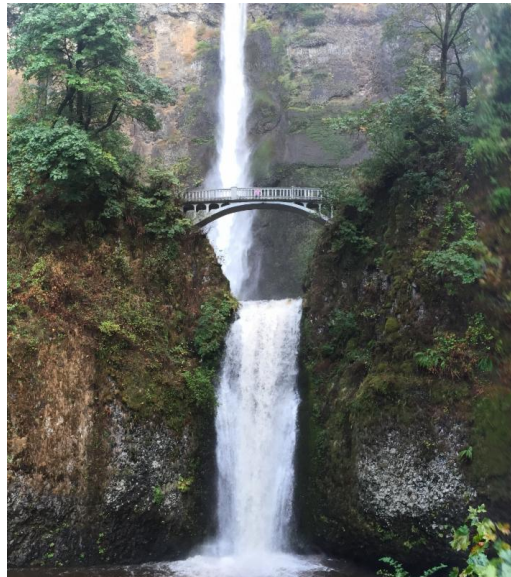


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WINTER TEXAS TIDBITS

- * News from the 2015 AAMA Conference - Building Bridges in Portland, OR*
- * TSMA Meeting Dates*
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CONGRATULATIONS TEXAS!

For the third year in a row, we have brought home an AAMA EXCEL AWARD!!!
This year Texas was honored as the Excel Award Winner in the category of Membership Recruitment. Thank you to all that have played a part in this effort.

HELLO FELLOW TEXANS

On behalf of the TSMA Board and Committees we hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to working with each one of you to build a bigger and successful TSMA!

NEW 2015-2016 AAMA Officers

President:	Paula Purdy, CMA (AAMA)
Vice President:	Julie Flaaten, CMA (AAMA), RN, EMT-B
Secretary/Treasurer:	Freda Miller, CMA (AAMA), PCS
Speaker of the House:	Lisa Lee, CMA (AAMA)
Vice Speaker of the House:	Debby Houston, CMA (AAMA), CPC

A special congratulations to the newly elected/appointed Trustees. They will serve along side with the newly elected board and Texas's member Michael Pfeil, CMA (AAMA) will continue to serve:

Patricia Hightower, CMA (AAMA)
Karen Minchella, CMA (AAMA), PhD

HOD/COMMITTEE NEWS

Shout out to our Texas Vice President, Sherry Bogar, CMA (AAMA) for being elected to serve on the 2015-2016 AAMA Nominating Committee. She will serve under the leadership of Texas's Newest Member and longtime AAMA Member *Charlene Couch, CMA (AAMA), AAMA Immediate Past President.*

In addition to serving the Nominating Committee, Sherry Bogar, CMA, TSMA Vice President has been elected to serve on the Continuing Education Task Force for 2015-2016.

2016-2017 TSMA/AAMA Meeting Dates

Several of the 2016-2017 TSMA meeting dates have been set. We are excited to kick off the first meeting of the year FREE to all TSMA/AAMA members. Registration for all TSMA meetings is required. Online registration will be offered for each event.

- TSMA Winter Meeting February 6th in Waco. McClennan Community College Lecture Hall, from 8:00am-5pm with a great Team Building Event to follow at Painting With a Twist from 7pm-9pm. Registration is available by [clicking here](#). A block of discounted rooms is available at the [Holiday Inn Northwest Waco](#). All registration and hotel reservations MUST BE MADE BY February 2nd. (All in attendance will be eligible for drawings: either Free Student Membership or FREE registration to 2016

- TSMA Annual Education Conference in Dallas).
- TSMA 59TH Annual Education Conference and General Membership Meeting will be hosted by the Dallas Chapter April 15-17th, 2016 in Garland, TX. The venue will be Holiday Inn Garland North. A block of rooms is available at a discounted rate for all in attendance. Hotel reservations MUST be made by April 1st, 2016. You can do so by clicking here. Please be sure to select April 15-17 as the dates and assure that the TSM is the rate code and that you select Best Available rate. Registration along with an agenda will be published and available February 15th.
 - SWR will be hosted by our friends in Utah. The meeting will be held in Salt Lake City July 15-16, 2016.
 - TSMA Summer Meeting will be August 5-7th, 2016. Current locations being considered are College Station, Austin, and New Orleans, LA.
 - ***AAMA 60th Annual Conference*** will be celebrated in Reston, VA. More details to come. What a great opportunity to celebrate 60 years of our amazing organization while getting the opportunity to take a trip to see our Nations Capital!
 - TSMA 2017 Winter Meeting will be held in February 2017. Location to be announced at a later date.
 - ***TSMA DIAMOND JUBILEE/60TH Annual Education Conference and General Membership*** meeting will be held April 2017. This event is being hosted by Bay Area Galveston Chapter. They would love any suggestions or ideas from other members. Especially any member that served as a Past Texas President. Please email them at BayArea@mytsma.org

TSMA Officer Nominations and Award Nominations

The 2016-2017 TSMA Board will have several open positions:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Speaker of General Assembly
- Treasurer

along with Third and Alternate Delegates. The TSMA Board is also looking for nominations for Member of the Year and Lifetime Member. Any member that is a current CMA with their certification and has paid their dues as of 12/31/2015, has served their local chapter is eligible to serve the TSMA Board and/or as a delegate. Nominations for Member of the Year and Lifetime Member MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERS CHAPTER OFFICER. ***All nominations must be received to the Chair of the Nomination Committee no later than February 15, 2016.*** If you have any questions about nominations please feel free to contact Sherry Bogar, CMA at vicepresident@mytsma.org

If you are interested in serving TSMA as a committee chair, please contact Sherry Bogar, CMA.

TSMA Chapter Closure

In September 2015, the TSMA Board elected to close the Rio Grande Chapter. For several years that TSMA Board has made several attempts to work with the Rio Grande Chapter to help them rebuild. AAMA was notified and all members that belonged to the Rio Grande Chapter was converted to Member at large. They have the choice to select a chapter that they would like to be affiliated with or remain members at large. Remember that all members regardless of chapter affiliation are encouraged to take advantage and participate in the state meetings. They are a great opportunity for CEUs and networking.

Several other chapters are in need of help to reorganize. Southwest Harris County, Gregg County and Central Texas Chapters are in need of your support and ideas. If you belong to one of these chapters please contact your chapter president to let them know you are interested in helping them rebuild. All of these chapters are in need of board members as we must have a minimum of two board members for each chapter.

Southwest Harris email is SWH@mytmsa.org, Gregg email is Gregg@mytsma.org and Central Texas is ctc@mytsma.org.

Zip Code Audit Changes

Texas has been working the AAMA to assure that all members were given the opportunity to take advantage of local chapter meetings and all that our local chapters have to offer (i.e newsletters, CEU sessions, networking, community service). Zip code audits have taken place and the AAMA has been notified of the changes. The biggest changes were in the Dallas and Houston areas. TSMA will continue to monitor the roster to assure that the proper changes are made. Please bear with us while the AAMA continues to work on these changes. We hope to have these changes complete prior to the Annual Education Conference.

A Special Thank You

A special Thanks goes out to the Medserv, the Employment Services Division of the Harris County Medical Society. With their continued dedication to our profession and support of our organization the Texas Society of Medical Assistants, we will continue to grow and prosper.

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