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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



TOGETHER. SHAPING THE FUTURE.

As 2018 kicks off TSMA is in search of new eyes, ears and IDEAS. Do you have all of these? Would you be interested in serving TSMA and its membership and your fellow MA's with your creativity and leadership? Then maybe serving on a TSMA Committee or on the TSMA Executive Board is for you. The Nomination Committee consists of Tammi Hantke, Angela Hensley, Laurice Abanilla and Katia Alonso, chaired by Sherry Bogar. If you are interested in participating in any role for TSMA and would like to submit your name please do so by completing a [NOMINATION FORM](#) to the Nominating committee at nomination@mytsma.org. Your application will be verified by the Committee prior to conference in April 2018 (all dues must have been paid by 12/31/17 in order to serve on the Executive Board or as a delegate). This year the following positions will be elected:

- Speaker
- Vice Speaker
- Vice President
- Third Delegate
- Alternate Delegate

In 2017 new By-Laws were passed that will allow the board to have continuity by electing certain positions in even and odd numbered years. In addition starting this year, any candidate wishing to run from the floor must submit their nomination form to the Committee by NOON on the Friday of the Annual Conference. All nominees getting your forms in and approved by the committee will be announced in our Spring Tidbits in March. All nominees should submit no later than February 26, 2018. Don't want to serve in an executive Board position-just would like to be a member of a committee or chair a committee-please submit a [CONSENT TO SERVE FORM](#) to the committee.

We look forward to seeing your nominations!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE for the 61st Annual TSMA Conference. This years event will be hosted in Galveston, Texas at the Historic Open Gates Conference Center (it's a Mansion). The TSMA Board is working very hard with UTMB and other employers to see if they can get help to offset costs to help lower your cost. All details will be announced first week of February. Remember this event is open to any and all MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS!!!! EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, PRACTITIONERS, DEANS ETC. This years format will be a lot different than previous years....we want each of you to get more bang for your buck!



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- Hurricane Harvey Relief helped many members pay their membership dues. Funds may still be available, please contact Donna Gibbins, TSMA Treasurer for more information treasurer@mytsma.org
- Bay Area Chapter has appointment a NEW SECRETARY!!! Angela Hensley, CMA (AAMA) Congratulations and welcome to Bay Area Leadership. We look forward to working with you!
- Less than 50% of the TSMA Membership has renewed as of 1/6/2018. Just a reminder that it's never too late to renew! Every MEDICAL ASSISTANT COUNTS IN THE TSMA REALM!
- Over the last year many membership changes have been made. Central Texas and Southwest Harris worked hard to reorganize however did not have any success, therefore they have closed their chapter. Many of their members were reassigned to other chapters in their areas or were placed as members at large. I
- Gregg Chapter notified the TSMA Board in December that they have closed out their chapter and their accounts.
- Did you know that as a TSMA Member you can select your "home chapter" for your membership. If you are a member at large or a member that has recently lost your chapter, please contact TSMA or AAMA to select your closest Chapter. All four chapters (Dallas, Bay Area, Bexar, and Northeast Harris) are currently active and hosting meetings. If you would like information please contact them directly - each chapter has a direct email address:
 - Bay Area - Tammi Hartmann - bayarea@mytsma.org
 - Dallas- Melinda Wheat - dallas@mytsma.org
 - Bexar-Joan Vanderbrink-bexar@mytsma.org
 - NE Harris-Lisa Connelley-neh@mytsma.org

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