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Time really flies; it is hard to believe that it is June already. First and foremost I would like to thank Mr. Frank Scherra for the outstanding job he did as President for Virginia CASA of Conference. With all of his dedication and efforts in providing quality educational training, I know I will have big shoes to fill.

I also would like to thank the Board for all the work they have done in the past year arranging training opportunities. I would like to welcome Ms. Toinette Waldon (VDACS) as our new board member. I would also like to welcome our new Committee Chairs, Mr. Frank Scherra, (VDH) to serve as the Education Committee Chair, Mr. Matt Ettinger, (VDACS) to serve as the Food Committee Chair, Mr. Steve Fuller, (Retired) to serve as the Membership Committee Chair and Ms. Courtney Rheinart, (VDACS) to serve as the Nominating & Election Committee Chair. I am looking forward to working with you next year. In addition, I would like to recognize and thank the continuous contribution to the previous Chairs, Mr. Chris Thackston, (VDACS) serving as the Advisory and the Resolution Committees Chair, Mr. T.J. Witten, (The Kroger Co.) serving as Associate Committee Chair, Ms. Annie McCullough, (VDACS) serving as Communications Committee Chair, Mr. Erik Bungo, (VDACS) serving as Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, Ms. Brooke Higgins, (FDA) serving as Drug Committee Chair and Ms. Janet Pruitt, (DCLS) serving as Laboratory Committee Chair. "I would also like to thank Ms. Kate Weakley, who served on the Nominating & Election Committee and Mr. Joe Fabrizio, who served on the Membership Committee, for their past contributions."

As for new business, our biggest event for this year was the 114th AFDO Annual Conference in Norfolk, June 19-22. Our next meeting is scheduled for **July 29, 2010 to be held at Produce Source Partners in Ashland, VA.** This training is geared toward produce and egg safety. A training agenda is due out in the next few days.

Our goal is to bring forth informative and educational training events. I welcome any ideas and suggestions members bring forth for upcoming training sessions. The Board will make every effort to fulfill your request. Also, if you were happy with our previous trainings, please tell your co-workers/friends about our organization.

Sandor "Sean" Hejja
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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD
JANUARY-DECEMBER
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!**

I would like to first congratulate the new 2010-2011 VA Conference officers and board members. A listing of the current VA Board and CASA Executive Board is now listed on the CASA website. Following the previous newsletter, I attended the 94th Annual CASA Conference in Hauppauge, NY from May 17-20, 2010. The conference was well attended and there were many interesting speakers that gave presentations on topics such as: the changing face of food safety, updates in pest management, spotlight on imported cheese, food as complex ecosystems, modifying food employee behavior, CIFOR, outbreak identification and investigation, posting of calorie counts, egg safety and best practices. At the Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening it was announced that Mr. Howard Rabinovitch received the 47th CASA Award. At the end of the conference Mrs. Veronica Moore (Baltimore Conference) struck the gavel on the podium and began her term as the next CASA President.

Planning has started for the 95th Annual Conference to be held in Towson, MD from May 15-19, 2011 at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel. This conference is being held in conjunction with the FDA Central Region food protection meeting and a drug/device seminar. A conference planning meeting is scheduled for mid-August and the Board will keep members informed as to conference specifics.

Also, if there is anyone that has not joined or paid their dues for this year please do so as soon as possible at (www.casafdo.org) and pull up the document by clicking on the “join/renew” tab. Fill it out and mail it to the CASA Treasurer, Ms. Megan Lauff. We are also trying to recruit new members from government, academia and industry so please let all of your coworkers and colleagues know about the great educational and networking opportunities provided by CASA.

CASA recently hosted the 114th Annual AFDO Conference in Norfolk, VA and attendees came from all over the country. We were pleased to have such a great conference in our region as an affiliate of AFDO. A special thanks to all CASA members who were able to attend and help out with this year’s conference.

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AGENDA

Produce Source Partners

13167 Telcourt Road

Ashland, VA 23005

Thursday, July 29, 2010

8:00AM – 3:00PM

Driving Directions: please use mapquest

- 8:00 – 8:30** Registration
- 8:30 – 8:35** Welcome –Sandor “Sean” Hejja (CASA-President)
- 8:35 – 9:30** Produce and Produce Safety – Thomas Hill (FDA)
- 9:30 – 9:45** Gulf oil spill update and VA’s oil spill response plan – Julie Ray (VDH)
- 9:45 – 10:00** **Break**
- 10:00 – 11:15** Egg Safety & Salmonella *enteritidis* Control – George Zameska (Pastertraining)
- 11:15 – 12:00** FDA Guidance on Produce Traceability – Gale Glinecki (FDA) TBA
- 12:00 – 1:15** **Lunch (On your own.** Large selection of fast food and regular restaurants are available within 2 miles from PSP)
- 1:15 – 2:00** Overview of Produce Source Partners/Saville Produce and Processing & the Locally Grown initiative – Jeff Parker, Andrew O’Connell, Robin Melvin (PSP)
- 2:00 – 3:00** **Tour PSP (Produce Source Partners)**

Check out their website: www.producesourcepartners.com

Mark your calendars now!!!!

***Special thanks* goes to Ms. Robin Melvin of PSP, Mr. Erik Bungo and Mr. Sean Hejja for planning this training meeting.**

Registration Form
Virginia Conference of CASA

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8:00AM – 3:00PM

Registration Deadline: July 23, 2010

Name _____

Agency/Org _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

CASA Members.....\$10
Regulatory Non-Members.....\$25 = \$15 for membership / \$10 for training
Industry..... \$45 = \$35 for membership / \$10 for training
Retired.....\$20 = \$10 for membership / \$10 for training

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