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A TIMELINE

Opportunities abound beginning Friday, with education sessions that will revitalize you as a medical assistant practitioner or educator. First-time attendees and students, the AAMA Board of Trustees wants to meet you at a special get-together on Friday morning. On Saturday, everyone is welcome to increase their leadership and organizational knowledge by attending the House of Delegates meetings and participating in Reference Committee hearings. State and chapter leaders, don't miss the event specially designed for you—the State Leaders session on Sunday at 1:15 PM.

Along the way, we throw in some food, fun, and recognition! On Friday evening, the Board of Trustees will join you at the Welcome and Awards Celebration in Regency EF, where the Awards Committee will welcome all conference attendees and salute the deserving winners of the 2025 Excel Awards.

And don't forget your costume! Dress up for the Gatsby Gala. Step into the Roaring '20s with your best flapper fringe, dapper suits, and jazz-age flair.

ALLERGY ALERT

As part of reasonable efforts made by the AAMA to accommodate the needs of attendees, we respectfully request that you do not bring any nut products into the conference. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any allergy concerns, please email Conference@aama-ntl.org.

AN APP FOR THE AGES

Keep your finger on the pulse with the AAMA Annual Conference app for your smartphone via Cvent! With this free app, you'll be able to access a wealth of information, including scheduling changes and session updates through the app. Enable push notifications to be alerted ASAP.

All registrants will receive an email inviting them to download the Cvent app through their usual app store (Android and Apple). Instructions will be included in that email.



EVENT ID: AAMAconf2025

FOR THE RECORD: IMPORTANT REMINDERS

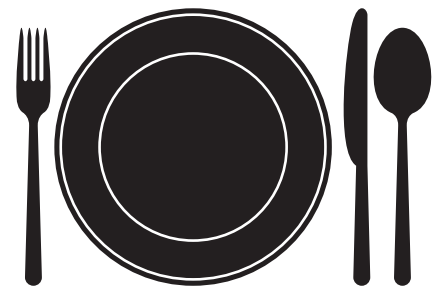
Need Help On-Site? Go to the AAMA Help Desk

To ask any conference- or AAMA-related questions, head to the AAMA Help Desk.

AAMA staff will be available to answer any questions you may have in Regency Landing. This is also the place to pick up your registration packet and badge.

Don't Forget to Meal Plan

Fuel up through our numerous food options! To keep your mind sharp, plan



how you'll fit meals into your busy conference schedule.

Friday through Monday

Buffet breakfast is included in full or day-of registrations for Friday through Monday.

All lunches and dinners (excluding the Presidents Banquet) are the responsibility of each attendee.

Friday Only

There will be drinks and appetizers available before the Welcome and Awards Celebration on Friday.

Friday and Saturday

Snacks will be available midday for registrants.

Sunday Only

If you registered for the entire weekend or for Sunday, you're invited to enjoy hors d'oeuvres during the Mix and Mingle and to attend dinner during the Presidents Banquet.

Monday Only

Lunch and dinner are the responsibility of each attendee.

How We Track CE Session Attendance: Badges Are a Must

You must wear your conference badge at all CE sessions and food events. This requirement is in place to ensure that the limited space available is enjoyed by conference registrants rather than non-registrants.

The AAMA will be using Cvent attendance tracking to quickly and accurately process attendance at this year's conference. Attendee badges will be scanned upon entry to all CE sessions. Please wear your badge to all CE sessions to ensure proper tracking of your attendance.



More Time to Mingle

Check out the array of vendors in the Exhibitors Hall, which will be open Friday and Saturday!

Check the conference app or on-site program for open hours on Friday and Saturday.



Making History

Join the AAMA Board of Trustees for the Presidents Banquet at 7 PM on Sunday. We will salute state leaders with the Parade of Presidents and honor the departing and newly elected members of the Board of Trustees. And we'll do all of it in style: cocktail attire is the dress code for the event.

State Presidents—please meet at the Washington Room at 6 PM for the group photo. You will then be dismissed to enjoy the mix and mingle cocktail hour, but please return at 6:45 PM to line up for the Parade of Presidents.

Delegates and Alternates: Got Changes or Questions?

If you're a delegate or alternate for the 2025 House of Delegates and you have

any changes, questions, or concerns, stop by the Credentials Desk on Friday 3:30–4:15 PM to speak with Speaker of the House Jane Seelig, CMA-A (AAMA), and Vice Speaker of the House Claire Houghton, CMA (AAMA).

Share Your Experiences

The AAMA Board of Trustees and the Continuing Education Board want to hear from you. After the conference, you will receive an email directing you to two online surveys. One survey is for your feedback on the AAMA Annual Conference, and the other survey is for feedback on the continuing education sessions you attended (as well as your important suggestions for future topics). These surveys will be available for only one week, so please respond promptly. And make sure that your email address in your membership record is up to date.



WEATHER FORECAST



If you're planning any sightseeing during your stay, you can check the forecast at <https://www.weather.com>.

WE PROUDLY PRESENT

The Certifying Board invites you to be a part of the ever-popular "CMA (AAMA) Knowledge Bowl" (1.5 GAC) on Friday at 4 PM. Team up with your peers to answer general, administrative, and clinical questions and win prizes! Teams of four are selected randomly, and educators are eligible to participate. Space is limited, so sign up early! Sign-up sheets will be in the

AAMA Help Desk area.

Also, earlier on Friday, we have two featured CE sessions: "Ethical Considerations and Effective Strategies for Preventing Excessive Alcohol Use" (2 GAC) and "The Sun Bus: Skin Cancer Prevention" (2 CG).



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