

NYSSMA Convention Chatter

March, 21, 2020

Hello Everyone,

By now, you probably know that the **NYSSMA 2020 is cancelled for April 23-26** at the Embassy Suites-Syracuse. In this time of crisis and uncertainty, we really can't determine any future plans right now.

If you had a **hotel** reservation—they have **cancelled everyone's reservation** and have let people know. If you made a reservation but did not hear from the hotel, please contact them (you may not have been in the correct block). I am under the impression that all hotel cancellations were made regardless if they were or were not in the block of rooms we had set aside.

I sent out emails to everyone that sent in a registration fee or journal ad that I would let you know if plans were made. **I will be mailing those checks back to you on Monday.** There were a few of you that should already have gotten a refund check from our Treasurer, Susan Schiling.

The board met today and has decided that **we will review plans for a possible new date in October in Syracuse.** If we are able to move

ahead with rescheduling the meeting, it may be at a different hotel.

The board will meet (online) on April 25th. Things that need to be done will include the **election of officers.** The offices open include Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Kim will be contacting chapter presidents for possible candidates. If you do not hear from your chapter president or are a member at large and you are interested in being a nominee or knowing more about the position and requirements, please contact the NYSSMA Nominating Chair-Battaglini (kmb2125@gmail.com)

Another vote will be for **the 3rd Delegate to the AAMA conference** in September in Orlando. The newly elected President & Vice President are automatically our 1st & 2nd delegates. If you would like to be included on the list of nominees, please let President Sylvia know (davidsyl14220@yahoo.com). Normally, nominations are submitted from the floor of the General Assembly and voted on by the attendees, however in light of the current situation, the board is handling this a little different this

time. Details will be out from the president after the April 25th board meeting.

You should check the NYSSMA website periodically for possible updates. (www.nysmedassist.org)

Knowing that the **CEUs are a very important part of our annual meetings**, I contacted AAMA to see if there was a plan in place for recertification deadlines etc. The reply is as follows:

Good Morning Paula,

Thank you for reaching out; this is a strange time certainly for everyone and your concern for members abilities to earn their necessary CEUs is understandable.

Below are some various ways to earn AAMA CEUs. As a general reminder, at least 30 of the 60 CEUs required to recertify by continuing education must be from AAMA-approved sources. When we look at the person's total 60 CEUs, there must be at least 10 in each of the three categories, Clinical, General, and Administrative.

The link below is to eight free Smiles for Life courses and five free CDC courses, which can be taken for AAMA CEUs (certificates can be sent to AAMACEUS@aama-ntl.org upon completion):

<http://www.aama-ntl.org/continuing-education/state-chapter-programs>

CPR is unique. While we no longer require it to recertify, we do grant 4 Clinical AAMA CEUs per two-year card issued within the member's current recertification period. We would ask that they email it to AAMACEUS@aama-ntl.org (preferred) or fax a copy of the front and back of the card(s) for entry. Fax: 312-899-1259.

Please note that entry of these free CEUs into the members' records may be delayed as we have limited staff working during the office closure. However, we will do our best to continue processing these submissions.

As Don had mentioned, we do have a couple new CEU Bundles at our e-learning center that offer e-learning courses at a discounted price. They are each composed of five e-learning courses from previous CMA Today magazines. One is more clinically oriented (10 CG CEUs) while the other focuses on administrative topics (10 AG CEUs).

<https://learning.aama-ntl.org/Public/Catalog/Home.aspx?LearningTrackId=26&tab=2>

We are still at this time shipping self-study book orders out as well, should any members wish to buy them from our online store:

<https://www.aama-ntl.org/store?ID=120>

Please let me know if you have additional questions, I will do my best to assist.

Thank you and stay safe!

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So Remember If you need to recertify in the coming months (2020) and were depending on CEUs from the convention---you need to get your credits by another way. Your recertification date is not being postponed.

Be well~ stay safe

The American Red Cross is in need of blood during this crisis.

If you know seniors that need food---they can get meals on wheels easily at this time. (The Onondaga County Meals on Wheels will also bring toilet paper to seniors)