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# AAMSS Review

## A Message from our President

The Nominating Committee is getting ready to identify candidates for the 2008-2009 AAMSS term. I mention this because it is a good time to remind you of your value to the Association and our professions - and to encourage you to volunteer your service at the State and National levels.

Often there is a misperception about one's capability to serve – that it is dependent on a vibrant personality, extensive education, prestigious position, or ability to speak to a large group (in six different languages). Capability to serve really is determined by one's integrity, honesty, ability to listen, compassion, and passion. Great leaders don't come from the same cookie cutter as most, it's true. Great leaders want to do the right thing for the right reason, and they are willing to devote personal time and energy to make it happen.

The diversity of personalities, talents, and strengths of our Association members have served us well for twenty-five years. I bet you have something to offer too.

*“Men make history, and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.”*

---Harry S. Truman (1884-1972)

**- Faith Rhoades, CPMSM—AAMSS President -**

## Dalphinee Busbee Education Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Dalphinee Busbee Education Scholarship. The Scholarship Program is designed to assist members of the association with financial support for AAMSS conferences.

The Scholarship Program will pay:

- Grant \$500 toward registration for the annual educational conference for one active member per fiscal year.
- Spring Conference is scheduled for April 26-28 @ Tops'1 Beach and Racquet Resort; Destin, Florida

Applications must be received by March 26. For more application and scholarship information please visit our website at [www.aamss.com](http://www.aamss.com) or contact BJ Seale at [bseale@stv.org](mailto:bseale@stv.org).

## New Members

Please join us in welcoming our newest members

Name	Facility
Angela Alexander	Viva Health
Brandy Baker	Huntsville Hospital
Mitzi Carter	Northport Medical Center
Corley Cleckler	Chilton Medical Center
Jacqueline Cuevas	Summit Hospital
Susanne Woods Dyer	Shoals Hospital
Barbara Floyd	The Heart Center
Crystal Foster	Southeast Alabama Medical Center
Tessa Godwin	Thomas Hospital
Joyce Hughes	HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital-Gadsden
Diann Jenkins, CPMSM, CPCS	Hardenbergh Interim Staffing Group
Deanna Lawley	Physicians Carraway Medical Center
Sonia Liveoak	DCH Health System
Barry Moss	Flowers Hospital
Debbie Phillips	Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center
Joycelyn Pullom	Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.
Sonya Roebuck	Marshall Medical Centers
Donna Swack	UAB Health System
Ginger Woodward	Riverview Regional Medical Center
Diane White	Lanier Health Services

## 2006 Meetings At A Glance

Thanks to all our hosts and host facilities for the 2006 educational opportunities:

Alabama Hospital Association, Montgomery, AL	March 2006
Myra Fell, CPMSM	Cullman Regional Medical Center, Cullman, AL May 2006
Vickie Reed	Shelby Baptist Medical Center, Alabaster, AL August 2006
Ann Blair, CPCS	Trinity Medical Center, Birmingham, AL November 2006

*Please see page 4 for 2007 upcoming events*

## AAMSS Website

Check out the new AAMSS website at [www.aamss.com](http://www.aamss.com). The site is getting a much needed facelift and overhaul. Check the site regularly for AAMSS and national news in addition to upcoming meeting information.

## YAHOO!

AAMSS has recently created our own YAHOO group. We feel this will be a useful tool in surveying the membership and allowing members to post questions to the entire group. Only AAMSS members are eligible to join however you must sign up in order to utilize the service. If you are interested in joining the group go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and search for AAMSS. If you don't currently have a yahoo account established you will need to create one. This is not a difficult process and should only take a few minutes. Please contact Leslie Priest at [leslie.priest@mmcenters.com](mailto:leslie.priest@mmcenters.com) for assistance.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Please join us in congratulating AAMSS newest CPMSM and CPCS certificants.....

Myra Fell, CPMSM  
Tara Rankin, CPCS, CPMSM  
Donna Swack, CPCS

Cullman Regional Medical Center (CPMSM)  
Baptist Health CVO (CPMSM)  
UAB Health System (CPCS)

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## JCAHO Name Change

JCAHO announced a new brand identity and logo in January 2007. The new brand includes a name change (The Joint Commission), redesigned website and new tagline "Helping Healthcare Organizations Help Patients". To visit the newly redesigned website go to [www.jointcommission.org](http://www.jointcommission.org).

## Upcoming Events

### **AAMSS Quarterly Meeting**

March 2, 2007

Southeast Alabama Medical Center  
Dothan, Alabama

### **AAMSS/GAMSS Joint Conference**

April 26-28, 2007

Tops'l Beach and Racquet Resort  
Destin, Florida

### **AAMSS Quarterly Meeting**

August 3, 2007

Decatur General Hospital  
Decatur, Alabama

### **31st Annual NAMSS Conference**

September 29—October 3, 2007

New York, New York

### **NAMSS Awareness Week**

November 4—10, 2007

### **AAMSS Annual Meeting**

November 9, 2007

Shelby Regional Medical Center  
Alabaster, Alabama

*If you are interested in hosting a quarterly AAMSS meeting or have a great speaker in mind, please contact Leslie Priest at [leslie.priest@mmcenters.com](mailto:leslie.priest@mmcenters.com) or (256) 840-3517*

## **This is your Association and we want to hear from you!**

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