

President's Message



March 2023 Speaker

Michael Wynn, CFE

Wynngate Associates/Coach Win, LLC

"We the Fraud Fighters" Trends, Corruption, Flaws and Flakes"

Hello Fellow SEMCAFE Members, Happy Spring! Hope you are all doing well. I want to start by extending our gratitude and appreciation to our March 2023 speaker: **Michael Wynn of Wynngate Associates/Coach Win LLC**. Fellow SEMCAFE member, Michael Wynn, provided a dynamic and engaging presentation on the mindset of a fraud fighter, the "F" word, corruptions, and several examples and case studies that touched on corruption, flaws, and flakes.

Many thanks for a wonderful presentation, Mike, and inviting members to share their own experiences and examples.

Sheila Flanagan, CPA, CFE, CRMA, Chapter President

SAVE THE DATE

SEMCAFE 29th Annual Fraud Conference

Tuesday, April 25th, 2023

In-Person

ViSaTech 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)!

Ethics & Rationalization

Donna Larner, DBA, CFE
Cornerstone University

Fraud, Leadership, & Ethics –A Story of Two Triangles

David Soulby, CISA

Principal of Information and Cyber Security at ICEX
(2 CPE's)

Commercial Investigation & Value of Corporate Relationships

Raymond Orzel Retired Senior Special Agent, U.S. Treasury and Homeland Security -- Commercial Investigations and Value of Corporate Relationships
(2 CPE's)

Schemes, Scams, Fraud - Part of our daily lives

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)

An Insider's Look at Fraud

Dolores Sturdivant

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)*



APRIL SPEAKER

**Ketra Lewis, MBA, CRCM
Business Control and Risk Manager
US Card, Discover Financial Services**

**Topic:
Current State of Fraud and Cybersecurity
in the Credit Card Industry**

Ketra is a regulatory, compliance, and risk management professional with over twenty years of experience in bank operations, compliance, and auditing. Ketra obtained her Bachelor of Science in Corporate Finance from Wayne State University and her MBA from the University of Phoenix. She is a Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager from the American Bankers Association.

Currently, she works as a Business Control and Risk Manager with Discover Financial Services. Ketra is the Co-Chairman for Target 3, Building Your Economic Legacy, Financial Secretary for the Omega Epsilon Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and the Director of Urban Financial Services Coalitions – Detroit Chapter. Also, Ketra is a Trustee and on the finance committee at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit, MI. She was recently appointed to the Wayne County Ethics Board of Michigan, with her term expiring in 2024. Ketra enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and teaching various topics on financial literacy.

Presentation Description – Ketra will share best practices and measures that credit card companies and financial institutions can take to prevent and mitigate fraud and cyber threats. Her presentation will include real scenarios of fraud and cybersecurity incidents in the credit card industry and the lessons learned; the latest technologies and solutions that can be used to improve fraud and cybersecurity in the credit card industry; how credit card companies, financial institutions, and other stakeholders can collaborate and share information to better address fraud and cybersecurity challenges, and action plan for implementing the best practices, technologies, and solutions.

Next Meeting

**Thursday, April 12, 2023
Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.**

Dinner Prices:

- Members: \$36**
- Non-Members (1st and 2nd time attending): \$36**
- Non-Members (3rd or more times attending): \$41**
- 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

Speakers For Monthly Meetings May – June 2023

**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. Be sure to include your name, contact information and a brief summary of your presentation.

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/>

CALL FOR SEMCACFE BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Board Elections will take place during our June 1, 2023 meeting. All board positions are for a two-year term.

How are board candidates nominated?

SEMACFE 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@semcacfe.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?

SEMACFE 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://semcacfe.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 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 forgoing, 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.

