

**President's Message**



**February 2023 Speaker**

**Debra R. Richardson,**

**Debra R. Richardson, LLC**

**Topic: " The BANK of AP - Why and How Fraudsters Continue to Target Vendor Payments."**

Hello Fellow SEMCAFE Members, It's hard to believe it is February 2023 already! The year has hardly begun, and it's already flying by. Hope you are all doing well. I want to start by extending our gratitude and appreciation to our Board Director and fellow SEMCAFE member, Debra Richardson, gave us an outstanding and informative presentation on how fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated with accounts payable and vendor fraud schemes, their impact on businesses of any size, and the need to have robust processes, internal controls, and educational programs to help accounts payable teams.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SEMCAFE 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fraud Conference**

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**In-Person @ VisTaTech at Schoolcraft College, Livonia MI**

**Register by March 31, 2023, to receive the early-bird rate!**

*Current Speaker line-up is now posted on our chapter website ([www.semcafe.org](http://www.semcafe.org))!*

**Ethics & Rationalization**

**Donna Larner, DBA, CFE**

Cornerstone University

**David Soubly, CISA**

Principal of Information and Cyber Security at ICEX

**(2 CPE's)**

**IRS Fraud Case Studies**

**Raymond Orzel, Retired Senior Special Agent**

U.S. Treasury and Homeland Security -- Commercial Investigations and Value of Corporate Relationships

**(2 CPE's)**

**Fraud Committed Against Individuals**

**Dan Dibardino**

The Recon Group

President of Crime Stoppers of Michigan

**(1 CPE)**

**Postal Fraud**

**EssiAlani Hollier, MPA, CFCI**

United States Postal Inspector

United States Post Office

**(1 CPE)**

**Elder Care Fraud**

*Speaker TBA*

AARP

**(1 CPE)**

**Brand Protection/Counterfeit Goods Overview**

GM Customer Care & After Sales

– After Market Service Support Team

General Motors

**(1 CPE)**

**Reminder:**

Paid members who attend the most meetings between September 2022 and April 2023 will receive free admission to the conference.

*(We will do a drawing for any tiebreakers)*

## MARCH CHAPTER DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

### Michael Wynn, CFE

Wynngate Associates/Coach Win, LLC

**Topic:** *"We the Fraud Fighters" Trends, Corruption, Flaws and Flakes"*

**Presentation Description:** A discussion and insights on the changing data and growing fraud schemes, corruption and perpetrators. How we can build on anti-fraud controls to fight the fight.

Michael Wynn, CFE, has more than 30 years of combined experience in accounting, auditing, fraud examination and grant monitoring. As founder of Wynngate Associates / Coach Win, LLC, Michael consults as a fiscal monitor, and is a financial literacy trainer for organizations and individuals. Michael also enjoys his work as a motivational speaker, and life and business coach.

During Michael's career he worked with the Michigan Department of Transportation as a commission auditor, he was the financial assistant to a UAW local financial director; he worked for the Michigan Gaming Control Board and selected as casino auditor-in-charge for the first Michigan casino built, MGM Detroit; he was an internal auditor for Detroit Public Schools; and later worked for Michigan Department of Education as audit specialist/fiscal monitor before retiring to name most. As a published and best-selling author of two books, "Habits Don't Lie: 7 Habits To Overcome Obstacles to Win", and "The Habit Effect: Your Life, Your Money" allowed Michael to share his experiences as an expert with his clients and audience.

### Next Meeting

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

**Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.**

### Dinner Prices:

**Members: \$36**

**Non-Members \$36**

**(1st & 2nd time attending)**

**Non-Members \$41**

**(3rd or more times attending)**

**Students: \$0**

**Walk Ins additional \$5 charge**

### Location:

**St. John Banquet & Conference Center  
22001 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, MI**

**NOTICE:** Our monthly meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. However, after two meetings, you will be asked to join our Chapter. Chapter Dues are \$50.00 per year. If you choose not to join our Chapter, you are still welcome to attend, but the Chapter Dinner Meeting cost will be \$41.00. **Reminder: To help minimize costs to our chapter, please notify us of any cancelations, prior to the meeting date.**

**RSVP to Mary Medonis at [info@semcacfe.org](mailto:info@semcacfe.org)**

### Speakers For Monthly Meetings April – June 2023

**April** – *Ketra Lewis, MBA, CRCM (Business Control and Risk Manager, US Card, Discover Financial Services) – Current State of Fraud and Cybersecurity in the Credit Card Industry*

**May** – *John Vadalabene – (AAA) – Utilizing Analytics to Detect Fraud*

**June** – *IRS – Topic – To Be Confirmed*

**Member Referral Program!** Bring a guest with you to one of our monthly meetings. If your guest becomes an SEMCACFE member, you will receive complimentary admission to a future monthly meeting.

**Call for Speakers!** We are looking for speakers to present at our Chapter Dinner Meetings. If you have a topic you would like considered for a Chapter Dinner Meeting, please send an email to Mary at [info@semcacfe.org](mailto:info@semcacfe.org). Be sure to include your name, contact information and a brief summary of your presentation.

**Follow the SEMCACFE on LinkedIn!** Join our chapter group page on [LinkedIn](#) to get up to date information on chapter events, connect with local fraud professionals, and information about the latest fraud trends. Share the group with other local fraud professionals in your network, and if they need CFEs, we would love to have them at our next event!

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14200445/>



**Note:**

**Board elections will be held during the June 2023 meeting**

**CALL FOR SEMCACFE BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

Elections for the SEMCACFE board will be held at the June 2023 meeting. All board positions are for a two-year term.

**How are board candidates nominated?**

SEMCACFE members may nominate themselves or other chapter members. Board candidates must be members in good standing (meaning that they have paid SEMCACFE chapter dues). Additionally, nominees for president and treasurer need to be members of the national ACFE chapter. Presidential nominees must also be a CFE. Please submit your nomination submissions to [info@semcacfef.org](mailto:info@semcacfef.org). Include the following information: Name, Certifications, Position You Want to Be Considered, Resume, and Brief Statement on why you want to be considered for the position. **Nominations are due by April 30, 2023.**

**How may I obtain more information about SEMCACFE board positions?**

SEMCACFE members are welcome to attend a monthly board meeting to observe how meetings are conducted. You may also reach out to any board member to learn about board positions. View current board member contact information at <https://semcacfef.org/board>

**When do SEMCACFE chapter board meetings take place?**

The first Thursday of the month prior to monthly chapter meetings. Board meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. and end ~5:30 p.m. Please reach out to [sheila.flanagan@gm.com](mailto:sheila.flanagan@gm.com) if you are interested in attending a future board meeting.

**What do I gain by being a board member?**

As a SEMCACFE chapter board member, you have an opportunity to give back to the fraud profession and help your fellow members. We help each other expand our professional network, build, and promote knowledge we share with one another in the communities where we live and work.

**What are the SEMCACFE Board Positions? What are the roles and responsibilities for each position?**

**President** -- Only a certified member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners who is in good standing may hold the office of President. The President shall be the executive head of the Chapter, and when present, shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and Board of Directors. He or she shall exercise general supervision and management of the affairs of the Chapter; shall consult with and inform other Officers and Directors, Members, and the Corporation of significant events; shall make an annual report to the Members of the Chapter and the Corporation; and shall have additional duties as may be delegated by the Board from time to time.

**Vice President** -- The Vice President shall report to the President and shall assume the duties of the President in his or her absence. The Vice President shall be responsible for other duties that the Board shall delegate from time to time. The Vice President shall be a Member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in good standing. The Board may vote to allow Associate Members to hold the office of Vice President. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the office of President becomes vacant before the expiration of the term, the Vice President may not assume that position for the unexpired term unless the individual is a Certified Fraud Examiner in good standing. If the Vice President is an Associate Member, the Chapter Board of Directors, at its discretion, may either: (1) appoint a Certified Fraud Examiner who is in good standing to complete the unexpired term; or, (2) hold a special election to elect a new President who is a Certified Fraud Examiner in good standing to complete the unexpired term.

**Secretary** -- The Secretary shall report to the President and shall be responsible for maintaining all records, other than financial, maintained by the Chapter. The Secretary shall also be responsible for the Membership records and attendance; the minutes of the meetings; and other duties that from time to time may be required. The Secretary shall be a Member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in good standing.

**Treasurer** -- The Treasurer shall report to the President and shall be responsible for all financial records maintained by the Chapter. All moneys received by the Chapter as well as disbursements therefrom, shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer. He or she will ensure that any funds received are properly deposited for safekeeping to the credit of the Chapter; that all disbursements are properly approved; that the Board is kept advised of the status of the accounting of funds; and otherwise perform appropriate duties to see that the assets of the Chapter are properly safeguarded. The Treasurer shall produce annual financial statements of the Chapter and submit them to the Board and the Corporation within three months of the end of the Chapter's fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be a Member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in good standing.

**Board Directors (3 Positions Available)** – Help support SEMCACFE strategic events and initiatives, take on special assignments, oversee special projects as approved by the board, help recruit and coordinate speakers for monthly meetings and annual trainings. Other assignments as directed by the president or board.

Additionally, all board members are expected to regularly attend monthly board meetings, monthly chapter meetings, and help support planning and coordination of our annual conference.

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