

2018 MAMSS FALL NEWSLETTER



Welcome Members & Hello Autumn

Hi everyone!

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer! Personally, this summer seems to have flown by. I do love the fall though so I'm very much looking forward to cooler days ahead. I would like to start out by saying thank you to everyone that completed the 2018 MAMSS Annual Survey! Your feedback is essential for the success and enhancement of MAMSS and the Board of Directors will be reviewing the results in detail at our September Board meeting. Our Board makes every effort to incorporate your feedback into strategically planning our year and making improvements where we can. We want you to know that we do hear you. One of the trends that stood out to me was your interest in obtaining more information about upcoming Regional meetings in a timely manner and your interest in having more Regional meetings. About 50% stated that you do attend them and about 50% of you stated that you don't attend them. We will certainly be discussing this as a Board but I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a little more information about the Regions themselves. MAMSS has four Regions; Northern, Metro, Southern and Central. I provided a map which illustrates how each Region is divided. Please see page 5. We ask that the Regional Representatives hold two meetings a year. Typically an industry related educational webinar is shown (which you can earn CEUs for) and then there's roundtable discussion around recent industry updates, news and lots of opportunity for networking. Information regarding Regional meetings is sent out via email and it's also available on our website. <http://www.mnamss.org/> If you feel you are not receiving these notices, please email Callie to ensure you're on our distribution list. Remember, you can always call into them as well! You do not have to be part of the region to attend a particular Region's meeting. You are welcome to attend or call into any you would like.

Another trend I noticed is a need for more educational and networking opportunities for those that do **payer credentialing**. The Conference Committee is diligently seeking a nationally recognized speaker for our 2019 conference. In the meantime, Shelly Berg, past MAMSS President, has graciously offered to host a one-day, informal event geared towards payer credentialing. She hopes to go over items such as the MN Uniform application, Medicare, Medicaid, Malpractice Insurance, NPI, different requests that health plans and hospitals are requesting, etc. Watch for more information! We are very excited about this opportunity for our members!

We are always keeping our eyes and ears open for educational opportunities for our members. We love them just as much as you do! We are excited to be offering the opportunity to view the **2018 NAMSS Virtual Conference** again this year! This is a fantastic education opportunity for our members and you can earn CEUs. This year, the location will be in the metro area. From NAMSS, "Take advantage of our advanced virtual offering - experience not only the slides presented but a live video stream of the speakers for each session. Enjoy the personal interaction of seeing the speaker in real time in addition to viewing their presentation; it's almost like being there in person!" Please watch for more information coming soon.

On behalf of the Board, thank you all so much for your ongoing support of MAMSS. If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly or one of the Board members.

Allison Peterson, CPCS
MAMSS President

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**Welcome to our
67 new members!!**



2019 MAMSS Annual Conference



*“Difficult roads
often lead to
beautiful
destinations.”*

The Conference Committee is hard at work planning the 2019 MAMSS Spring Conference, which will be held on Thursday, April 25-Friday, April 26, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Plymouth. We are excited to announce that Ian Leonard, FOX 9 Meteorologist, has been confirmed as our opening speaker! He promises to provide us with a motivating, energetic, passionate presentation that will leave us wanting more! The Committee also plans to bring in national experts to provide attendees with the latest and greatest credentialing best practices. We have reviewed all evaluations from last year and also hope to have back some crowd favorites. Be sure to mark your calendar - you don't want to miss the 2019 Annual Conference! The brochure and registration information will be available in early 2019 and will be sent to all members.

<http://www.fox9.com/weatherteam>



SAVE THE DATE!



We'll be "Grooving" at the Annual Conference April 25-26, 2019! Hope to see you there! Watch your inbox for info in early 2019.

Region Updates

Central Region:

When: Tuesday, November 6th, 2018 from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: Hughes Matthews Room, CentraCare Health Plaza, St. Cloud, MN

Metro Meeting:

More information coming soon.

Northern Region:

The Northern Region held its Summer Meeting on Thursday August 16th at Fairview Range in Hibbing, MN. Our meeting started with introductions and then we viewed the NAMSS webinar "Breaking Down the Silos in your Healthcare System". After the webinar we held a very informative round table discussion. We had a great turn out and are looking forward to our Fall Meeting which will be held on Friday October 26th at Fairview Range.

Southern Region:

When: Tuesday, September 18 at 9:00 AM

Where: Glencoe Regional Health Services

Upcoming Board Meeting:

When: Friday, September 28, 2018 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Where: Skype Meeting

NAMSS Releases Position Statement on MOC (08/29/2018)

Maintenance of Certification (MOC), the program through which ongoing physician competence is demonstrated through American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) boards, has been controversial since its launch. As NAMSS members have heard, the ABMS has recently launched an initiative to reexamine MOC and provide recommendations for the future state of physician certification. NAMSS has engaged with this Vision Commission, with several NAMSS leaders participating in past meetings, and with other organizations to contribute the MSP perspective on this issue. As the issue has continued to affect MSPs directly and indirectly, NAMSS has released the following organizational statement on Maintenance of Certification.

The National Association Medical Staff Services (NAMSS) supports efforts by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and stakeholders across the health care industry to re-envision the process of continuing board certification and the Maintenance of Certification programs. Demonstrating ongoing physician competence is an essential piece of maintaining patient safety, and is an important part of evaluating practitioners for credentialing and privileging decisions. Concerns around the existing continuing certification programs have led some states to propose or enact laws restricting their use in making these decisions, which infringes on the ability of Medical Services Professionals and Organized Medical Staffs to fulfill their duty in evaluating providers. However, physician burnout is an increasingly difficult issue as additional burdens are being placed on providers across the continuum of care.

Increased standardization, clarity of requirements, and reduced physician burden will all be integral parts of a modern, effective board certification program. NAMSS looks forward to the outcomes of the ABMS' Vision for the Future Commission and to aiding in the evolution of board certification to best support our ultimate goal of patient safety.

NAMSS will continue to monitor the work of the ABMS Commission and other progress in the area of continuing physician education, and work to inform our MSPs about important developments. Find our position statement and others at the [NAMSS website](#), and be on the lookout for further communications on this issue.



“When something goes wrong in your life, Just yell “PLOT TWIST” and move on.”

Foreign Medical Graduate Commission Updates Identity Certification Process (09/04/2018)

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) recently announced an enhancement to their process for certifying the identities of applicants, beginning in mid-September 2018. The current Certification of Identification form (Form 186) will now be required to be completed online, using NotaryCom.com. NotaryCam is an online service that provides 24 hour access to professional notaries, allowing applicants to bypass the sometimes complicated and burdensome process of using a notary in person.

Additionally, the online Form 186 will now be a requirement for applicants as part of the Application for ECFMG Certification. This is required before submission of an application to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). All new Certification of Identity forms will require the online process, as well as expiring or invalidated forms. Currently, the Certification of Identity form lasts for five years from the accepted date.

The ECFMG is the standard for international medical graduates (IMGs) to be evaluated on their qualifications before entering the US graduate medical education (GME) process, or to take the USMLE and obtain a license to practice medicine in the US. ECFMG also provides application, visa, and verification assistance for IMGs. Learn more about the ECFMG at <https://www.ecfm.org/>

Upcoming Education Opportunities

NAMSS Virtual Conference

Monday, October 1, 2017
11:30 AM - 6:20 PM
Children's MN, Edina, MN



Credentialing 101

More information coming soon

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Payer Credentialing Education

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
9 AM - 4 PM
ACMC Health/Carris Health, Willmar, MN

MAMSS Annual Conference

Thursday, April 25 - Friday April 26, 2019
Crown Plaza Hotel, Plymouth, MN

MAMSS Website Advertising

We are now excited to offer advertising on our new website! <http://www.mnamss.org/>

If your organization is interested in having their logo on the home page of our website that links back to the organization, please have them complete the required form. You can find the Request for Advertising Form on our website under Career Center → Advertising with MAMSS.

The cost is \$50 for 30 days.

- *Advertisements must relate to the medical services professional industry or promote products of interest or benefit to medical services professionals.*
- *MAMSS does not endorse any products and reserves the right to approve all advertisements submitted for placement.*
- *All advertisement requests will be reviewed by the Board before posting and approved by the President. Educational Opportunities will be posted on the MAMSS website free of charge.*

**Fun Fall Minnesota Activities**Sever's Corn Maze & Fall Festival

Shakopee, MN
Weekends, September 9th - October 30th

Twin Cities Harvest Festival & Maze

Brooklyn Park, MN
Weekends, September 24th - October 30th

Minneapolis Oktoberfest

Downtown Minneapolis
October 2nd- October 4th

Fall on the Farm

Eidem Homestead
October 15th | 12pm-3pm

Twin Cities Oktoberfest

Minnesota State Fairgrounds
October 7th- October 8th

Autumn Woods Classic

Elm Creek Park Reserve
October 15th

Farmer Ken's Pumpkin Patch

Minnesota Streetcar Museum: Como-Harriet Line
October 15th - 16th | 12:30pm-4:30pm

Pumpkin Festival

50th and France Quarter
October 22nd

Fall Festival on Main

October 29th | 9:30am-1:30pm

Trail of Terror

Minnesota Renaissance Festival Grounds

Weekends, October 7th - October 30th

ValleySCARE - Halloween Haunt

ValleyFair Amusement Park
Weekends, September 20th - November 2nd

Minnesota Zoo

HowlZooween
October 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th
Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular
October 4 - October 31

Anoka Halloween

Anoka, MN
Various Events October 14th-31st

Grand Avenue Boo Fest

Grand Avenue, St. Paul
October 23rd

Halloween Family Fun

Weaver Lake Park, Maple Grove
October 22nd

Zoo Boo

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory
October 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th

Pick Your Own Apples

Afton Apple Orchard, Hastings
Emma Krumbes, Belle Plaine
Apple Jack Orchards, Delano
Fireside Orchards and Gardens, Northfield

Fright Farm

Ramsey Country Fairgrounds
October 7th - 31st | 7-11pm



2 - Ingredient Pumpkin Muffins

Ingredients:

- 1 box (15.25 OZ) - Spice cake mix
- 1 can (15 ounces) - Pumpkin puree, canned

Instructions:

- 1) Position an oven rack in the center of the oven.
- 2) Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line 12 muffin cups with paper liners or coat them with non-stick spray.
- 3) Make the batter in a large bowl by mixing just the two ingredients together, ignoring the instructions on the cake mix.
- 4) Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cup tins.
- 5) Bake at 350 degrees until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 20 -25 minutes.
- 6) Remove and place on wire racks to cool. Enjoy!!



MAMSS REGIONAL MAP



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<http://www.mnamss.org>



Check us out on Facebook!

<http://m.facebook.com/MNassociationofmedicalstaffservices/>

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We're on LinkedIn!

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/18262869/>

