



# CCCMA Free Press: News of the Cuyahoga County Chapter of Medical Assistants

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*"Membership has its privileges!"*

## **Next CEU Event:**

September 10, 2016  
Cuyahoga Community  
College- Eastern  
Campus

## **"Fun"draiser:**

August 3, 2016- 11am  
Pampered Chef Party  
1361 Lakeland Ave  
Lakewood, OH 44107

*\*Please RSVP to Ivana  
Susaneck or Melanie  
Shearer for Pampered  
Chef Party.*

## **A Word from the President**

As the newly elected president of the CCCMA, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Cuyahoga County Chapter of Medical Assistants (CCCMA). Our chapter is actively working to bring continuing education, mentoring, and support to medical assistants in the Cleveland and surrounding areas.

We offer our services to you and invite you to become involved at the local level. Membership has its privileges! Being active in our chapter offers volunteer service, networking, and free continuing education at the chapter level. In addition, those elected as Delegates to our state conventions have their registration compensated.

If you are interested in joining our chapter or becoming an active participant, please see our meeting times listed on the left bar. The Board of Trustees' contact information for the Cuyahoga County Chapter can be found below.

I look forward to serving as your president this year and hope to continue our tradition of excellence in continuing education opportunities and mentoring our new members.

In kindness,

Melanie Shearer, MS, MT(ASCP)PBT<sup>CM</sup>, CMA(AAMA)  
President, Cuyahoga County Chapter of Medical Assistants

## **Election Results: 2016-2017**

The CCCMA recently held elections at the Spring CEU event for the Board of Trustees for the county chapter. The new Board members are as follows:

**President:** Melanie Shearer ([Melanie.shearer@tri-c.edu](mailto:Melanie.shearer@tri-c.edu))

**Vice President:** Karen Bacho ([Karenbacho@yahoo.com](mailto:Karenbacho@yahoo.com))

**Secretary:** Laurel Rubin ([Lwrubin@att.net](mailto:Lwrubin@att.net))

**Treasurer:** Ivana Susaneck ([isusaneck@gmail.com](mailto:isusaneck@gmail.com))

Feel free to contact any member of the Board if you have questions about the county chapter. We are all here to support you as medical assistants!

## **Board Committee Chairs**



The CCCMA is proud to announce the Board Committee Chairs for the 2016-2017 year:

**Education:** Jennifer Dietz ([Jennifer.dietz@tri-c.edu](mailto:Jennifer.dietz@tri-c.edu))

**Ways and Means:** Judi Agardy ([cmajudirose@gmail.com](mailto:cmajudirose@gmail.com))

**Membership:** Mary Elizabeth Browder  
([maryelizabeth.browder@tri-c.edu](mailto:maryelizabeth.browder@tri-c.edu))

## Continuing Education Units

1. Also known as CEUs
2. One hour of approved education is equivalent to one CEU.
3. Contact the Education Committee Chair for information on approved CEUs.

## CCCMA

District 5 of the  
OSSMA

## We're on the Web!

<http://cccma5.wix.com/cccma>

**Want to submit  
an education  
article to the  
CCMA Free  
Press?**

Contact Melanie  
Shearer:

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## CEUs: The 411

Continuing Education Units are required to maintain your CMA(AAMA) credential. These requirements can be found on the American Association of Medical Assistants website at [www.aama-ntl.org](http://www.aama-ntl.org). You will need at least 60 approved CEUs every five years to maintain certification or you will need to retake the certification examination.

## What are my CEU options?

### County Chapter Sponsored Events

Twice a year, the CCCMA sponsors a CEU event with free offerings. Previous sessions covered A.L.I.C.E safety training, the function of the synapse, and viral hemorrhagic fevers. Topics for each session vary with each event, so stay tuned for more information for our upcoming event in September. Additional county chapter CEU events throughout Ohio are announced in the state publication, "The Helping Hands," which can be found on [www.OSSMA.org](http://www.OSSMA.org).

### CMA Today Articles



The professional publication from the AAMA, *CMA Today*, is distributed on a bimonthly basis throughout the year for AAMA members. Each edition includes two CEU offerings.

Each *CMA Today* CEU article includes a quiz that must be completed and mailed or faxed back to the AAMA with a fee. Participants must score an 80% to receive the CEUs for that submission.

### AAMA Online Offerings

The AAMA offers online CEUs which includes past *CMA Today* articles and quizzes as well as online publications. Fees vary for the type of offering listed. Multiple CEUs can be obtained at once using this option.

### AAMA CEU Publications

If online learning isn't appealing to you, the AAMA also offers printed materials that can be mailed to your home. As with the online offerings, the potential exists for multiple CEUs for a package of printed materials.

The AAMA, Ohio State Society of Medical Assistants (OSSMA) and the CCCMA are here to help you with all of your certification renewal needs. Contact any one of the CCCMA Board members with questions or concerns about your CEUs and we will find the answers.

## Final Thoughts

"You get out of it what you put into it."

-Anonymous

When you start participating in our organization you will enjoy life-long friendships, potential job connections, and continuing education. We welcome any member to become active in helping our chapter produce CEU events and mentoring our new members. Also, bring a friend!

\*Free Stamp Photo: Amanda Sloan, <http://www.city-data.com/picfiles/c/picc52639.php>