# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF STATE AUDITORS



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# **Message from the President**

#### **Dear Members:**

I want to thank each and everyone of you for membership and commitment to CASA. Our goal is to bring you the best and most affordable training possible. I sincerely appreciate everyone's patience this last year as we experiment with new venues and instructors. With change comes success and sometimes failures. To be honest we have experienced both. Luckily, we have received many compliments on some of our new training instructors, but unfortunately we are still struggling to find the perfect training venue. I would like to express my deepest apologies for everyone who attended the November training. This was a particularly challenging day plagued with space, parking, and food issues. Please know the board is working hard to find the perfect venue and we appreciate your patience while we work through these hurdles.

All the best,

Roberto

#### **Advanced Registration Required**

The last two months we have seen a significant increase in members showing up the day of training without being registered. We do not want to turn away members, but this issue is causing room issues the day of the training and is distracting to those who registered on time.



Beginning in January, we may start turning members away if we do not have ample space to accommodate more participants. Please register timely so that we can plan accordingly. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

#### **CASA Opening**

Are you interested in working with the CASA Board? We have an opening for a Training Coordinator.

This position works closely with the Board and the Executive Director. If interested, please send a statement of interest via email explaining your experience and interest in the position.

Please email your statement to casauditors@gmail.com.

#### **CASA Board**

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Roberto Zavala

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# We want your feedback!

If you are in need of specific training topics or are aware of great presenters, please let us know!

CASA is committed to bringing you the best training possible.

Send us feedback at: CASAuditors@gmail.com

#### Membership

Interested in joining CASA? Membership is open to all auditors, accountants, and state employees.

- No membership fees
- No membership dues

#### **Mailing List**

To receive notifications on upcoming training and other news, please click HERE to join our mailing list.

#### **Contact Info**

Got questions?

Contact us via email at

CASAuditors@gmail.com

or call us at (916) 633-1CPE (1273).

#### **CASA Peer Review Program**

## Peer Reviewer Opportunities!

#### Would you like to be a member of a peer review team?

The California Association of State Auditors (CASA) is seeking volunteers to participate in the peer reviews of various government agencies.

As a peer reviewer you will gain valuable experience and great insight into the best practices of the auditing field. You will also walk away with practical ideas about how to improve your audit organization's quality control practices.

CASA is currently seeking peer review volunteers for the Spring and Fall of 2018. If you are interested in volunteering or having someone from your staff volunteer, please send an e-mail to CASA's Peer Review Coordinator at: alma.ramirez@dof.ca.gov.

Here is what others are saying about the peer review program.

I'd also like to thank CASA for continuing to coordinate the Peer Review program for state agencies. I believe this valuable program helps audit units meet their external assessment requirement, but more than that, I believe it fosters an environment which allows leaders within the State of California audit community to exchange ideas about best practices and to learn from each other. I personally have benefitted both from conducting peer reviews and receiving one.

Sincerely,

Lisa Negri, Chief Auditor

California Energy Commission

We hope to hear from you soon!

## **Upcoming Training**

Internal Controls for the Government Auditor

December 4, 2017

Click <u>HERE</u> for information on how to register for upcoming courses!