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SOFE Membership Dues Renewal Reminder



**Membership dues
Payment Deadline
DEC. 31, 2022**

**Late payment deadline
MARCH 31, 2023**

Late payments are subject to a \$15 late fee.
Failure to submit the required credits by **MARCH 31, 2023**
is grounds for SOFE designation suspension.

Membership dues are paid
conveniently online at sofe.org.

MEMBERS ONLY AREA

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.

Member's Directory

View CRE Credits

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Update Profile

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Update
Username/Password

Logout

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Report 2022 CRE Credits Online NOW

Take time to view the CRE credits you have reported and enter any missing credits by **JANUARY 31 2023**.

▶▶ *Note: Your 2022 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 2022 and select search. Go to the bottom of the page to view the total CRE credits recorded for 2022.

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 aArea.

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

Please note that 2022 marks the end of this triennial period for reporting your CRE's. For more information on annual and triennial requirements as well as prorated requirements, please visit sofe.org/certification.

2022 Virtual Mini-CDS

Thank you to all those who presented or participated in the 2022 Virtual Mini CDS!

- Over 430 of our members registered.
- Over 2,100 CRE Credits were earned by our members.
- Thank you to all who attended and to all of our presenters!

All CRE's from this event are posted onto your SOFE Member Account.

To view your certificate, please login and click the "Print Certificate" icon to the right of each CRE Entry.

CRE Opportunities

- CDS Sessions are available on demand for CRE credit.
- In order to provide SOFE Membership with as many opportunities for Continuing Education Credit as possible, 10 session recordings from the 2022 Career Development Seminar are now available to all members!
- CDS Attendees may access the recordings and the quizzes at no charge. For SOFE Members who did not attend CDS and would like to take advantage of this opportunity, the fee for each quiz is \$50 per credit hour.

To view the webinars, visit the Member's Area or to visit directly, [click here](#).

After viewing the webinars, SOFE members will visit SOFE's Testing Site to take the quiz.

SOFE would like to thank all the CDS Presenters who have supported SOFE and the education of its members.

* Please note: SOFE will have **2 free Ethics credits** available on the website in early **DECEMBER**.



Society of Financial Examiner's 2023 Career Development Seminar SOFE AT 50: WE AREN'T HORSING AROUND

Call for Presentations

The SOFE CDS Committee is seeking your participation at the 2023 Career Development Seminar in **Louisville, Kentucky, July 16 –19.**

What we are looking forward to in 2023:

- Sunday Social at Churchill Downs
- New schedule/program style to maximize credit opportunities for attendees
- Hosting the 2023 CDS at the Omni Louisville Hotel! At just five years old, this hotel offers updated accommodations and spacious meeting rooms.
- Celebrating SOFE's 50th Anniversary!
- We invite you to participate by serving as a speaker, panelist, or moderator.
- To submit a presentation, please visit the following link: <https://www.sofe.org/forms/call-for-presentations.html>.

Submission Information

Submissions for the 2023 CDS Meeting must be completed by **JANUARY 19, 2023.**

- The information provided through this form will be used by the CDS Committee to objectively select those speakers that will comprise the CDS Agenda.
- A separate form must be completed for each presentation being proposed.
- Submissions for panel discussions involving more than one speaker should be submitted by a single presenter.
- Please list all speakers or presenters who will participate, including all appropriate designations i.e. CFE, AFE, AES, CISA, CPA, etc. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Late applications may be accepted on an as-needed basis.
- Biographies and photos of presenters are required at the time of submission.
- If submitting a presentation in accounting, auditing, or taxes, to remain in compliance with the NASBA Statement on Standards for CPE Programs, Standard No. 5, please include the participation of at least one licensed CPA (in good standing).

When submitting please allow a few seconds for the form to load. Complete the form online and then hit the "Submit" button on the form, allowing 60 seconds before closing your browser. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon successful completion of the online form.



Future Sites Committee Corner

The SOFE Future Sites Committee is responsible for the identification, review, and selection of hotel venues for the annual Career Development Seminar (CDS) held each year in July. This Committee is not a standing formal committee of the Board but is re-appointed on an annual basis.

Each year, the CDS is moved to different geographic areas of the country to help to maximize attendance potential for the various Insurance Departments and members. We try to select venues on the east coast, southeast, mid-west, west coast, etc. every couple of years to maximize the potential. For example, our current schedule consists of:

2023	Louisville, KY	Central/East
2024	Oklahoma City, OK	Central
2025	San Diego, CA	West Coast
2026	Orlando, FL	East Coast

Currently, the Committee is looking to book properties five years out. This allows SOFE to maximize options for available space and also to maximize benefits for early booking. SOFE currently has a separate Meeting Service contract with Cindy Dodson of Meeting Services Inc. (MSI) to provide support and services for the meeting process.

Site Selection Criteria/Preferences:

- Amount of meeting space needed (CDS Minimum Requirements). It is necessary to host and feed the entire group in one venue. Consideration is given to the current CDS Schedule.
- Number of hotel rooms needed on the property (CDS Minimum Requirements)
- Available Overflow Hotel Options
- Hotel room Rate
- Food and Beverage Costs
- Proximity to the airport or other transportation considerations
- Convenience of surrounding areas for evening activities
- Sunday Social Options
- Value of Hotel Concessions

2022 – 2023 Future Sites Committee

Ryan Havick (Chair)	Lindsay Crawford
Anjanette Briggs	Mark Murphy
Dan Petterson	Bill Arfanis
Amanda Theisen	James Menck
Vivien Fan	Robin Roberts
Joanne Campanelli	Lisa Warrum
Justin Schrader	Kim Stevenson
Brian Menard	Mark Cooley
Colton Schultz	





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

Kyle Barnhart, NC
Britta Becker, TN
Rebekkah, Boubin, ND
Teddy Cardenas, ID
Hayden Delpi, DE
Christopher Diffley, RI
Selena Flood, AR
Stacey Gibbs, VT
Brenden Gordon, PA
Carolyn Heden, NC
Justin Kiehn, AR
Prudence Koffi-Moyet, MD
Mary Jo Lewis, WV
Chamelle Macon, VA
Kevin Mallya, MI
Alyssa Marinoble, VA
Erin McCoy, WV
Sean Michaud, NJ

Mike Miller, WI
Aaron Pierard, RI
Ryley Regner, MI
Andrew Rizkalla, FL
Mark Rourke, Jr., CT
Janelle Sabin, MI
Eli Spencer, NE
Austin Stromberg, NE
Alma Tapia, NM
Daniel Trunk, PA
Patrick Zeller, NM

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!

AFE DESIGNEEES

Melissa Dundon, TX
Joshua Gonzalez, TX
Patrick Hunter, MT
Tracy McEwen, WY
Michael Miller, WI
Christian, Mitterholzer, CA

CFE DESIGNEEES

Jeffery Bethel, AK
Taylor Close, TX

AES DESIGNEE

Constantine Arustamian, WA

MSI STAFF NEWS



Holiday Closures

Christmas | December 23 & 26 (Fri. & Mon.)

New Years | January 2 (Mon.)

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

Your management staff is available for questions about your 2022 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!



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming SOFE Career Development Seminars

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

2023 July 16-19

Louisville, KY
Omni Louisville



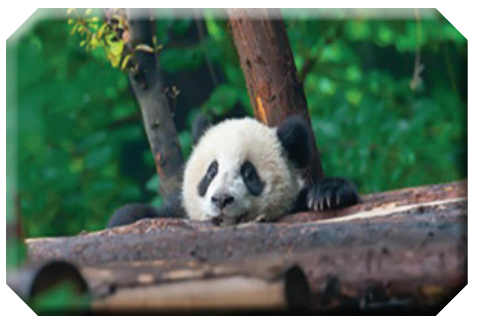
**2024 July 28-
August 1**

Oklahoma City, OK
Omni Oklahoma City Hotel



2025 July 19-22

San Diego, CA
Omni San Diego Hotel



Authors Wanted



Examiner

Deadline for Submission:

2023 Spring Examiner

January 20, 2023

2023 Summer Examiner

April 28, 2023

The Publications Committee is seeking members and non-members to write articles for upcoming editions of The Examiner professional magazine. Suggested articles include current topics relevant to the insurance industry, ERM, ORSA, statutory accounting, risk-focused financial examinations and financial analysis procedures, IT general control reviews, prospective risks, fraud risks, examiner soft skills and best practices. CDS or other conference presentations are prime examples of information that can be turned into articles. Professional contacts in the insurance industry are also great resources for articles.

Contributing an article is a great way to showcase your expertise in the insurance regulatory community and to receive six (6) Continuing Regulatory Education (CRE) credits for each technical article selected for publication. Interested authors should contact the **Publications Committee co-chairs at rroberts@eidebailly.com, shawn.frederick@tdi.texas.gov, and/or sofe@sofe.org.**

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