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ORLANDO CDS 2020 REMINDER

CDS Room Rate Open for Pre/Post CDS

Room reservation is now available for the 2020 CDS in Orlando, FL! To take advantage of the \$199 group rate from **JULY 3** (three days prior) to **JULY 12** (three days post), reserve your room by calling (800) 227-1500 or using the link: www.swandolphin.com/groupres/SO3167/

Please note that a one night deposit will be charged for the early-bird room reservation.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Disney Swan Hotel

Full details on sponsorship opportunities for 2020 CDS will be posted on the SOFE Website in **DECEMBER**. Sponsorship forms are due before the end of **FEBRUARY**.

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SOFE Membership Dues Renewal Reminder:



Deadline for Membership Dues Payment is **DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Membership dues are paid conveniently online at www.sofe.org

TO PAY DUES

1. Log into the **MEMBERS ONLY AREA** line at the upper right tab of the SOFE website
2. Then select **Billing/Invoices**
3. Once you have submitted your payment information, you will receive a receipt via your e-mail address on record.

If you have forgotten your username and password, follow the instructions at the member login area.

Remember to update your profile information in the **MEMBERS ONLY AREA** including your address, phone and e-mail address so we can continue to communicate with you.

►► **Important Note:** Certain members had their dues paid by their Department or Firm under a group bill process. If you are uncertain if your dues are covered by the group bill, please contact sofe@sofe.org to confirm.

MEMBERS ONLY AREA

Member's Directory

Billing / Invoices

View CRE Credits

Report CRE Credits

Update Profile

Update Billing Information

Update Username/Password

Logout

Report 2019 CRE Credits Online NOW

Take time to view the CRE credits you have reported and enter any missing credits by **January 31, 2020**.

►► **Note:** Your 2019 CDS CRE credits were automatically added to your records.

HOW TO FILE

- Go to the **MEMBERS ONLY AREA**
- Select **Report CRE Credits**, fill in the information and select **Submit My Credit**.
- When complete, select **View CRE Credits**, change the start and end year to 2019 and select search. Go to the bottom of the page to view the total CRE credits recorded for 2019.

CRE Audit

All members with a designation have the possibility of being selected for the annual audit of the CRE credit hours they reported. Annual audit selections of reported CRE credit for the year are as follows:

- A random selection of 5% of all designees' reporting
- One hundred percent (100%) of all questionable, late, or incomplete reporting

The CRE credit reported by all new members of the Board of Governors is audited in their first year in office. A random selection of 20% of the other Board members' CRE reporting for the year is audited. For details on the audit process, refer to the Policy and Procedures for the Education Committee located in the Members Area.

Designees with questions about the audit may contact SOFE at sofe@sofe.org.



Committee Corner: CDS Program Committee

What does the CDS Program Committee do?

The CDS Program Committee is responsible for selecting all speakers and compiling topics for the annual Career Development Seminar, including both general and breakout sessions. They are also responsible for the CDS program schedule. The Committee makes it a priority to ensure the educational seminar includes a wide variety of topics to meet the needs of all attendees, whether it be analysts, examiners or specialists. Typically there are several sessions offered within each breakout period and importance is placed on ensuring there are relevant opportunities for all attendees during each session. Sessions include various regulatory updates, information technology, best practices for examinations and analysis, ethics, fraud, and various other insurance topics.

What are the requirements of CDS Presenters?

Speakers are responsible for providing educational sessions which are 50 or 75 minutes. Presentations can be provided individually or as a group. As noted above, there will be a mixture of general and breakout sessions which provide the opportunity for learning through individual lectures and panel discussions.

The CDS Program Committee seeks to select a diverse number of speakers, both current SOFE members and professionals in the insurance field or other soft skill development speakers useful in the general knowledge of our members. All speakers must apply through the Call for Presentations form online, which will go live **NOVEMBER 4, 2019** and due no later than **JANUARY 24, 2020**.

Why should I present at the CDS?

Speakers at CDS have a unique opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with other SOFE members. This can also be an opportunity for growth and development for new speakers. As an additional bonus, SOFE members earn double SOFE CRE credits for the session they present at.

2019-20 CDS Program Committee Members

The CDS Program Committee is currently composed of a group 12 members. Committee members must be general, accredited or certified SOFE members in good standing.

Lindsay Crawford, CFE, Co-Chair

Ryan Havick, CFE, Co-Chair

Anjanette Briggs, CFE

Robin Brown, CFE

Joanne Campanelli, CFE

Steward Guerin, CFE

Josh Johnson, CFE

Annette Knief, CFE

William Michael, CFE

James Morris, CFE

Rick Nelson, CFE

Robin Roberts, CFE



Call for 2020 Presenters

Attention Prospective CDS Presenters:

Potential presenters for the 2020 CDS must complete and submit their presentation proposals online beginning **NOVEMBER 4, 2019**. Presenters are encouraged to submit their proposals early in the submission period so that they can address any questions from the CDS Program Committee in advance of the selection process. The link to the presentation submission form will be on the SOFE home page www.sofe.org. SOFE members will be encouraged to forward the Call for Presentations link to non-members when it is available.



New Members and Designees

Welcome to the new SOFE members who were approved by the Executive Committee since our last publication of InSIGHT:

Welcome New Members!

GENERAL MEMBERS

Andrew Anu, DC
Jennifer Auffert, AR
Rodney Belasquez, TX
David Gordon, OH
Stephen Green, GA
Jacob Grissett, AL
Walter Henry, TX
Patrick Hunter, MT
Yeonjoo Kim, WA
Jordae Lopez, TN
Christopher Schumaker, OH
Jiawei (Gary) Ye, NY
Deborah Zegeer, WV

Congratulations to the following members who were granted SOFE designations by the Executive Committee since our last publication of InSIGHT:

Congratulations to our New Designees!

CFE DESIGNEEES

Laura Clark, CT
Tho Le, OR
Khoa Nguyen, OR

AFE DESIGNEEES

Laura Clark, CT
Nathan Faragher, ID
Brian Hammann, MO
Megan Hubbuch, NC
Daniel Schnepf, IN



State Chair Vacancies

MINNESOTA

NEW JERSEY

If you would like to volunteer to be a State Chair, please contact SOFE Headquarters.



REMINDER

Please be sure to update SOFE Headquarters with changes in your contact information.



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming SOFE Career Development Seminars

Details as they are available at: www.sofe.org



2020 July 6–9

Orlando, Florida

Walt Disney World Swan Hotel



2021 July 18–21

Scottsdale, AZ

Westin Kierland



2022 July 24–27

Pittsburgh, PA

Omni William Penn

NEWS FROM THE STAFF



Your management staff is available for questions about your 2019 CRE Credits and any other SOFE needs as the year draws to an end.

We are eager to assist you, so please do not hesitate to contact us! *(Pictured to the left is the staff.)*

(L:R) | Katie Hess | Cindy Dodson | Debbie Wilborn | Rhenda Davis

SOFE Headquarter Holiday Closures

NOVEMBER 28 & 29 | Thursday and Friday

DECEMBER 24 & 25 | Tuesday and Wednesday

JANUARY 1, 2020 | Wednesday



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Authors Wanted

The Publications Committee is looking for members to write articles for the quarterly *Examiner* magazine. **Authors will receive six Continuing Regulatory Credits (CRE) for each technical article selected for publication.**

Interested authors should contact the Publications Committee Chair via sofe@sofe.org

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