



# *A New York Minute* CASA Newsletter



NY Conference  
Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

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## The Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

Mark Your Calendars!

April 25-28, 2016

Please join us at our 100th  
Annual Educational and  
Training Seminar!

**The Radisson Hotel Valley Forge**  
1160 1st Ave  
King of Prussia, PA



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### H. Price Thompson Scholarship



The deadline for CASA members or their relatives to take advantage of the H. Thompson Price Scholarship is March 1, 2016.

Don't miss this opportunity. Visit the CASA website at [www.casafo.org](http://www.casafo.org) more information.

### Have something to say?



Share news from your organization with our membership during the open forum at the quarterly meetings!

Reserve a time slot by contacting any of the board members.

### Local Board Position Available



Interested in becoming more involved with CASA? We currently have an opening on the board for interim Secretary. Contact Nadine Roe, our Nominations Committee Chair at [nadine.roe@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:nadine.roe@suffolkcountyny.gov) for more information!

# Quarterly Training Session

Our first quarterly meeting of the 2016 calendar year will be held on March 15th, at the FDA Building located at 158-15 Liberty Ave, Jamaica, NY PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

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

9:30-10:30

## State Food Safety Agencies' Use of Social Media

Jessica Badour  
Recall Coordinator & Outreach Specialist  
Georgia Department of Agriculture

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-11:45

## Overview of the Zika Virus

Dr. Scott Campbell  
Chief, Arthropod Borne Disease Laboratory  
Suffolk County Department of Health Services

11:45-12:00

CASA Business Meeting

12:00-1:00

Lunch  
Sandwiches & Salad Provided

1:00-2:00

## Legionnaires Disease Investigations in NYC

Christopher Boyd		Trevor McProud
Assistant Commissioner ES&E,		Research Scientist,
Public Health Engineering	&	Public Health Engineering
NYCDOHMH		NYCDOHMH

2:00-3:00

## "State Initiated" FDA Recalls

Melinda Ruiz  
District Recall Coordinator  
LCDR, U.S. Public Health Service  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

3:00-4:00

Question and Answer Session

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## Registration Form 2016 March Meeting

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Plate Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Or, mail registration form to:

Nadine Roe  
Suffolk County Department of Health  
360 Yaphank Ave, Suite 2A  
Yaphank, New York 11980

### 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.

## **CASA Members Line Up for the Holiday Meeting held December 2, 2015 at Terrace on the Park in Flushing New York**



(Left) CASA Board Members Alice Peltz, Suffolk County Public Health Sanitarian (Ret.), and Christine Testa, R.E.H.S. (seated), Adjunct Professor, Kingsboro Community College help with registration for annual membership, and for the days training session.



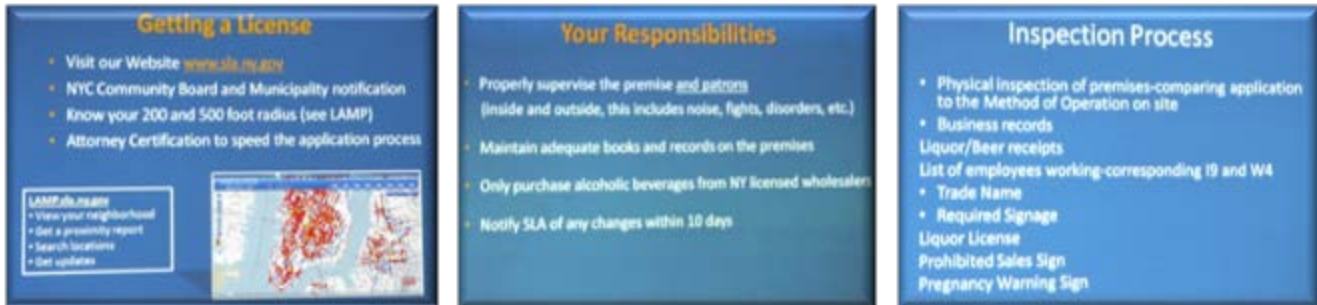
## **New York State Liquor Authority Deputy Chief Executive Officer Takes CASA Members through the Liquor-Licensing and Inspection Process**



Deputy Chief Executive Officer Michael E. Jones explains the application, inspection processes, and code sections pertaining to New York State Liquor Licensing, continued on next page...



## New York State Liquor Authority Deputy Chief Executive Officer Continued...



Power Point slides presented by Mr. Jones explaining the application, inspection processes, and code sections pertaining to New York State Liquor Licensing.



## Director of Quality Assurance for Stop & Shop Supermarkets



Mr. Charles (Chuck) Martin is Director of Quality Assurance for Stop & Shop Supermarkets. Mr. Martin is explaining to CASA members how his company deals with food product recalls, December 2, 2015.



# CASA Welcomes Our Newest Members



From left to right: Krista Hammel, Public Health Sanitarian Trainee, Nassau County Department of Health; John Awong, Public Health Sanitarian II, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Joseph Ndungu, Compliance Investigator, USDA; MD Mashivir Rahman, Public Health Sanitarian II, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and Lt. Commander Melinda Ruiz, U.S. Public Health Service, FDA Recall Coordinator. Holiday meeting at Terrace on the Park in Flushing New York, December 2, 2015.



**USDA Dr. Todd Johnson, DVM details the arduous task of destroying approximately 10 percent of the nation's poultry supply due to Avian Influenza.**





**Todd Johnson, DVM**  
Emergency Coordinator

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Veterinary Services

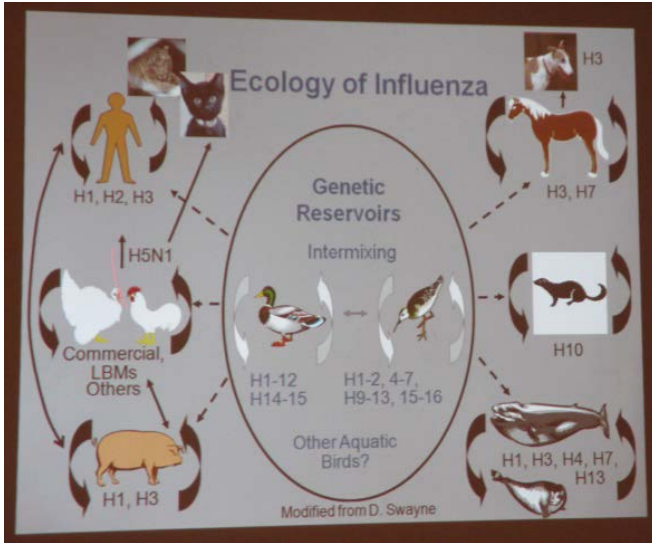
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## Avian Influenza Continued...



## HPAI in Review

- December 2014 – Washington State backyard (BC Canada)
- HPAI virus found in 21 states between Dec 2014 – June 2015
- More than 50 million birds have been destroyed
  - ~10% of all US layers
  - ~5% of all US turkeys
  - ~3% of all US broilers
- 211 commercial flocks, 21 backyard flocks affected
  - 160 Turkey + 49 Layer + 2 other
- \$200 million in indemnity payments
- ~\$1 billion in total control costs
- **LARGEST ANIMAL HEALTH EVENT IN US HISTORY !**



# The CASA Group Ended the Training Day with a Few Rounds of Food-Safety Jeopardy



## **New York CASA Members Expressed Their Gratitude to Ms. Phyllis Black**



CASA President Mr. Darell Newell presents New York State Agriculture and Markets Supervisory Food Inspector Phyllis Black with a plaque recognizing her service as CASA's former president.