

THE BELL RINGER

The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Conference of the Central Atlantic States
Association of Food and Drug Officials

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my first Presidents message and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those of you who encouraged me to take this position. I have been a member of CASA for over 30 years, during my tenure with the Food and Drug Administration. I am honored to accept this position and I look forward to strengthening our organization while we move forward.

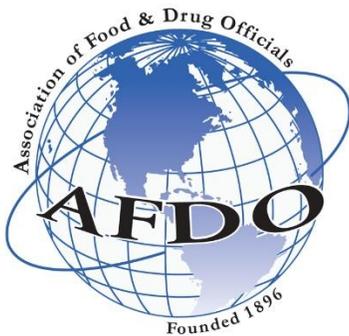
I thought I would begin by discussing the relationship of the Central Atlantic States Association (CASA) of Food and Drug Officials with our parent organization, the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO). I think it is imperative that we remember our main goal and purpose is education and training. During my annual performance evaluation in 2015, conducted by my supervisor of over 10 years, I discovered that he did not recognize that CASA is a regional affiliate of AFDO. Further, he did not recognize that CASA serves as a vital mechanism for partnering with other Federal, State, and local agencies and private industry. He further suggested that I get involved with an organization like AFDO to promote food safety. Despite the fact that he has always allowed me to attend CASA training meetings and board meetings, I knew I needed to provide him with an education regarding how beneficial CASA has been in fostering my relationships with my counterparts in the food industry. He was not aware that AFDO is the parent organization for six regional affiliates, CASA being one of them.

AFDO is a professional organization for regulatory food, drug and medical devices officials from local, state, and federal agencies as well as those from the regulated industry. AFDO has a voice in generating and shaping national policies that affect all public health and consumer protection issues to maintain and improve our nation's public health and safety. AFDO and CASA have the resources and skills through our member organizations and our individual members to promote uniform regulations

leading to less confusion and greater cooperation between all levels of government and industry. This common goal provides an opportunity for industry officials to voice their professional opinions and findings relevant to national regulatory issues; to interact with key government officials in a non-adversarial setting; and to advocate for the development of model laws, regulations and guidance documents.

AFDO and its six regional affiliates provide the opportunity where regional, national, and international issues are discussed and resolved in order to provide and implement the best public health and consumer protection policies and programs in a timely and cost effective manner. The affiliates are independent organizations and have their own membership, board, committees, conferences, and local training opportunities, as we do with CASA.

Please take a moment of your time to visit the AFDO website at www.afdo.org and learn about your parent organization, and the six affiliates. All of our organizations are experiencing shrinking resources and staff, and are stretched to the limit as we strive to accomplish our goals. It is very important to educate ourselves and our respective organizational management on the benefits of CASA and how we can help each and every one of our member agencies and organizations to achieve our respective goals, particularly through the cost effective training and education we provide.



Sincerely,

Lynn Bonner, President
Philadelphia Conference of CASA

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Conference News & Updates



As we get into the summer season many of us may think about relaxing times sitting on the beach enjoying, warm sand, gentle breezes and refreshing waters. For many of us within the Philadelphia Conference of CASA it will be a busy time facing many seasonal activity demands that impact upon our work loads. The Philadelphia Conference of CASA executive board is no exception. At the spring meeting we held our annual election to fill vacant and expiring Philadelphia Conference of CASA executive board member positions, which resulted in the current listing of Philadelphia Conference of CASA board members below:

Lynn S. Bonner, U.S. Food & Drug Administration	President
Pam Lawn, Montgomery County Health Department	Vice President
Dennis Bauer, Retired, Bucks county HD	Executive Officer
Megan Lauff, U.S. Food & Drug Administration	Treasurer
Harry Pfender, Bucks County Health Department	Secretary
Anitra Brown-Reed, US Food & Drug Administration	Member-At-Large
Nancy Wilson, Wawa, Inc.	Member-At-Large
Danielle Bytheway, NJ Department of Health	CASA Representative
Howard Rabinovitch, Retired, FDA	Past President
Caroline Friel, Wawa, Inc.	Associate Representative



The Philadelphia Conference of CASA also hosted a well attended and successful celebration of CASA's 100th year of providing excellence in food safety and public health training for our members and their professional development. The annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar was held in Valley Forge, PA at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia, PA., April 25-28, 2016.

Hope you will be planning on attending the 101st.

You may also want to attend the:

**120th AFDO Annual Educational Conference
June 25-29, 2016**

**William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, PA**

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Don't miss our next meeting!!!
As a reminder the announcement is provide below.

PHILADELPHIA  **CONFERENCE**

FOUNDED AUGUST 3, 1923

OF THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC STATES ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH A.F.D.O.

June 3, 2016, Friday

SUMMER EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

NJ CEU's Pending (Approximately 4 to 5)

Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center
53 Academy Drive
Westampton, NJ 08060
856-252-7063

- 08:00 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 10:15 **“Sous Vide in Seafood Operations”**
Joe Lasprogata, Vice President/New Product Development
Davis Denick, Executive Chef
Samuels and Son Seafood, Philadelphia, PA
- 10:15 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 **“Vibrio parahaemolyticus-Related Issues with Time and Temperature of Shellstock”**
Danielle Bytheway, REHS 2/Shellfish Standardized Officer
NJ Department of Health, Trenton, NJ
- 12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 1:00 – 2:15 **“Dish Machines: A High Level of Comprehension”**
Lee Gray, General Manager /Uni-Kem Chemicals, Inc.
Tullytown, PA
- 2:15 - 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 **“What Happens After the Health Inspector Leaves the Restaurant and it Exceeds the Budget?”**
Matthew Doelger, President
Mary Beck, Director of Food Safety
Summerwood Corporation, Conshohocken, PA
- 3:45-4:15 **Q & A and Evaluation**

NOTE: Pre-Registration is required no later than close of business, Friday – May 27, 2016. Everyone must register with Lynn Bonner at Lynn.Bonner@fda.hhs.gov or you may call her at (215) 717-3074.

COST: The following fees apply:

Current 2016 Members – Registration Fee of \$5.00

Non-members/Delinquent Members–Dues plus Registration Fee of \$5.00

Dues: Regulator - \$15.00

Associate - \$35.00

Academic - \$10.00

Student - \$10.00

Retired - \$10.00

CEUs: A New Jersey continuing education credit application has been submitted to NJLMN for this course. The total number of credits approved for this agenda is pending (approx. 4.0 to 5.0 expected). This course will be listed on NJLMN web site upon approval of the credits and you may register for the CEU's at that time. (www.NJLMN.rutgers.edu).

Don't forget to bring items for donation for our quarterly CASA food drive to help the needy. Items needed: juice/drink mixes, tuna, peanut butter & jelly, jello/pudding, hamburger helper, rice, pancake mix & syrup, paper products – toilet paper, paper towels & tissues, condiments – ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, toiletries – soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant



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I look forward to your feedback and participation.

