



SOFE

Society of Financial Examiners

INSIGHT



**REGISTER NOW ONLINE FOR THE SOFE
July 21 – 24, 2013 | Red Rock Resort | Summerlin, NV**

Registration Information

All registrations must be made online at www.sofe.org. After you register, you will receive an email confirmation of your submitted registration and a payment receipt if you paid online. Register by June 21 for the best rate. **For the detailed CDS brochure and to register, visit the CDS website linked to www.sofe.org**

Registration Fees

Payment Received	By 6/21	After 6/21
Members of SOFE	\$530	\$630
Non-Member Examiners	\$680	\$780
Retired Members	\$300	\$400
Spouse/Guest/Youth	\$90	\$115

The Spouse/Guest Youth registration includes the Sunday night social, access to the hospitality suite, and continental breakfast on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the Hospitality Suite.

First-Time Attendees

Firms/departments that send two (2) or more first-time attendees to the 2013 CDS receive a discount on their registration fee. (See instructions in the online registration form.)

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Important Reminders

CDS Overview

Venue — The spectacular Red Rock resort offers an abundance of restaurants, a variety of live music nightly, a three acre pool complex, a cinema complex and a bowling complex. The Red Rock also features an adventure spa program offering horseback riding, river rafting, indoor/outdoor rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking and ranger-led tours of the local area. The resort is only a short shuttle ride from the Las Vegas strip.

Featured Event — This year's Sunday Night Social activities will be held at the Red Rock's bowling complex with 60 dedicated bowling lanes for the event, several beverage stations, pool tables and games, cosmic bowling and a buffet dinner featuring many of the specialties developed by the world-renowned Red Rock chefs.

Education — Here are just a few of the session topics in store for attendees at this year's CDS:

- The Risks of Having Data Accessible All the Time from Everywhere
- Actuarial Participation in Risk-Focused Examinations of Property/Casualty Carriers
- Learning to Speak "Mac"
- Supervisory Colleges
- How Regulatory Compliance Can Help Companies to Improve Their Defense Against Breaches
- Medical — Loss Ratio: How is it Calculated and Key Risk's
- Streamlining the Risk Focused Examination
- Process Demystifying the P&C Actuarial Process

SOFE Board of Governors Nominations

Nominations are being accepted through **June 7** from members wishing to serve on SOFE's Board of Governors. The nomination form includes instructions for submission and can be found by logging into the SOFE website Members — Only area landing page. The form is under the "Files" links there. The nomination form and supporting materials are submitted by email or by the SOFE toll free fax 888-436-8686, which converts the fax to email.

Special THANKS to the 2013 SOFE CDS Sponsors

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SOFE Annual Awards Nominations Invited

The Society sponsors annual awards which are presented during the Career Development Seminar. The recipients are selected by the Awards Committee from the membership. To that end, the Awards Committee invites nominations of qualified candidates for the following annual awards:

The Founders' Award

This award is presented to the SOFE member who has contributed most substantially to SOFE in the past year. (Executive Committee members are not eligible.)

The Don Fritz Memorial Award

This award is presented to year's most outstanding SOFE State Chair.

All nominations are submitted online at www.sofe.org at the "Award" links under the "Membership" tab. The deadline for receipt of nominations is June 3, 2013.

Important Reminders

CRE Credit Tracking at CDS

SOFE tracks attendance for CRE credit by a badge scanning process. It is the attendee's responsibility to make sure that his /her badge is scanned by one of the badge scanners prior to each session attended.

A week after the end of CDS, the website link for CRE credits and certificates will be posted in the 2013 CDS area of www.sofe.org.

It is the attendee's responsibility to log in and download the CRE certificate after it is available. The link will be available for several months to allow ample time to download the certificate to retain with your 2013 CRE reporting records.

Reporting CDS and other CRE Credits

SOFE designees can report 2013 CRE credit online as it is earned, so once the CDS certificate downloaded, add your credits to your CRE record at the "Update Your Profile" link of the Members Only area of the SOFE website under "Current CRE Reporting Cycle Details".

CRE Audits

All members with a designation have the possibility of

being selected for an audit of their 2012 CRE credits. The SOFE Executive Committee approved a procedure for performing CRE audits as follows:

- A random audit of **5%** of all general members CRE Reports will be performed annually
- A **100%** audit of new Board of Governors' CRE Reports will be performed their first year in office
- A random sample of **20%** of existing Board of Governors' CRE Reports will be performed each year.

Questionable, late and incomplete CRE reports as well as reports filed under extension provisions will be audited at **100%**. If you have any questions, contact SOFE at sofe@sofe.org.

SOFE Meetings at the 2013 CDS in Summerlin, NV

Saturday, July 20

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Executive Committee

Sunday, July 21

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Board of Governors

Monday, July 22

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM Annual Meeting

Wednesday, July 24

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM Board of Governors

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Executive Committee



Designations Awarded

Congratulations to the following members who were granted SOFE designations by the Executive Committee as of April 18, 2013 after our last publication of InSIGHT.

CFE Designees

- Lyubov Berzin – NE
- David Carter – FL
- Emily Cheng – MD
- John J. D'Amato – TX
- Michael P. Daniels – CT
- Jennifer Danz – MS
- Matthew Fischer – ND
- David L. Greene – PA
- Michael Imbriano – NY
- Jack C. Lee – CA
- Youngjae Lee – WA
- Leah Thomas – CO



AFE Designees

- Ryne Davison – MS
- Stephanie A. Falck – WI
- Lucia Feng – CA
- Kathleen LW Hicks – WA
- Adam W. Jackson – IA
- Erwin Liang – CA
- Alfred AJ Mays – TX
- Tara Mitchell – TX
- Devin Stribling – MS
- Leah Thomas – CO

AES Designations

- David Finkler – OH

Welcome New Members!

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

GENERAL MEMBERS

- Phillip M. Barnhill – SC
- Michael Behrens – MO
- Kia Rebecca Bickel – SC
- Michelle Boudreau – SC
- William Case – MS
- Juan Collado – NJ
- Amy Dowd – VT
- Ashley Ennis – MD
- Jan Francis – MS
- Tracy D. Gates – NC
- Michael George – SC
- Carey Grimsley – SC
- Marcia G. Jerding – SC
- Lesya Kichygina – SC
- Conrad Levesque – SC
- Stacy Louie – CA

- David McCauley – IN
- Thomas A. Mitchell – MI
- Kim K. Mobley – SC
- Michael Pekuly – NY
- John M. Prescott – SC
- Kyle Rae – SC
- Terry W. Ryals – DE
- Brian Snelgrove – SC
- Jeffrey M. Tkacz – SC
- My-Nghi Irene Tran – NY
- Jamille Webb – OK
- Reika Wilson – IN

REGULATORY MEMBERS

- Cory Starley – UT
- Paul Throckmorton – UT



The Maryland Chapter of SOFE announces the following officers for 2013 – 2014

PRESIDENT — CHINETA ALFORD, CFE is an assistant chief examiner in the Examination and Auditing Unit of the Maryland Insurance Administration. She has worked in the Examination and Auditing Unit since 1989. Chineta is a Certified Financial Examiner and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

VICE PRESIDENT — YVONNE ROSSBACH, CPA is an assistant chief financial analyst with the Maryland Insurance Administration. She is a Certified Public Accountant with a Master of Science in Finance from Johns Hopkins University

SECRETARY — KAREN BENTON, CPA is a Certified Public Accountant and an assistant chief examiner with the Maryland Insurance Administration. She holds a BS in Accounting from the University of Maryland and is taking the exams to become an AFE and CFE.

TREASURER — DMITRIY VALEKHA, CPA, AFE is a senior examiner with the Maryland Insurance Administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant, an Accredited Financial Examiner, and holds a BS in Accounting from the University of Maryland.

INSURANCE DISCIPLINE MEMBER — PURUSHOTAM SHRESTHA, AFE Puru Shrestha is an information system examiner with the Maryland Insurance Administration. An Accredited Financial Examiner, Puru holds a degree in accounting from Towson State University and a master's degree in Information Technology.

IAIR Announces Insurance Insolvency Litigation Program

The International Association of Insurance Receivers is offering a program titled "Raising the Bar — Insurance Insolvency Litigation: Trials and Tribulations", on June 6–7 in Las Vegas NV. For more information go to iair.org.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that SOFE notes the tragic passing of long-time SOFE member and friend, William "Bill," McCune, CFE, Nevada Chief Insurance Examiner. In conjunction with NAIC, SOFE is planning a tribute in Bill's memory to be announced at the 2013 CDS in Summerlin, NV.



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, **Jenny Jeffers**, via sofe@sofe.org



Mark Your Calendars | Upcoming SOFE Career Development Seminars



2013

July 21 – 24
Summerlin, Nevada
Red Rock Resort



2014

July 27 – 30
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Loews Philadelphia Hotel



2015

July 19 – 22
San Diego, California
Town and Country Resort Hotel



2016

July 24 – 27
Marco Island, Florida
Marco Island Marriott Resort and Spa