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Greetings CASA Members:

As we begin a new year of CASA, I would like to introduce myself and this year's board of the Virginia Conference. We are all very excited to have the opportunity to plan each of this year's meetings. I want to encourage everyone to send the board suggestions or requests for meeting places, topics, or speakers. It is important to us that we have trainings that will be educational and enjoyable to the attendees.

In early July, the board met to roughly plan this year's upcoming meetings. Our first meeting of the year will be at the VA Seafood Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Hampton on August 22. This facility will be a perfect meeting place for the topics we have planned. The facility sits right on the water in downtown Hampton. Dr. Jahncke, Center Director, and his staff provide help and trainings to the seafood industry with Seafood HACCP. This upcoming meeting will focus on Seafood HACCP and Marine Environments. Seating for this meeting is limited to 25 so sign up sooner rather later!

The second meeting we have planned is at Bland Correctional Center in late October. This facility performs juice and meat processing and distributes these products through VA Department of Corrections to other prisons in VA, WV, and NC. We will hear from the quality assurance department at Bland Correctional Center and receive a tour of the juice and meat processing areas. We are also hoping to have Catherine Cummins from VA Department of Health and Joell Eifert, Southwest Area Extension Agent present topics.

I encourage all current members to attend these and other meetings held this year. If you know anyone who is not yet a member, encourage them to become involved as well. Thank you to everyone for your continued service and support. See you all this year!

PLEASE NOTE: For VDH and VDACS Personnel-CASA Trainings may count as "Contact Hours". Please contact your district supervisor to see if this applies. Certificates will be issued at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Sarah Dunn, President



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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!**

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Following the previous newsletter, I attended the 97th Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar in Niagara Falls, NY from May 6-9, 2013. The conference was very well attended and for those of you who were not able to attend the majority of the presentations given by speakers are now posted on the CASA website here: <http://www.casafdo.org/annual2013/presentations.cfm>. At the Awards Banquet it was announced that Mrs. Sue Yeager received the 50th CASA Award. At the end of the conference Mrs. Melissa Vaccarro (Susquehanna Conference) struck the gavel on the podium and began her term as the next CASA President.

Planning has started for the 98th Annual Educational and Training seminar to be held in Hershey, PA from May 12-15, 2014. The Holiday Inn Grantville will host the meeting and the Executive Board met there July 29-31, 2013 to plant the upcoming conference. Another conference planning meeting is scheduled for mid-January and the Board will keep members informed as to conference specifics.

Also, if there is anyone that has not joined or paid their dues for this year please do so as soon as possible at (www.casafdo.org) and pull up the document by clicking on the "join/renew" tab. Fill it out and mail it to the CASA Treasurer, Ms. Megan Lauff. We are also trying to recruit new members from government, academia and industry so please let all of your coworkers and colleagues know about the great educational and networking opportunities provided by CASA.

What about CEUs? The VA Conference will now have the ability to print certificates of attendance for the quarterly meetings. As a member you can then take the certificate along with the meeting agenda and submit it to your supervisor for approval of CEUs. We cannot grant CEUs and it is the decision of your employer. Most registered sanitarians and environmental health officers are required to gather a certain amount of CEUs to maintain their status or accreditation. Attendance at CASA meetings gives you an excellent opportunity to acquire these CEUs and network with other officials in your field.

I would like to congratulate the new 2013-2014 VA Conference officers and board members as well. A listing of the current VA Board and CASA Executive Board is now listed on the CASA website. If there is anything you would like to see changed or improved within CASA please let us know. See you soon!!!

Mr. Erik Bungo
VA Representative to the CASA Executive Board
CASA Vice President and AFDO Board Representative



Seafood HACCP Review and Marine Environments

Thursday, August 22, 2013

Meeting Location: Virginia Seafood AREC
102 S. King Street
Hampton, Va. 23669
Phone: (757) 727-4861

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm
Registration: 8:30am -9:00am

Cost of training: \$20.00
Lunch on your own

Training is for Regulatory & Industry

Contact your VA Conference of CASA Secretary
Courtney Mickiewicz to register for this training.
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From Interstate 64

From I-64 East take Exit 267. Make a right onto Settler's Landing Road at bottom of exit ramp. Cross the bridge and take a left at third stop light onto King Street. Go one block and turn right onto Rudd Lane. Look for VA Tech Parking painted on the ground.

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Registration Form

Virginia Conference of CASA

Thursday, August 22, 2013

Meeting Location: VA TECH- Hampton VA

Seafood HACCP Review and
Marine Environments

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Deadline to register: August 20, 2013

Name _____

Agency/Org _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

CASA Members.....\$20
Regulatory Non-Members.....\$35 = \$15 for membership / \$20 for training
Industry..... \$55 = \$35 for membership / \$20 for training
Retired.....\$30 = \$10 for membership / \$20 for training

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