

# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF STATE AUDITORS

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## President's Message

Hello Members,

Happy New Year! I cannot believe how quickly January has passed by and we are already into mid-February. Customary with every New Year, the CASA Board has established a few goals to accomplish during 2023! Our goals include:

- Update the CASA Website
- Timely communicate upcoming training opportunities
- Implement in-person training courses
- Finalize the Appointment of our new CASA Vice President
- Continue to provide Peer Review services, resources, and guidance
- Enhance our CASA Newsletters

Our goals were based on Board observation and feedback from the general membership. If you have any ideas or suggestions you'd like to see the Board implement this year, let us know!

A special thanks to those that expressed interest in our vacant Board and Committee positions. We have successfully filled both positions. As previously communicated, Julio Almanza has joined our Training Committee, and Dee Kumar will join the CASA Board in March 2023 as our Vice President.



Cheryl L. McCormick  
CASA President



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## CASA Team

- Cheryl McCormick  
President
- Vacant  
Vice President
- Laura Langston  
Treasurer
- Sara Shekholislam  
Secretary
- Shanah McKnight  
Executive Director
- Chris Prasad  
Training Committee
- Julio Almanza  
Training Committee
- Mary Camacho  
Peer Review
- Lisa Negri  
Peer Review
- David Shockey  
Peer Review
- Jennifer Whitaker  
Immediate Past  
President

A stylized illustration of a spotlight with a yellow beam of light shining downwards from a grey and black fixture.

## 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 Executive Director Shanah McKnight**

Shanah has been CASA's Executive Director since August 2016. She is the primary point of contact for all our members. Her duties include, but are not limited to, registering members for classes, processing payments, scheduling upcoming classes, and handling all course logistics.

Shanah also has worked with the Department of Health Care Services for 9 ½ years. Her favorite color is blush pink, and her dream vacation spot is the Maldives (in an over-ocean hut). Shanah loves listening to books on Audible – the last book she listened to was "Feeding the Soul (Because It's My Business)" by Tabitha Brown.





# Training

Training courses offered through May 2023 are currently planned to be on-line. We plan to implement a hybrid approach beginning June 2023 with alternating on-line and in-person training courses.

For additional details on the training courses, please visit the CASA website at [www.CASA1.org](http://www.CASA1.org)

To register for a course, send an email to [CASAuditors@gmail.com](mailto:CASAuditors@gmail.com)

## February

### **Auditors as Leaders**

Presented by: Vicki McIntyre  
February 27-28, 2023  
On-line

## March

### **COSO Framework**

Presented by: Danny Goldberg  
March 27-28, 2023  
On-line

## April

### **Regulatory Review and Ethics**

Presented by: Stephanie Perkins  
April 24, 2023  
On-line

## May

### **Topic TBD\***

Presented by: Tali Ploetz  
May 15-16, 2023  
On-line

In-Person

## June

### **IT for Non-IT Auditors**

Presented by: Danny Goldberg  
June 19, 2023  
In-Person

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](mailto:CASAuditors@gmail.com)



## Recruitment

- The **Department of Motor Vehicles** is currently recruiting for the [Senior Management Auditor](#). FFD 2/22/2023.
- The **CA Public Utilities Commission** is currently recruiting for the [Senior Management Auditor](#). FFD 2/27/2023.
- The **Judicial Council of California** is currently recruiting for an [Audit Services Principle Manager](#). FFD 3/6/2023.
- The **State Controller's Office** is recruiting for multiple positions. [Click here to see the list.](#)
- The **Department of Finance, Office of State Audits and Evaluations**, is recruiting for Student Assistants with an interest in accounting/auditing for hire this summer. Bulletin announcement with additional details will be released on March 1, 2023. Please visit [Finance Careers | Department of Finance](#) or contact [OSAERecruiting@dof.ca.gov](mailto:OSAERecruiting@dof.ca.gov) with questions.

*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 located at [www.casa1.org./review](http://www.casa1.org./review) 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/FAQs](http://www.CASA1.org/FAQs)

### *Have Questions?*

Contact our CASA Peer Review Coordinators:

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# CASA Trivia

Complete the CASA trivia questions and submit your responses to [CASAuditors@gmail.com](mailto:CASAuditors@gmail.com) by March 3, 2023, for a chance to win a \$10 gift card to Amazon!

## CASA History

1. How long has the CASA organization been in existence?
2. On average, how many training courses does CASA provide each calendar year?
3. What is the most favorite part of attendance at the training courses?
4. How many individuals comprise the CASA Board?
5. How many credits does an organization need to earn to be eligible to participate in a CASA Peer Review?

