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The Virginia Conference of CASA

President's Message / Greetings

Greetings CASA Members,

I am very excited to begin this year with an enthusiastic board and the beginnings of a great plan of training events to be offered throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you to those members that served on the 2015-2016 board and committee chairs that left us in great shape. Past President, Meagan Musick led the group to plan and sponsor a total of (five) regional education events totaling (twenty-five) educational hours.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the 2016-2017 Board Members.

Vice President: Mike Birchfield
Secretary and Treasurer: Courtney Mickiewicz

Newsletter: Annie McCullough

Board members: Kris Markulin, Nikeya Thomas and Joe Fabrizio

VA CASA Representative: Sean Hejja

The VA CASA group had very good representation at the 100th Annual Casa Conference held in April. The conference was well organized, provided lots of education and fun. We were entertained by The Famous King of Prussia Mummers Band renowned for their music and annual costumes. I would like encourage everyone to try to attend the next annual conference for a wide a variety of continuing education and networking opportunities.

Congratulations go to Erik Bungo, Past CASA President and VA CASA Representative who received a special citation the "CASA Award" for his dedication and service to the organization during the conference.

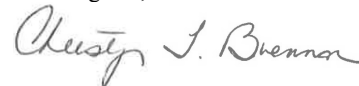
The new board members are hard at work to plan events that will continue to enhance

the collaboration between food safety professionals in industry, academia, and regulatory. I would like to encourage you to share the CASA membership brochure and like us on Face book to spread the word and increase membership. CASA meetings are a cost effective way to obtain continuing education and to network with food safety professionals in our region.

We have a lot of great plans in the works for our Virginia Chapter. I'm excited to announce that our next meeting will be held at Saude Creek Vineyards in Lanexa on August 2nd. Also, please share this newsletter with your coworkers, associates, other industry personnel, or anyone who may find involvement in CASA beneficial. I look forward to seeing you on August 2nd.

Thank you for your continued support of CASA. Please let us know if you have ideas for new training opportunities or would like to serve on a committee.

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.
Best Regards,



Christy Brennan, President

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Greetings!

The 100th Annual Educational and Training Seminar in Valley Forge PA was a great success! A big THANK YOU goes out to all contributors, Local Arrangement members, Industry Supporters!

I would like to also thank the outgoing board members and president for they hard work to move this organization forward. A new Executive Board was elected; now we, the new members have a big shoe to fill to keep up with our predecessors.

Congratulations to our very own Mr. Erik Bungo for receiving CASA Extraordinary Achievement award. Erik was the moving force behind crafting the new Executive Board membership rotation plan, not to mention his outstanding presidency and serving on the Executive Board for 8 years.

The new rotation plan was voted on by the members at the 100th Annual Meeting. Now there is a 4 years term to serve on the Board as a Member with the option of serving 5 years and be elected as a President. Anybody with 2 years of active membership could run for the positions on the Board.

There were several sponsors and exhibitors: Platinum Sponsor - [Ahold USA](#), Gold Sponsor - [Computer Aid, Inc](#) and Bronze Sponsors - WinWam and Paster Training, Inc. CASA 100th Exhibitors: WinWam, [Instruis Publishing Company](#), AFDO, Computer Aid, Inc. and Paster Training, Inc. CASA also just received the 501c3 designation from the IRS so we welcome any and all donations from our industry partners.

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.

The new Board will start the planning session for the 101th Seminar with a meeting scheduled at Saratoga Springs, NY in September 2016.

As always, if there is anything you would like to see changed or improved within CASA, or have a topic that you are interested in learning more about, please let us know.

Sean Hejja

VA Representative to the CASA Executive Board



Erik Bungo Receives CASA Award

Erik Bungo, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, was the 2016 CASA Award Recipient on Wednesday, April 27th at the 100th CASA Annual Educational Conference in Valley Forge, PA. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious and much-deserved Award!





CASA Members and Friends:



CASA has a newly redesigned website. The site at www.casafdo.org, has several new features that will improve customer use of the site, including the CASA News Network, a system designed to keep you informed about CASA and your local conference through e-mail notifications.

In order for the CASA News Network to work, the Executive Board is asking CASA members and friends to visit the new site and register your name, local conference affiliation and only one e-mail address at which you want to receive notifications. Even if you were registered with the old website, please re-register so that CASA can update e-mail addresses and remove non-working ones. You will receive an e-mail confirmation that will complete your registration. Once at the site, just click on the CASA News Network icon; it's that simple.

Membership Reminder

Any dues or correspondence should now be addressed to:

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MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD JANUARY-DECEMBER SO PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!



CASA Training Agenda

Saude Creek Vineyards
16230 Cooks Mill Rd, Lanexa, VA 23089
Tuesday, August 2, 2016

9AM – 4:00 PM

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| 9:00-10:00 AM | Registration |
| 10:00-10:15 AM | Welcome: Christy Brennan, VA Conference CASA |
| President | |
| | Welcome: Saude Creek Vineyards |
| 10:15-11:00 AM | Glenn Lavender, Silver Hand Meadery, Williamsburg |
| 11:00-11:10 AM | BREAK |
| 11:10-12:15PM | Chris Smith and Robby Wiley, Virginia Beer Company, Williamsburg |
| 12:15-1:15 PM | LUNCH |
| 1:15-1:45 PM | Sarah Carney, DCLS, Wine Samples for Pesticides |
| 1:45-2:00 PM | BREAK |
| 2:00-2:30 PM | Jason M Knight, Owner of Saude Creek Vineyards |
| 2:30- 4:00 PM | Tour of Saude Creek Vineyards |



**Registration Form
Virginia Conference of CASA**

Tuesday: August 2, 2016

Saude Creek Vineyards

Address: 16230 Cooks Mill Rd, Lanexa, VA 23089

Phone:(804) 966-5896

Name: _____

Agency/Org: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Lunch cost included-

Wine tasting (fees may apply @ members own cost)

CASA Members.....\$32

Regulatory Non-Members..\$47 =\$15 for membership/\$32 for training

Industry.....\$67 =\$35 for membership/\$32 for training

Retired.....\$42 =\$10 for membership/\$32 for training

MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD

JANUARY-DECEMBER

Mail Registration form to: Annie McCullough

VA Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services

5700 Thurston Ave, Suite 104

Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Email: Annie.McCullough@vdacs.virginia.gov

**VA Conference now accept Cash, Credit cards or checks payable to: VA
Conference of CASA**

Mark your calendar!! The following dates have been confirmed

Frito-Lay

Address: 230 Jefferson Ridge Pkwy, Lynchburg, VA 24501

Phone:(434) 316-5700

Thursday, October 27, 2016



800 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, Virginia 23504

Wednesday, November 09, 2016

Topics:

Food Bank / Salvage Operations

Tour of the facility

Volunteer experience in their Quality Assurance area

VA Conference of CASA will be collecting donations

The Virginia Conference of CASA Committee Chairs

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