



In the Loop!

CFSA's Incoming Executive Director Prepares to Hit the Ground Running

On December 31, Donna Bardaro, CFSA's executive director, will retire and officially hand over the agency's reins and corner office to Becky Bailey-Findley, CFSA's incoming director. Eager to get started, Becky is currently coming into CFSA's offices a few days a week to meet with

Donna and CFSA staff. Her goal? To get up

to speed on CFSA's day-to-day activities ensuring a smooth leadership transition come January. She's also getting a jump on CFSA's Five-Year Strategic Plan, which emphasizes the importance for CFSA to actively identify and research areas where the agency can assist its members with new programs and/or services.

In addition to her time in the office, Becky is also venturing out to visit Sacramento's other fair-related agencies and hitting the road, joining CFSA staff on several fair visits. The reason for her visits is twofold: 1) to learn more about how the other agencies and the fairs use CFSA's programs and services, and 2) to ask about any new programs or services the agencies and fairs can suggest that could help them with the challenges they're anticipating down the road.

CFSA and the pools are strong and stable, Becky notes, putting CFSA in an excellent position to help its members and fellow agencies now and long into the future.

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Kern County Fairgrounds to Host Maintenance Mania '12. And it's Still Free! Mark Your Calendars for February 7 - 9

Online sign ups are now being accepted for Maintenance Mania 2012 training. Simply go to www.maintenancemania.com and click on "Register Online." All California fair management and fair maintenance staff are invited to attend, as are WFA service members (\$75 materials fee). Participation is still free!

The 2012 event is condensed into one session and location - the Kern County Fairgrounds - and slated to begin Tuesday, February 7 (so there's no overtime travel) and ending on Thursday, February 9 after lunch.

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Imagine This! The 2012 WFA Convention Heads for Anaheim, California. Register Early and Save!

Join colleagues and fair-related professionals from throughout the western United States and Canada for four activity-packed days of education, networking and entertainment at the 89th annual Western Fairs Association Convention and Trade Show, Sunday - Wednesday, January 8 - 11. And when you register for the Convention and reserve your hotel room

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Order Now: 2012 Employee Right-to-Know Posters

All fairs will receive an order form for 2012 Employee Right-to-Know Posters with their November "Purchasing Notes" from CFSA buyer, Cailee DeFoe. Issued by the California Chamber of Commerce, these posters are in full compliance with all California regulations and requirements, and are available in English and Spanish.

Cailee is also preparing her annual fall order for W2 and 1099 forms. If your fair needs forms, please contact Cailee as soon as possible at 916/263-6191 or cdefoe@cfসা.org.

The Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement Fund Program Has Ended

Rick Wood, CFSA's assistant director - Finance, reports that current requests for unemployment insurance reimbursement already exceed the remaining reserves in the Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement Fund. (Reimbursements are provided on a first come, first served basis.)

If you have any questions about the Fund or your fair's reimbursement request, contact Rick at 916/263-6147 or rwood@cfসা.org.

FYI is Going Online Only!

Beginning in January 2012, the *fyi* newsletter will be delivered by email only. Not only will this save on postage and paper, but it will enable the newsletter to include photos and other online perks. The big question is, does CFSA have your email address?

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2012 CFSA Special Events Program Rates to Remain the Same as in 2011

Lianne Lewellen, CFSA's risk analyst and Special Events program expert, announced that Special Event rates will stay the same in 2012 as they are this year.

If you need additional Special Events receipts, brochures or Rate Cards, please contact Lianne at 916/263-6145 or llewellen@cfসা.org.

Meet Steve Kushida, CFSA's New Workers' Compensation Administrator

Some fairs may remember Steve Kushida from last year when he filled in for Patti Nevin, CFSA's long-time workers' compensation administrator, for several weeks. When Patti announced her plans to retire at the end of

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"It's more fun to be a pirate than to join the navy."

~ Steve Jobs



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