



# The Cardinal Flyer

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

### Greetings CASA Members,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy New Year. We last met as a group before Thanksgiving, with our training on food allergies, food recalls, and foodbank operations at Feeding America Southwest Virginia. Our group also participated in a volunteer experience that afternoon – labeling, casing, and palletizing 11,000 pounds of canned peas that would go out to those less fortunate for their Thanksgiving dinners. Way to go!



The Board met in December to plan training opportunities for the second half of our CASA year, prior to the annual meeting on April 25 – 28, 2016 in Valley Forge, PA. This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> year for the CASA Annual Educational and Training Seminar – don't miss out on the centennial!

We have a lot of great plans in the works for our Virginia Chapter leading up to April, and I am excited to announce that our next meeting will be held at the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) in Richmond on January 28. Topics will include Salmonella in hamburger, genome sequencing, specific case studies, and a lab tour in the afternoon. DCLS was the first consolidated laboratory in the nation and

works with an array of governmental agencies to provide a wide variety of services. Be sure to reserve your spot today for this unique training opportunity. I am optimistic that the weather will cooperate.

As we begin 2016 with a fresh start, this is the perfect time to become more involved with our CASA organization. The renewal period for membership has begun and I encourage all of you to renew your membership as soon as possible. We strive to provide quality educational training events for our members and an atmosphere where industry and regulatory can network. Please do not hesitate to approach an officer or board member with any ideas/requests you may have for training topics or locations. 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 January 28!

**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,

*Meagan Musick*

Meagan Musick, President



## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Happy New Year! Planning is ongoing for the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational and Training Seminar to be held in Valley Forge, PA from April 25-28, 2016. The Executive Board met in mid-July and put together a draft agenda that includes: ethnic foods, listeria remediation, charcuterie, aquaponics, FDA risk factors, FSMA. Please visit the CASA website here for a full version of the current agenda: <http://casafdo.us/annual-seminar/>

The FDA small conference grant paperwork has been submitted and if received then funding will be available for individuals wanting to attend. I will work with the board and keep members informed as to conference specifics and VA officers can be partially funded to attend if they are interested in attending the CASA centennial.

Currently we have 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.

There are a lot of changes being discussed on the Executive Board and one of the biggest includes the restructuring of the time served from 8 years to 4-5 years. There are a lot of benefits to lowering the term time and at the end of my term the VA Conference will be looking for someone to step up and represent us on the CASA Executive Board. If you are interested please feel free to email me or talk with me at an upcoming meeting.

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 thank all of the members for their continued support of CASA and especially thank all of the Board Members and Committee Chairs for their dedication and effort in planning the quarterly meetings. If there is anything you would like to see changed or improved within CASA please let us know.

Mr. Erik Bungo

VA Representative to the CASA Executive Board

CASA Past-President and AFDO Board Representative



## 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-DECEMBER SO PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!**



## DCLS Training Agenda

Thursday, January 28, 2016

- 8:00 **Registration**
- 8:15 **Welcome:** VA Conference President- Meagan Musick
- 8:30 **Lecture:** Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics  
Dr. Denise Toney, DCLS Director
- 8:45 **Lecture:** Overview of Food Testing at DCLS  
Dr. Lauren Turner, DCLS Lead Scientist for Foodborne and Advanced Pathogen Characterization
- 9:00 **Lecture:** Sample Integrity and Transport After Collection  
Melody Morton, DCLS Sample Support Services Group Manager
- 9:20 **Lecture:** Initiating and Maintaining Chain of Custody  
Dr. Angela Fritzing, DCLS Deputy Director
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 **Lecture:** Food Microbiology Laboratory Operations  
Stephanie Dela Cruz, DCLS Epidemiology Support Group Manager
- 10:45 **Lecture:** Overview of Food Emergency Response Network for Regulatory Agencies  
Dr. Christopher Waggener, DCLS Lead Scientist and FERN Training Coordinator
- 11:15 **Lecture:** ISO 17025 Accreditation Update  
Lori Bagby, DCLS ISO 17025 QA Officer
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:45 **Lecture:** Salmonella in Hamburger  
Michael Birchfield, Food Lion
- 1:15 **Lecture:** Whole Genome Sequencing in Foodborne Outbreak Investigations  
Dr. Lauren Turner, DCLS Lead Scientist for Foodborne and Advanced Pathogen Characterization
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 **Case Study:** Surge Testing Response for Dip/Spread  
Dr. Christopher Waggener, DCLS Lead Scientist and FERN Training Coordinator
- 2:20 **Case Study:** *Listeria monocytogenes* in Bean Sprouts  
Dr. Lauren Turner, DCLS Lead Scientist for Foodborne and Advanced Pathogen Characterization
- 2:45 **Lab Tour**
- 4:15 Review and adjourn



**Registration Form**  
**Virginia Conference of CASAs**  
**Thursday: January 28, 2016**  
**Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS)**  
**600 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, Va. 23219**  
Phone: 804-648-4480  
8:00AM – 4:15 PM  
***Room Seating Limited to 48 people***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Org: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch cost included/ order menu is attached**  
**Lunch orders need to be received by January 21**

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

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**JANUARY-DECEMBER**

Mail Registration form to: Courtney Mickiewicz  
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**VA Conference now accept Cash, Credit cards or checks payable to: VA Conference of CASAs**

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