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Message from the President

Dear Members:

I am excited to announce two new members to our CASA team. First, we have filled our vacant training coordinator position. Please join me in welcoming Chris Prasad to the CASA team. Read all about him on page 2. Also, please help me welcome Mary Camacho to our team. She will be assisting Alma Ramirez with coordinating our peer reviews. I look forward to seeing you all at our breakfast meeting on May 17th and introducing Chris and Mary to you.

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.

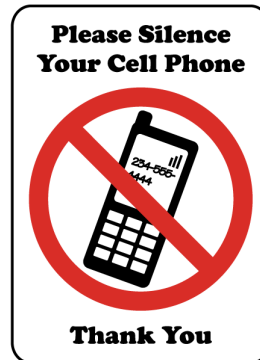
Cell Phone Usage

As a courtesy to the instructor and other attendees, please remember to silence your cell phones during training.

We have received some feedback recently that cell phone usage has distracted attendees.

We realize you have other commitments and responsibilities, but please step outside of the training room to use your cell phone in the lobby or hallway.

Thank you for your cooperation.



New Training Venue

With many challenges and changes last year, the Board has reserved the Hilton Arden West as our 2018 training facility. The address is 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815.

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Meet CASA's New Training Coordinator!

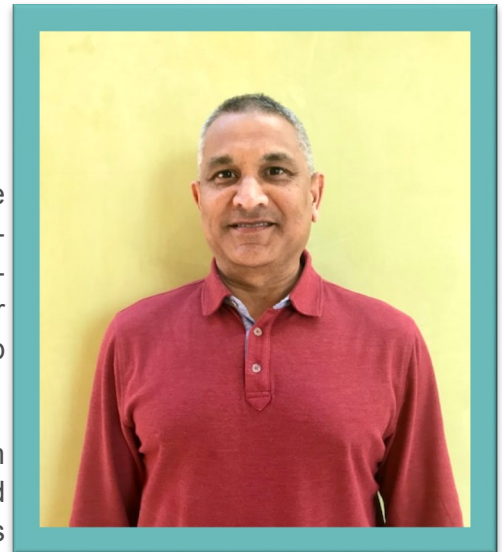
Chris Prasad

We'd like to introduce our new training coordinator Chris Prasad!

A little about Chris....

Chris brings to CASA an extensive career in public service audit. He has performed audit and investigative work for the California Department of Justice, State Controller's Office, the Employment Development Department, and the California Department of Consumer Affairs. His public service career not only includes audits of mom-pop businesses, but large and publically traded entities.

Chris received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy from California State University, Sacramento. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. Chris enjoys his professional public service audit career and believes that serving in his chosen occupation is an honor and a privilege.



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 or 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!

**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



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

or call us at

(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. 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



[Audit Modernization: How Technology is Changing the Way We Audit](#)

April 23, 2018

Breakfast Meeting—Topic TBD

May 17, 2018

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

May 21, 2018

[Considering Risk in the Audit Process](#)

June 25, 2018

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