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President's Message

Hello CASA Members,

As you enjoy the beginning of pumpkin spice season, please take a moment to reflect on the CPE courses you have taken, your upcoming CPE needs, and communicate areas of interest to us. We are interested in hearing your ideas! Also, as we approach the season of giving, consider volunteering to serve on a Peer Review. It is a great opportunity to give and receive, as you will share your knowledge, meet new peers, and be exposed to alternate ways of complying with audit standards that you can implement within your own organization. Lastly, we are pleased to announce the newest member of our Peer Review Coordinator team, Jose Camacho, from the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations, California Department of Transportation. Jose will assist CASA's two other Peer Review Coordinators, Mary and David, with implementing CASA's Peer Review Program. Welcome Jose!



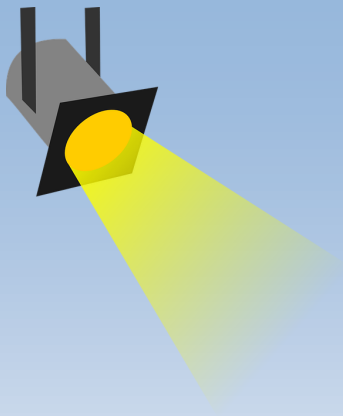
Cheryl L. McCormick
CASA President

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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 Treasurer Laura Langston

Laura started with the state in 2009 as a 911 Dispatcher for the California Highway Patrol. She worked nights and finished up her accounting degree during the day and switched to auditing in 2012 upon graduation. She started working at the Department of Health Care Services, where Shanah McKnight was the training coordinator. One of the trainers that Shanah hired was Chuck Hester to provide an in-house regulatory review training. Laura was always looking for qualities in other people and seeing Chuck present made her wonder how she can become distinguished enough to be hired to present auditing requirements in front of hundreds of people. During his presentation, Chuck talked about the value of being on the board of an audit organization and mentioned that the California Board of Accountancy was waiving some of their CPA candidate fees. Immediately after his training Laura started her paperwork to become a CPA. Then, a few weeks later, she went to her first CASA breakfast meeting where it was announced that they were looking for a Secretary, so she signed up to join the board. That was in 2016. Laura has been the Treasurer since then and is the longest running member on the board.





Training

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.

September Next Level Auditing

Presented by: Tali Ploetz
September 18, 2023
Time: 8:30am—4:30pm

Location: Hilton Arden West

October Assertions, Materiality & Audit Criteria

Presented by: Mark Steinwert
October 16, 2023
Time: 8:30am-4:30pm

Location: Hilton Arden West

November Auditing Human Capital and Responding to Emerging Risks

Presented by: Robert Kulings
November 6-7, 2023
Time: 8:30am-12:30pm

Online

December Agile Auditing

Presented by: Danny Goldberg
December 5-6, 2023
Time: 8:30am-12:30pm

Online

October Coffee with CASA

TBD

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:



Recruitment

- The **Department of Transportation** is currently recruiting for [Staff Management Auditor](#) (Specialist) FFD 9/6/2023
- The **Office of the Inspector General** is currently recruiting for an [Deputy Inspector General](#) FFD 9/16/2023.

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?

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CASA Trivia

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2. ASSLE IOVENIC _____
3. UNRAOJL _____
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Complete the [CASA Word Puzzle](#) and submit your responses by October 31, 2023, for a chance to win a \$10 Amazon gift card!