



# The Cardinal Flyer

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## The Virginia Conference of CASA President's Message /Greetings

Hello CASA Members,

My name is Nikeya Thomas and I am delighted to serve as your president for the Virginia Conference for CASA. Whether this is your 100<sup>th</sup> time reading a newsletter or your first we appreciate you taking the time to support CASA.

I would like to extend congratulations to all new board members and committee chairs and thank all returning officers for their consistent commitment to CASA. Congratulations to Lana Buckles on receiving the 2018 Continuing Education Scholarship from AFDO (Association of Food and Drug Officials). I hope that all of you take advantage of the local meetings held quarterly as well as think about joining our boards and/or committees that are always looking for assistance. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming CASA meeting in July!

**Congratulations to our new 2018-2019 Board Members.**

**President- Nikeya Thomas**

**Vice-President – Kristine Markulin**

**Secretary Treasurer- Courtney Mickiewicz**

**Board Members- Lana Buckles, Shayne Clinton and Shelley Reese**

**Newsletter Editor- Annie McCullough**

**Past President- Mike Birchfield**

**Executive Rep- Meagan Musick**

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

**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.

All My Best,

*Nikeya Thomas*

*VA Conference President*



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## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Greetings CASA Members!

Since the previous newsletter, I have taken the reins from Mr. Sean Hejja as the new Representative to the Executive Board. I attended the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual CASA Educational & Training Seminar in Stony Brook, NY, which took place from April 23-26, 2018. The conference was hosted on the scenic Stony Brook University campus and was very well attended. The meeting centered around the topic “back to basics” and included numerous engaging and informative speakers. A range of topics were covered, including: small flies and harborage areas, service animals and ADA compliance, food safety and its relation to social media, aquaculture fisheries, cheese processing, food sector threats, and effective communication and interviewing skills. The second day of the conference also involved a breakout session, which allowed attendees to choose from two different focus tracks. At the awards banquet, Ms. Erin Sawyer received the 102<sup>nd</sup> CASA Award. Finally, at the conclusion of the conference, the gavel was passed to Ms. Lisa Staley from the Baltimore Conference to begin her term as CASA President.

I would like to recognize those who served on last year’s Virginia Conference Board, as board members, committee chairs, and officers. Thank you all for all of your hard work! I would also like to congratulate this year’s officers and board members. A listing of the current Virginia Board, as well as the CASA Executive Board, is available on the CASA website: <http://www.casafdo.us>

The Board is hard at work planning for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education and Training Seminar. It will be held in Annapolis, Maryland from May 6-9, 2019. The conference will be hosted at The Westin Annapolis. The Board will meet again in August to continue planning for this seminar. Stay tuned for more details!

I look forward to seeing you soon at our next Virginia Conference training at DCLS!

*Meagan Musick*  
*Virginia Representative to the CASA Executive Board*



**CASA Members and Friends:**



**CASA has a newly redesigned website.** The site at [www.casafdo.org](http://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**

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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER**



## DCLS Training Agenda

600 N 5th Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

9:00AM – 4:30 PM

### Wednesday, July 25, 2018

- 9:00 Welcome, Introductions, Safety, and Logistics
- 9:20 **Presentation:** Foodborne Outbreak Investigations: Laboratory Testing Services
- 9:50 **Exercise 1:** Sample Receiving and Verification
- 10:25 Break
- 10:40 **Presentation:** Overview of Food Testing Services at DCLS
- 11:00 **Presentation:** Overview of Food Emergency Response Network for Regulatory Agencies
- 11:20 **Exercise 2:** Food Sample Testing in the Laboratory
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 **Case Study:** Salmonella Outbreak in Kratom
- 1:20 **Presentation:** Mutual Reliance Program and Acceptance of State Data-FDA (tentative)
- 1:50 **Presentation:** Whole Genome Sequencing in Foodborne Outbreak Investigations
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 **Exercise 3:** Reporting Laboratory Data
- 3:15 **Case Study:** Salmonella Outbreak in Papayas
- 3:45 **Lab Tour**
- 4:30 Review and adjourn



# Registration Form

## Virginia Conference of CASAs

Wednesday July 25, 2018

Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS)  
600 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, VA 23219

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9:00AM – 4:30 PM

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### Lunch on your own

**THIS TRAINING WILL BE FREE FOR ALL CASAs MEMBERS!!!!**

If you are not a CASAs member, consider joining. CASAs dues are extremely reasonable - \$15 for regulatory members, \$35 for associate members, and \$10 for academic members.

Your membership covers the local Virginia Conference of CASAs as well as the national CASAs conference. To renew your membership online, go to <http://casafdo.us/membership/> and select your appropriate membership class (regulator, associate, academic, student, retired) and select Virginia as the Conference Choice.

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