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The Virginia Conference of CASA President's Message /Greetings

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CASA Members,

Greetings to all Virginia CASA members and 'Happy New Year'. This past year we have had so many wonderful opportunities to visit facilities throughout Virginia. I'd like to highlight our most recent visit to the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank where CASA members were able to provide assistance with packaging a total of 10,394 meals. The meals were packaged to be distributed to the Veterans Affairs Hospital patients and senior citizens in the Hampton area. As this year begins, we hope that all of you will take advantage of the local meetings held throughout the state. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new faces on the committee so be on the lookout for those opportunities throughout the year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting in March.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of our little family at the Virginia Conference of CASA.

All My Best,

Nikeya Thomas

VA Conference President

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.



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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Greetings CASA Members:

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Planning continues for the upcoming 103rd Annual Education and Training Seminar. This year's seminar will be held in Annapolis, Maryland on May 6 – 9, 2019.

The Executive Board met in late August to establish a draft agenda and finalize plans at the facility where this year's meeting will be held (The Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Cir, Annapolis, MD). The draft agenda includes topics covering disaster response, outbreak investigations, retail food safety, impact of recalls, and new food innovations. As the planning continues, updates will be available on the CASA website: <https://casafdo.us/annual-seminar/>

During the Executive Board meeting, an update was given on the FDA small conference grant. The grant is now in its second of five years. It provides funding for individuals wishing to attend the conference, who are traveling greater than 50 miles.

Katherine Costello is the new Pittsburgh Conference Representative. She is currently serving as Vice President on the Board, as the 2020 Annual Education and Training Seminar will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. The Susquehanna Representative, Joe Gill, was elected Junior Vice President. Due to this change in officer rotation, the Executive Board President may not be in the local area where the annual training seminar is held in the future.

Thank you for your continued support of CASA. I also want to thank the Board Members and Committee Chairs for your hard work and dedication. If you have suggestions or requests for speakers, meeting topics, etc. please let us know. I look forward to seeing you at our next Virginia CASA quarterly meeting!

M.W. Musick

Meagan Musick
Virginia Representative to the CASA Executive Board

Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

Mark your Calendars!!!

May 6-9, 2019

Annapolis, Maryland



The Westin Annapolis
100 Westgate Cir, Annapolis, MD



Please Join us for our 103rd Annual Education and Training Seminar



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!

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