

# California Association of State Auditors



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## Message from the President

Greetings Members:

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Breakfast Meeting on May 17th at the Hyatt. We are excited to have a representative from the California State Library come and speak about the services they provide. Unfortunately, the Hyatt elevators are under construction and we will be meeting in a lower level banquet room this time. See you then!

All the best,

*Roberto*

## 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).

## Leita Hart is Back!



Save the date! Due to popular demand, Leita Hart is returning to Sacramento early next year!

Leita will be back in town to give a Yellow Book Update on January 28 and 29, 2019. There will be 2 sessions of this training with a max of 60 people per session.

Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming months.

### ***CASA Board***

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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)

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(916) 633-1CPE (1273)

## Fee Increases Ahead

Increased costs for instructors and training venues has led the Board to increase fees. As such, effective with our July class, the fee for a training class will increase from \$200 to \$230. Our mission is to provide quality low cost training. Our fee is still very competitive in light of other training organizations, and we will continue to serve a continental breakfast and lunch with all our training classes.

The cost for breakfast meetings will change, as well. The fee for breakfast meetings will increase from \$5 to \$10. This increase will be effective with our next breakfast meeting scheduled for May 17th.

Please also note we will be strictly enforcing the late fees this year. For those registering less than 7 days before the class or showing up the day of the class, a \$25 late fee will be accessed. Also, as a reminder, for those who register for classes via snail mail and pay by check, please remember to confirm your registration by emailing us at [CASAuditors@gmail.com](mailto:CASAuditors@gmail.com). We are required to provide class numbers in advance and without accurate head counts, CASA is responsible for the extra costs associated with adding attendees at the last minute.

Thank you for understanding.



## UPCOMING TRAINING



Breakfast Meeting—California State Library: How Can We Help You

**May 17, 2018**

[Conduct and Ethics for CA Accounting/Auditing Professionals](#)

**May 21, 2018**

[Considering Risk in the Audit Process](#)

**June 25, 2018**

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

**July 23, 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!**