



# A New York Minute



## CASA Newsletter

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### President's Message

Greeting NY CASA Members,

As summer approaches, and my final year as conference president begins, I certainly would be remiss if I didn't thank our associate members for their generosity and support. Their efforts have contributed to the success of our quarterly training sessions.

The Annual Educational and Training Seminar in Hershey, PA was both informative and fun. What could be better than learning about High Pressure Pasteurization (HPP), emerging pathogens, and cheese manufacturing, followed by evening trips to Chocolate World, and a little line dancing!

The success of any CASA local conference is dependant on growing and sustaining membership; our conference is very fortunate to have great attendance at our trainings, but we must continue to reach out to our partners in regulatory, industry and academia and encourage them to become active in CASA.

In doing so, we will be better able to provide education on emerging issues in food safety and public health.

I encourage our members to take advantage of our conference's membership incentive by bringing a colleague, friend or acquaintance to a quarterly meeting. If they join CASA, your next meeting is on us!

Our next quarterly training session will be held on June 10th, and due to the efforts of the executive board, I am confident that you will find the itinerary to be both informative and relevant to your professions.

Hope to see you on June 10th!

Phyllis Black  
NYSDAM  
NY Conference President

#### Save the Date



The 99th Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar will take place April 20-23, 2015 in Virginia Beach, VA.

### Parking



As parking at the FDA facility is limited, we have been able to secure parking spaces at nearby York College. We encourage all of you to take advantage to this option. We will still need you to pre-register, so that we may give your information to York. Please see directions below:

Parking for the June CASA meeting is available at York College's South Parking Lot which is located on Guy R. Brewer Blvd. between Liberty & South Aves.

From the FDA building, attendees should proceed east on Liberty Avenue and turn right onto Guy R. Brewer Blvd. The parking lot entrance is on the left hand side.



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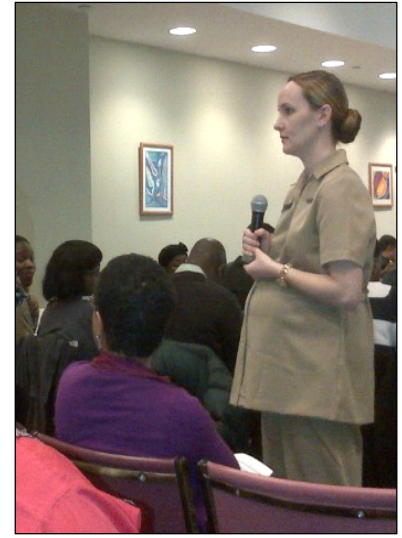
# C.A.S.A. Highlights One of its Presenters, and New Member, Lieutenant Junior Grade Sarah A. Meehan, USPHS

By Michael Riccardi Jr., C.A.S.A. Board Member



LTJG Sarah A. Meehan, USPHS  
Photograph by FDA, North East Regional Retail Food Specialist Mary Leong

The U. S. Public Health Service (USPHS) is one of the seven primary uniformed services of the United States. The Environmental Health Officers in the Commissioned Corps ensure public health and safety. "We accomplish that mission in a variety of domestic and international roles, and work areas are diverse and numerous," said LTJG Meehan. They include epidemiological surveillance, disease prevention, radiological health, industrial hygiene, food safety, injury prevention and education,



LTJG Meehan mingles with CASA group members while entertaining questions during her Juice HACCP presentation at CASA, March 18, 2014.

and emergency preparedness. During natural disasters, and other emergencies, USPHS environmental health officers protect the public from environmental threats and help communities recover.

LTJG Meehan is originally from Valier, Montana and graduated from the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She first worked as an Environmental Health Specialist at the Allegheny County Health Department, Food Safety Division in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 2008, she secured a position as a Consumer Safety Officer with the Food and Drug Administration in Jamaica, New York. During that time, LTJG Meehan earned her Master of Science degree, in Environmental & Occupational Health Science at Hunter College School of Public Health, and soon after received a commission in the active duty component of the USPHS, maintaining assignment at the FDA and was soon promoted to New York District's Food Specialist.

"New York City is a great place to live, and work in public health," said LTJG Meehan. "My family enjoys all of the experiences that New York City has to offer, especially during the summer months. My husband and I enjoy taking our two-year-old son Jack to the Bronx Zoo, the Museum of Natural History, and Central Park. We also like to attend sporting events in our free time (go Knicks!)," said LTJG Meehan.

I have not yet had the opportunity to deploy either on a public health mission, or a humanitarian mission with USPHS; however, that was one of the reasons I wanted to go active duty, and I look forward to future opportunities to do just that. The USPHS encourages personal growth, both in your career and education, which opens up more possibilities for advancement, and I look forward to attending future meetings as a member of C.A.S.A. and hopefully to have the chance to present again.

# Quarterly Training Session

Our second quarterly meeting of the 2014 calendar year will be held on June 10th, at the FDA facility at 158-15 Liberty Ave. in Jamaica. Proper ID is required to enter the building. Please be sure to pre-register so that we may give your name to the security guard at the front gate

Please join us beginning at 9am for registration and continental breakfast

9:30-10:30      "Yan Pi & Joint Surveys with New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, and the USDA"

Margaret L. Shore  
Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance Officer  
USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

10:30-10:45      Break

10:45-11:45      "Review of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's New Rat Reservoir Initiative"

Robert Corrigan, PhD  
Research Scientist  
NYCDOHMH Veterinary and Pest Control Services

11:45-12:00      CASA Business Meeting

12:00-1:00      Lunch

1:00-2:00      "Safety Awareness on the Job"

Lester Lloyd  
Sergeant  
NYCDOHMH Police

2:00-2:15      Break

2:15-3:00      Open Forum

Featuring a summary of presentations from CASA's 98th Annual Educational and Training Seminar

3:00-4:00      Question and Answer Session

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## Registration Form 2014 June Meeting

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Firm \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Registration: \$20 (member)

\$30 (non-member)

CASA Membership:

Regulatory Agency- \$15

Academic & Retired Regulatory Member- \$10

Associate Member- \$35

Please make checks payable to NY Conference CASA  
Fax Registration form to Nadine Roe (631) 852-5871

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### Directions to FDA facility :

The FDA building is easily accessible from the Van Wyck Expressway (678) from either north or south. Exit at Liberty Ave. and proceed east for approximately 1 mile. The building will be located on the north side of Liberty Ave. just beyond the Long Island Railroad trestle. Enter through the main gate, identify yourself and announce that you are attending the NY CASA meeting. You will be directed where to park. Enter through the main entrance and proceed to the main floor conference room.