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President's Message

I hope by now all have dug out from the snowstorm and are ready to start a new year with CASA Training. We have an excellent start with Christopher Gordon, Virginia Department of Health Food & Dairy Consultant. He will explain the 2009 Food Code changes and discuss allergen and labeling requirements on 25 February 2010 in Goochland. Please fill out the registration sent to you and get it in. We are currently working up a Risk Assessment/Food Defense class for presentation in late March /early April in northern Virginia. An announcement should be forth coming. Our membership committee chair Joe Fabrizio reports our conference was at 75 members as of 31 December 2009. It is time to submit dues for 2010. You can print a copy of the renewal form by going to <http://www.casafdo.com> and sending your check to Megan in Philadelphia.

It's a good time to plan for the annual CASA Conference in May. This year Hauppauge, Long Island is the host city. I got a chance to stay at the hotel and sample the food during the planning meeting in July. It was first class. The purposed list of topics and speakers has something of interest for everyone. Long Island is a great vacation spot with its beaches, the city, the food and the people. It would be nice to have a big turnout from the Virginia Conference. This year AFDO will have their annual conference in Norfolk, VA. 19-23 June. Lastly, we need your impute to make training worthwhile. Make a board member aware if there is a subject you would like to have covered or know of a possible food process we could tour as an organization. I hope to see you at our next training.

Franklin Scherra
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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE GOOD
JANUARY-DECEMBER**

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!!

CASA Members.....	\$20	
Regulatory Non-Members.....	\$35	= \$15 for membership / \$20 for training
Industry.....	\$55	= \$35 for membership / \$20 for training
Retired.....	\$30	= \$10 for membership / \$20 for training

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

First and foremost I would like to thank all of our members for supporting the Virginia Conference during these tough economic times. The Executive Board is currently looking into training alternatives that would minimize travel and expenses in an effort to retain members and even recruit new members.

Planning is almost complete for the 94th Annual CASA Educational and Training Seminar to be held in Long Island, New York from May 17-20, 2010. Reservations can be made at: (<http://longisland.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>). The final conference planning meeting is scheduled for January 20-22 in Timonium, MD and I will keep the Board and members informed as to conference specifics.

It is that time of year again to renew your CASA membership!! The Executive Board is pleased to announce that PayPal has been incorporated into our website and you may now pay your membership dues online. Visit (<http://www.casafdo.org/membership.cfm>) and then scroll to the bottom to select your category of membership. Remember to list "Virginia" in the conference block as well during registration. If you do not wish to use the new online format, you may also download and print the registration form and mail it in as specified on the form.

It is also time to apply for the **H. Thompson Price, Jr. Scholarship** award. This award, if given, will be announced at the CASA Awards Banquet during CASA's annual conference. The award is given to commemorate the life and service of H. Thompson Price, Jr., a dedicated servant to American consumers for more than twenty-five years. For more information please visit (<http://www.casafdo.org/scholarship.cfm>).

AFDO Annual Educational Conference

114th Annual Educational Conference June 19-23, 2010 Norfolk, VA

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA

(<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=171>)

CASA is pleased to announce that we will be endorsing the upcoming AFDO Conference in Norfolk, VA in 2010. CASA is an affiliate of AFDO and this is an excellent opportunity for individuals to network with colleagues from across the country, Canada and Mexico (www.afdo.org).

Throughout the last few months, the Executive Board has been working with the graphic designer from AFDO to “update” the CASA logo. The previous octagon logo has been in circulation for almost 100 years and the board wanted to design a logo that would most likely be around for just as long. After numerous emails and votes amongst the board, below is the new logo that will soon start appearing on all CASA documents. We feel that the new logo incorporates the mission and purpose of CASA. Hopefully this new logo will grace the cover of the conference flyer for the 114th AFDO Conference to be held in Norfolk, VA.



A listing of the current VA Board and CASA Executive Board is now listed on the CASA website. If there is anything you would like to see changed or improved within CASA please let us know. See you soon!!!

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CASA-UPCOMING TRAINING

FEBRUARY 25, 2010

**Va Conference of CASA-Training
2009 Food Code Changes**

Presenter

Mr. Chris Gordon
Food and Dairy Program
Virginia Department of Health

Topic

**Allergen & Labeling
Requirements**

Meeting Location:

Virginia Farm Bureau
12580 West Creek Parkway
Richmond, Va. 23238-1110
Phone: 804-290-1000

9:00am -4pm

Cost: See registration form (below)

Contact your VA Conference of CASA Secretary
Rick Barham to register for this training.

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Registration Form Virginia Conference of CASA

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February 25, 2010

Pre-registration deadline: February 22, 2010

Name _____

Agency/Org _____

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