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# INSIGHT

## SOFE RENEWAL **DUE BY:**

**JANUARY 31, 2015**

Dues are conveniently paid online at **www.sofe.org**

Dues for 2015 must be paid in full by **January 31, 2015**

### TO PAY DUES

1. Log into the **Members Only** area link at the upper right tab of the SOFE website
2. Then click on **"Renew Your Dues"**
3. Once you have submitted your payment information, **print your receipt** for your records or to use for reimbursement purposes

If you have forgotten your **username and password**, follow the instructions at the **Member login** area. Please be sure to safe-list (and/or add to your contacts) **sofewebmaster@sofe.org** in order to receive a reminder of your login information, as well as your dues receipt once you pay online.

► **PLEASE: Do not create a new account, as that will not access your correct record.**

## Report Your 2014 CRE Credits Online Now

2014 CRE credits must be reported no later than **January 31, 2015**. CRE credits are reported online. You may input your CRE credits as you earn them, and your current records will be updated automatically.

**NOTE: NEW THIS YEAR** — You will not input your SOFE Career Development Seminar (CDS) credits manually. Your credits were uploaded to your CRE records automatically this year. However, you must input the credits from sources other than CDS.

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## CRE Credits *(continued)*

### HOW TO FILE

- First, read the handy guide the Education Committee developed to assist you. You'll find this linked to the home page **www.sofe.org**. Guidelines on the process are also with the online form.
- Log into the **Members Only** area of the SOFE website
- Click on the **"Update Your Profile"** link — Scroll down to **"Current CRE Reporting Cycle Details"**
- Hit the **"add credits"** button

**File your credits *before* the deadline week so that you have sufficient time to ensure that all of your 2014 credits are reported correctly before January 31!**

## CRE Audit

All members with a designation have the possibility of being selected for an annual audit of the CRE credit 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.**

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

## 2015 Career Development Seminar Update



*USS Midway*

### **SOFE's Next Career Development Seminar Town and Country Resort Hotel San Diego, California Monday, July 13–Thursday, July 16**

**Rimmed with seventy miles of beaches, San Diego is known for having the country's best weather all year round.** Numbered among the many area attractions are the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, Balboa Park, the Gaslamp Quarter, and the world-famous *USS Midway* — the longest-serving U.S. Navy aircraft carrier of the 20th century. The **CDS Monday Night Social** will take place on the *USS Midway*. In keeping with this special event, the 2015 CDS is themed, **"Examinations Taking Flight"**. Further news on the 2015 CDS Event will appear in the January issue of *InSight* and at **www.sofe.org**.

**Mark your calendar now for Monday, July 13- Thursday, July 16.**

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Full details on the sponsorship opportunities for the 2015 CDS are posted at **www.sofe.org**. **Sponsorship forms are due by February 23.**

### **Call for Presentations — Attention Prospective CDS Presenters:**

Potential presenters for the 2015 CDS **MUST** complete and submit their presentation proposals by **January 9, 2015**. Presenters are encouraged to submit their proposals early 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 is on the SOFE home page **www.sofe.org**. *SOFE members are encouraged to forward the Call for Presentations link to potential speakers.*



## Important Update on 2015 CRE Credits for SOFE Designation Holders

Beginning in **January 1, 2015**, two (2) hours of the currently required annual CRE hours for the AFE CFE and AES designations must be in Ethics.

### New AES Exam

The SOFE AES Committee has developed an AES test to replace the Systems Proficiency Exam currently hosted by NAIC. The test will more closely cover the processes outlined in the Financial Examiners' Handbook relating to Risk Focused IT Review and will be offered through SOFE's online testing system beginning in **January of 2015**. The fees and passing score for the test will be the same as those for the AFE and CFE tests. Details at the "Certification" tab of [sofe.org](http://sofe.org).

## November NAIC Breakfast Seminar

SOFE thanks the November Breakfast Seminar sponsor, **Alvarez & Marsal Insurance and Risk Advisory Services** and the following presenters for a very successful program on the Federal Reserve and US insurance regulatory perspectives on corporate governance and enterprise risk management:

**Thomas R. Sullivan**, Senior Advisor for Insurance to the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve System

**Elisabetta Russo, FIA**, ERM Advisor  
National Association of Insurance Commissioners

**Patrick Hughes**, Senior Director  
Alvarez & Marsal Insurance and Risk Advisory Services

**Neil Miller, CFE, CPA**, Director  
Alvarez & Marsal Insurance and Risk Advisory Services  
(assembled and moderated the panel)



## New Members and Designees

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

### Welcome Our New Members!

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

#### General Members

- Selrey David | NY
- Greg Delleney | SC
- Natalie Henley | TN
- Marcus Johnson | LA
- Ronald Musopole | MO
- Stefan Ober-Bangert | IN
- Scott Reeves | MO

### Congratulations to Our New Designees!

#### CFE Designees

- Amy Carter | KS
- Friday Enoye | WA
- Brian Gorton | VT
- Steve Killingsworth | MI
- Thomas Masterson | IN
- Tzuwen Meyer | CA
- Wenge Parr | TN
- Bryan Radecky | OH
- Peter Rao | NV
- Brent Simpson | KY

- Laura Church | MO
- Thomas Cook | KS
- Amy Dowd | VT
- Brian Fjeldheim | OR
- Matt Hoerchler | IL
- Tommy Kong | NY
- Meng Lisa Li | MO
- Sara McNeely | MO
- Jessica Price | NC
- Mary Raps | ND
- Colton Schulz | ND
- Kimberly Smith | KY
- Colin Wilkins | NH
- Lauren Williams | MS
- Teresa Wong | CA
- Sauhung You | NY

#### AFE Designees

- Kyle Billingsley | IN
- Brandon Carter | LA
- Caleb Chang | CA





## Mark Your Calendars

### Upcoming SOFE Career Development Seminars



**2015** | July 13–16

Town and Country Resort Hotel  
San Diego, California



**2016** | July 31–August 3

Indianapolis Marriott Downtown  
Indianapolis, Indiana



**2017** | July 23–26

JW Marriott Marco Island  
Marco Island, Florida



**2018** | July 15–18

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa  
Indian Wells, California

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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, Joseph Evans, via [sofe@sofe.org](mailto:sofe@sofe.org)