OAMSS Members,

Greetings!

Thank you to those who attended the OAMSS 2018 Fall Conference! Together we made it a huge success! A huge, “Thank You!” for those who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive, for which the food will be donated to a local food bank for the Thanksgiving holiday. Watch for the conference evaluations via Survey Monkey coming soon!

NAMSS Week, November 4-10, 2018

Happy NAMSS Week! Celebrate NAMSS Week! Be proud of our profession! During NAMSS Week we recognize and celebrate Medical Staff Professionals. We are important members of the healthcare team dedicated to thoroughly investigating and verifying the credentials of healthcare practitioners for patient safety. We have expertise in areas of medical staff organizations, accreditation, regulatory compliance, and provider relations. Be proud and celebrate! Please take pictures of your NAMSS Week celebrations and share on the OAMSS Facebook page!

Annual Membership Renewals:

Announcing the OAMSS Membership Drive November 5, 2018 through December 15, 2018!

For every new member you refer for a 2019 OAMSS membership, your name will be entered for one of three $100 gift cards! Please make sure the new member provides your name on the membership application. The 2019 OAMSS membership renewals are due by 12/31/2018. *Please note! You must be an OAMSS member by January 1, 2019 in order to receive the member rate for the OAMSS 2019 Spring Conference.

OAMSS 2018 Accomplishments

2018 has been an exciting, eventful year for OAMSS! We hope you have liked the changes!

OAMSS’ 2018 accomplishments include:

- New OAMSS Website!
- Bright, colorful, new formatting, user-friendly
- On-line conference registration
- On-line membership registration and renewals
- On-line payments using PayPal or credit/debit card for conferences and membership
- Catherine Ballard’s, “Catherine’s Corner”
- Region specific area for better communication with your Regional Representative and region members
- Access to the OAMSS membership roster
- Allows more interaction with other OAMSS members
- Valuable information and resource links
• **Conference Improvements:**
  • Improved streamlined registration for more efficient and quicker registration
  • New badges with organization system for easier management in identifying individuals’ badges
  • Certification Ribbons for attendee’s certification recognition
  • More individuals helping for closer monitoring of conference details that keep the conference running smoothly
  • NAMSS Week gifts were mailed directly to our members, eliminating confusion and waiting at the fall conference
  • **OAMSS Went Green!** OAMSS has gone paperless for conferences
  • **Increased Social Media Presence:** Facebook and LinkedIn

• **Survey Monkey:**
  • Conference evaluations
  • Member/region surveys
  • Yearly Medical Staff Office Staffing Ratios Survey (2018 Survey coming in November)
  • Medical Staff Application Fees and Yearly Dues Survey (2018 survey coming in November)

**OAMSS 2019 Preview**

In 2019, we would like to continue growing and improving OAMSS! More details to come!

**2019 ideas and goals include:**

• Certification exam preparation class with outside educators brought to Ohio, if enough interested members
• Possible NAMSS Leadership Certificate training brought to Ohio, if enough interested members (Saving on travel expenses)
• Hugh Greeley contributing monthly to the OAMSS website
• Continue to grow OAMSS membership
• 2019 Conferences:
  • Vendor Fair at both spring and fall conference to bring increased funds for conferences
  • Spring conference: Offer free professional head shots for members only (As with the 2018 OAMSS Spring Conference)
  • Possible region event/session for members to get to know other members in their region and their Region Representative
• Continuing improving and tweaking the OAMSS website. **Please let us know what you like about the website, and if you have any ideas for improving the website!**

_The OAMSS Board is engaged and committed to continually improving the organization, providing education for personal professional growth, and adding more value for our members._ We welcome and encourage feedback from our members! Please contact your Regional Representative, or myself as your President with feedback, and ideas or suggestions.

**OAMSS Annual Awards:**

The OAMSS Advocate Award and the OAMSS Professional Achievement Award were created in 2016 to recognize individual accomplishments as a member of the Ohio Association of Medical Staff Services.
The **OAMSS Professional Achievement Award** recognizes professionals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the medical staff services profession by mentoring, sharing knowledge, fostering education opportunities and encouraging growth of the medical staff services profession.

*Congratulations to K. Ann Shelley, recipient of the 2018 OAMSS Professional Achievement Award!*

**Congratulations to the 2018 NAMSS Fellows!**
The NAMSS Fellow Designation signifies the recognition of knowledge along with service to the organization, NAMSS, and advancement of the profession. OAMSS is pleased to announce that the following OAMSS members have been awarded with the NAMSS Fellow Designation (FMSP).

- Lorrie Paulus, CPMSM, CPCS, FMSP
- Julie Simmons, CPCS, CPMSM, FMSP
- Michelle Stultz RN, CPMSM, CPCS, FMSP

**OAMSS Election Results for 2019 - 2020 Term:**
Northwest Region Representative: Theresa Mersereau
Southeast Region Representative: Melissa Brenner
Secretary: Lorrie Paulus, CPMSM, CPCS, FMSP

**Future OAMSS Conferences:**
- March 28-29, 2019, Hilton Columbus at Easton
- November 22, 2019, Embassy Suites, Columbus Airport
- April 30-May 1, 2020, Hilton Columbus at Easton
- November 6, 2020, Embassy Suites, Columbus Airport

**NAMSS Certification Exam Dates:**
NAMSS CPMSM and CPCS certifications represent the medical services professionals’ commitment to excellence. Certification strengthens our professionalism, while raising the bar for our profession. OAMSS supports and encourages the NAMSS certification. Best wishes to all sitting for the exams!

**2019 Exam Dates:**

*Spring Testing Period*
Application Deadline: Friday, January 11, 2019
Testing Period: Saturday, March 9 through Saturday, March 30, 2019

*Summer Testing Period*
Application Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2019
Testing Period: Saturday, June 29 through Saturday, July 20, 2019

*Fall Testing Period*
Application Deadline: Friday, August 30, 2019
Testing Period: Saturday, October 26 through Saturday, November 16, 2019

*Thank you for the honor to serve you as the President of OAMSS.* I am committed to advancing our profession, personal professional growth and continued learning and education. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or ideas at: PresidentOAMSS@yahoo.com. Please also feel free to reach out to your Regional Representative.

*Linda Marshall, CPMSM, CPCS*
OAMSS President