

# California Association of State Auditors



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## Message from the President

We enjoyed seeing you at our May breakfast meeting and hope our 3 lucky members enjoyed winning gift cards! As always, we are looking for ways to improve our organization. Two immediate changes we are implementing are the addition of small raffle drawings at our trainings as well as a new presence on social media. So like us or check in with us on Facebook or tweet about us on Twitter!

*Roberto*

## Spotlight on Adam Ashton

Adam Ashton will be a guest speaker at our next Quarterly Breakfast Meeting coming up in October. Ashton covers state government for The Sacramento Bee, anchoring the newspaper's popular state worker coverage. He joined the newspaper in 2016 after covering the military and local government at its sister newspapers, The News Tribune of Tacoma, The Modesto Bee and the Merced Sun-Star. Ashton has reported on the U.S. military in Afghanistan, Iraq and in Japan on special assignments for The Bee's parent company, McClatchy. He earned regional and national recognition for his coverage of war crimes committed by U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan. Ashton lives in Sacramento with his wife, KVIE producer Christina Salerno and their toddler son.



## Employment Opportunities

California Employee Development Department (EDD) and the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) are currently recruiting for vacancies.

For more information, click [HERE](#).

## Seeking New Trainers



CASA is seeking recommendations for new and dynamic trainers to provide training for our members.

If you have any recommendations, please contact our new training coordinator, Chris Prasad, at [Chris.Prasad@doj.ca.gov](mailto:Chris.Prasad@doj.ca.gov).

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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](mailto:CASAuditors@gmail.com)



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

- No membership fees
- No membership dues



Got questions?  
Contact us via email at [CASAuditors@gmail.com](mailto:CASAuditors@gmail.com)  
or call us at  
(916) 633-1CPE (1273)



As an extra incentive to attend CASA classes, attendees will now have the opportunity to participate in a raffle drawing to win prizes. There will be drawings at each training where 2-3 lucky people can win gift cards and other prizes.

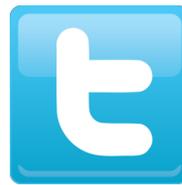
Remember to pick up a raffle ticket at the start of each class so that you have an opportunity to win!

## Let's Get Social!

Be sure to Add, Share, Like, or Tweet us on Social Media! Click on the icon below to join us!



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### [Crucial Communication Skills When the Stakes are High](#)

**July 23, 2018**

### [Beyond the Basics: Advanced Audit Situations and Issues](#)

**August 27, 2018**

Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

**October 2018**

Click [HERE](#) for information on how to register for upcoming courses!



## CASA Peer Review Program

### Peer Reviewer Opportunities!

**Would you like to be a member of a peer review team to gain valuable and relevant experiences?**

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 own audit organization's quality control practices.

CASA is currently seeking peer review volunteers for Fall 2018 and 2019. If you are interested in volunteering or having one of your staff volunteer, please send an e-mail to CASA's Peer Review Coordinators at: [alma.ramirez@dof.ca.gov](mailto:alma.ramirez@dof.ca.gov) or [mary.camacho@dof.ca.gov](mailto:mary.camacho@dof.ca.gov).

Here is what others have to say 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!**

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## May Breakfast Meeting

In case you missed, it, the California State Library presented on May 17th and provided a lot of valuable information that is useful to State Employees at all levels. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted to our website soon.



*Senior Research Librarian  
Maeve Roche*



*CASA Board President  
Roberto Zavala*