

**VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF CASA
CENTRAL ATLANTIC STATES ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND
DRUG OFFICIALS**

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President's Message

Hello, to all members. I'm very happy to serve as your President for the 2007-2008 term. I would also like to send Janet Pruitt, our past President, a sincere thank you for a job very done.

Since our last newsletter, we had our CASA Annual Conference that was held in VA Beach, May 15 -18. It was a huge success. On October 25, 2007 several of us attended the LifeNet Health / CASA meeting, again another fantastic program put together. Thanks to Gerald Mierle (FDA) and Janet Pruitt (DCLS), for doing an outstanding job. Plans are in the works to attend Ukrop's Bakery / Richmond, January 2008, more information will be coming out soon.

New Officers and Board members for the 2007 – 2008 were selected. Our Vice President elect, Tom Hudson, had to resign from the position. We are sorry to lose his assistance and we thank him for his hard work for CASA. Because we need to fill his position, we sent an email to members asking who might be interested in running for the remainder of the term. Linda Cox, with VDACS, expressed an interest in the position. A separate email ballot along with Linda's bio was sent and Debbie Paul has counted the ballots and now we can announce that Linda Cox is our new Vice-President.

We are still searching for a Virginia Conference Executive Board Representative. We can not express enough to Chris Thackston for all that he has done for the Virginia Conference. Thankyou, Thankyou!!

THANK YOU CASA members for supporting this organization and actively participating in meetings throughout the year!

**Dawn Collins
CASA President**



REMINDERS!
CASA has a New Address

Any dues or correspondence should now be addressed to:
Mr. William R. Kinder, CASA Treasurer
P.O. Box 488
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JANUARY-DECEMBER
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!
Regulatory \$15.00
Associate \$35.00

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Food Safety Systems has a website, check it out

The website is: www.foodsafetysystems.homeIP.net
Offering: One-Day, 8-Hour Food Manager Cert.
Courses with ServSafe

Are You Prepared?

Hurricane Season is underway. Are you prepared? Get the information you need from the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#) today.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

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There was an executive board meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY in September, but I was unable to attend. The word is that the meeting was very productive towards getting the training slate set for the meeting next May.

I do have one more meeting for the executive board to attend in January, 2008 in Timmonium, MD. This will be my last meeting (other than the annual conference) as your Executive Board representative. This being the case, the Virginia conference needs to solicit for my replacement. This position would have to be voted in by the membership prior to the May, 2008 annual conference. If anyone is interested in this 9 year commitment, please contact me, Dawn Collins, or anyone else on the local board and let one of us know. It is a very challenging, yet rewarding position and I encourage anyone that is interested to step up and let it be known.

Everyone also needs to plan to attend the 2008 Annual CASA conference which is being held in Saratoga Springs, at the Holiday Inn. The address is 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Also, please visit the CASA website for updated information on the annual conference and news from local chapters.

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