



Mississippi Association Medical Staff Services

# We Have News for YOU...

## From the President.....

Words cannot describe to you the excitement I have about this newly elected board. Your officers are taking their roles very seriously and have accomplished so much since January 1. You will get an update from all of them in every newsletter.

I have been approached by two members regarding another study group for the CPCS test. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP. We will need at least 5-8 people to commit.

We are excited to announce that **Linda Blake** and **Debbie Oppelt** have volunteered to fill the two positions of Members at Large for 2019. At the Conference this year we will be electing two new Members at Large, so if you are interested, let a board member know by November 1, 2019. Also, we are happy to have **Jessica**

**Collins, Mireille Bouchard**, and **Amanda Roberson** on our Audit Committee.

Sponsorships for the Conference t-shirts will be available again this year for \$100.00. You can get your Conference fee paid for with t-shirt sponsorships. Call me if you want to know more about this offer.

If you are a member of **NAMSS** and you pay your annual dues before March 31, 2019 you will receive a membership lapel pin, free "lunch and learn" webinars that will be once a month for 30 minutes beginning in April. You will earn 4 free CE's for attending all of the sessions.

The MAMSS Board is here to serve our members. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know.

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## From the Vice- President....

Hi – we are already into the month of March, so our Conference will be here before we know it. This year marks our 25th anniversary as

a Chapter, so we are really excited about our upcoming Conference. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, Pearl, MS again. **The dates are November 6-7, 2019**, so please mark this on your calendars. We already have some speakers confirmed and special things planned. We would love to have a great attendance this year due to it being our Silver Anniversary.

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## From the Treasurer.....

First and foremost, I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your new Treasurer on the MAMSS Board. As I step into this new role, I look forward to working with and serving all of our present and future members. Please remember that the **\$40 membership renewals are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Membership dues can be paid online at [www.mamss.org](http://www.mamss.org). By keeping your membership active, you will not only get a discount at the MAMSS annual Conference, but you will also have access to information regarding other

opportunities throughout MS and our neighboring states.

I also wanted to let you know that we will be changing our payment system from PayPal to AffiniPay within the next month. There will be no change in how payments are submitted. This change will allow for smoother transitions of payments for MAMSS.

If you have any questions, regarding dues or conference fees, please let me know.

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## From the Secretary.....

Happy 2019! It's going to be an exciting year. Our 2019 Bylaws revisions have been approved and submitted to NAMSS for final approval and your board is working hard to make being a part MAMSS as beneficial as possible.

*Christy*

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## National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

### November 3-9, 2019

In 1992, President George Bush signed Congressional House Joint Resolution #399 proclaiming the first week in November as National Medical Staff Services Awareness Week. Since then, NAMSS has partnered with hospitals,

MCOs, doctor's offices, university health systems, and government agencies to promote awareness of the medical services professional (MSP).

## NAMSS PURPOSE.....

The purpose of MAMSS shall be to provide a forum for educational activities at a local level. The mission of MAMSS is to provide the opportunity for continuing education, to promote the improvement of professional knowledge and skills by uniting persons who are engaged in medical staff activities through this State Association, and to support the mission of the National Association Medical Staff Services.

## ABOUT NAMSS

NAMSS is committed to enhancing the professional development of and recognition for professionals in the medical staff and credentialing services field. The medical services profession has evolved over the past 41 years to where we are today – a true profession that spans a wide range of employment settings and requires a specific knowledge base and professional competencies. The NAMSS membership includes more than 6,000 medical staff and credentialing services professionals from medical group practices, hospitals, managed care organizations, and CVOs. Through our education, advocacy, and commitment to patient safety,

NAMSS continues to support MSPs, our members, and the healthcare industry.

## NAMSS Interactive History.....

NAMSS was first formed in California in 1978. At its founding, there were 20 members who participated in the first organizational meeting. Today, NAMSS has grown to include over 6,000 Medical Staff Professionals from all 50 states and abroad! In this time, NAMSS has instituted a successful Annual Conference that brings its members together for education and networking each fall and has continuously run a print, and now electronic, publication, Synergy, to bring news and education to all members.

Medical staff services has evolved over the last 41 years into a dynamic, ever-changing profession that's so much more than a medical secretary. We invite you to take a walk through NAMSS' exciting history with this interactive timeline at [www.namss.org](http://www.namss.org).

## 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