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President's Message

Welcome to Summer, Members!

I hope you all have been enjoying the mild summer weather! CASA held its first in-person training since the COVID-19 pandemic began and we had a fantastic turn-out of over 43 attendees. Feedback from the attendees indicated they enjoyed seeing and networking with their peers, and of course, they enjoyed the lunch! We plan to hold another in-person training event this Fall, stay tuned for details. On June 28th, we have Coffee with CASA and a great speaker, Matthew C. Heyn, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Justice, presenting Litigation Consideration for Audit Engagements. Continue reading for other upcoming events and to learn the winner of the CASA Trivia from the last newsletter.



Cheryl L. McCormick
CASA President



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A graphic of a spotlight with a yellow light beam shining down.

CASA Spotlight

Periodically, we will highlight a CASA Board Member, CASA Committee Member, or a general CASA Member in our "CASA Spotlight" section so readers can get to know each of us better.

CASA Peer Review Coordinator Mary Camacho

Mary has been working with the state for 30 years. During that time, she worked her way up the auditor classification at the State Controller's Office, Alcoholic Beverage Control, California State Auditor, and California Department of Finance, where she is an audit manager.

In January 2018, Mary became CASA's co-Peer Review Coordinator. The Peer Review Coordinators are responsible for (a) the day-to-day administration and operation of the external peer review program and (b) the coordination and assignment of review members to teams while ensuring the quality of the peer review and development of future team members.

In her spare time, she gardens, reads, and creates honey do projects. Currently, Mary and her husband are remodeling their spare bathroom, building an outdoor kitchen, and refashioning their grown kids' play area to an adult play area. They are performing most of the work, which includes tearing out and laying tile, refinishing cabinets, pouring yards and yards of cement, laying brick, etc.





Training

Beginning June 2023, CASA is implementing a hybrid training approach with alternating online and in-person training courses.

For additional details on the training courses, please visit the CASA website at www.CASA1.org.
To register for a course, send an email to CASAuditors@gmail.com.

June

Coffee with CASA

Presented by: Matthew C. Heyn
June 28, 2023
Online (Free)

Litigation Consideration for
Audit Engagements
June 28th, 9-10 am

Please join us to hear from Matthew C. Heyn, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Justice. Mathew has successfully litigated multimillion dollar claims involving performance audits of the California Department of Education and the Office of the California State Controller. He will be sharing the impact of the litigation, lessons learned, and the importance of considering litigation when auditors engage in audit work.

Recommended CPE: 1.0
Program level: Basic
Advanced Preparation: None
Program Prerequisites: None
Registration Fee: \$0

(Training is **FULL**)

July

High Impact Audit Practices

Presented by: John Hall
July 24-25, 2023
Online

August

Root Cause Analysis for Auditors

Presented by: Raven Catlin
August 21-22, 2023
Online

If you are interested in a specific training topic 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.



Recruitment

- The **Department of Tax and Fee Administration** is currently recruiting for the [Tax Auditor/Associate Tax Auditor, Riverside](#) FFD 6/28/2023.
- The **Judicial Council of California** is currently recruiting for an [Auditor in the Internal Audit Services unit \(Job 5948\)](#) FFD 7/17/2023.
- The **State Controller's Office** is recruiting for multiple positions. [Click here to see the list.](#)
- The **CalPERS** is currently recruiting for [Associate Program Auditor and Program Auditor](#) FFD Continuous.
- The **County of Placer** is currently recruiting for [Accountant - Senior](#) FFD Until Filled.

Join Our Team



Volunteer Opportunities

Peer Reviews

CASA is seeking motivated volunteers to participate in our Peer Review Program. Participating in a peer review is a great opportunity for leaders within the State of California audit community to exchange ideas about best practices and learn from each other, while helping audit units meet their external assessment requirement. The time commitment is less than you might think and taking a deeper dive into the standards can really elevate your audit game!

We encourage you to apply by submitting a completed [nomination form](#) to the peer review coordinators.

Management and licensed professionals (CPA, CIA, CGAP, etc.) are strongly encouraged to apply.

Want to Learn More?

Visit www.casa1.org

Have Questions?

Contact our CASA Peer Review Coordinators:

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CASA Trivia

We have a WINNER!

Congratulations to Diane Olson, Auditor-Controller for the Siskiyou County Auditor's Office for winning the May Trivia contest.

Diane received a \$10 gift card to Amazon!



Trivia Questions for July!

1. What is the difference between an internal audit and external audit?
2. What are the three main types of audit opinions that can be issued?
3. What is your favorite part of being a CASA member?
4. What topic you would like to hear about on the next Coffee with CASA?

Due: **July 31, 2023**. Submit your answers to CASAuditors@gmail.com.

CASA Trivia

Last Trivia Answers—CASA History

1. What is the CASA organization dedicated to improving?
CASA is dedicated to improving governmental accountability and efficiency in the State of California. By collaborating and providing training opportunities, CASA aims to strengthen the audit profession and contribute to the responsible and effective use of public resources in California.
2. On average, how many training courses does CASA provide each calendar year? **11 (CASA normally does not hold training in December).**
3. What is the most favorite part of attendance at the training courses? **The food, of course! Also, the ability to network with peers.**
4. How many individuals comprise the CASA Board? **The CASA Board consists of four (4) voting members: the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. There are also six (6) other members who participate on the Board: the Executive Director, two Peer Review Committee members, two Training Committee members, and the CASA Board Past President. A total of ten (10) members.**
5. How does an organization receive credits towards their CASA Peer Review?
An organization receives credit toward their CASA Peer Review by volunteering to serve as a member on a peer review team. Members who serve on the CASA Board or a CASA Committee also receive credit toward their organization's CASA Peer Review.