

# ACAMS Northern California Chapter Annual Newsletter

January 2019

## 2018 Learning Event Highlights

The Northern California ACAMS Chapter is dedicated to delivering high quality, relevant training events to its members. The Chapter held six learning events in 2018.

In February, we held our first event of the year which focused on AML Technology. Speakers discussed the

On May 1, we again hosted a networking social for West Coast AML Forum attendees.

In July, the Chapter held its sixth annual learning event focusing on Emerging Payments and Technologies hosted by Facebook. There was a full agenda with

Financial Intelligence and how it plays an integral role in the financial crimes and compliance framework of financial institutions.

In November, the Chapter co-sponsored a learning event with Charles Schwab on Sanctions. Speakers provided an overview of the current sanctions landscape as well as providing a law enforcement perspective on sanctions.

In December, the Chapter held its year end learning event highlighting student presentations from the Middlebury Institute. The case studies presented were on the following topics:

- Operation Ababil: The Iranian cyber-attacks against U.S. banks
- Real Estate Deals: The new frontier in business email compromise
- Mobile Payments Fraud
- APT38: The John Dillinger of cyber bank heists

Immediately following the presentations, attendees stayed for a networking social.

Copies of some of the presentations can be found on our [Chapter site](#).

If you have ideas for future learning event topics or would like to speak at one of our events, please email us at: [acamsnorthernca@gmail.com](mailto:acamsnorthernca@gmail.com)



Top Left: April Regulatory Panel Learning Event. Top Right: Emerging Payments & Technologies Learning Event. Bottom Left: How to Build an FIU Learning Event. Bottom Right: Sanctions Learning Event.



advances in AML technology, as well as new tools leveraging machine learning and advanced analytics.

In April, the Chapter hosted a regulatory panel learning event with panelists from the OCC, FDIC and Federal Reserve Bank-SF. This was an interactive event for our participants who were able to submit questions in advance to our regulatory panel.

sessions covering a variety of topics, including:

- Gaming and Virtual Currencies
- Beyond Bitcoin
- FinTech/RegTech
- Banking MSBs and FinTech
- The Evolving Federal and State Regulatory and Enforcement Paradigm for Emerging Payments
- New & Evolving Innovation

In September, the Chapter hosted a learning event on how to build a Financial Intelligence Unit. The speakers discussed the definition of

## Chapter Membership



The ACAMS Northern California Chapter has over 400 members representing banks, money services businesses, and government. Members work at a variety of different companies, including Wells Fargo, First Republic Bank, Bank of the West, Visa, and Google. Chapter membership has increased 24% in the past year. Membership benefits include:

- Free CAMS credits: We hold between five and six learning events each year.
- Cost is \$50
- Networking: In addition to learning events, we hold social events to assist with building up your network.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.



A Special "Thank You" to all our 2018 speakers: Kohki Yamaguchi, Surendra Reddy, Mayank Johri, Christy Cornell-Pape, Tammi Steadman, Kendra Hartnett, Marshall Eckblad, Christian Townsend, Rob Israch, Scott Butler, Dan Wheeler, Perla Stoeckert, David Clark, Jas Randhawa, Neil Reiter, Todd Blaschka, Dave Uhryniak, Hailey Lennon, Patrick Chung, Steve Christie, Cathy Dunne, Mike Musgrave, Mike Fesko, Carlton Greene, Adam Wheeler, Lizzie McGowan, Conner Freeman, Mark Leon-Guerrero, and Monica Methe.

## Tentative 2019 Events Topics

The Chapter will continue to host social and learning events throughout Northern California. Tentative topics for our 2019 Learning Events include:

- Regulatory Changes/Updates: Regulatory Panel
- Specialized Industry Focus: Human Trafficking/Smuggling
- Specialized Industry Focus: Cybersecurity
- Emerging Payments & Technology
- Specialized Industry Focus: Fraud Schemes - Evolving Typologies

If you have suggestions for specific events/topics you would like to see, please send us a note: [acamsnorthernca@gmail.com](mailto:acamsnorthernca@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in ACAMS? The ACAMS Northern California Chapter Board is currently looking for volunteers for a variety of opportunities. Some may even provide CAMS credits. Take a look at these volunteer opportunities and contact us if you have any interest ([acamsnorthernca@gmail.com](mailto:acamsnorthernca@gmail.com))

- Organize a study group for CAMS certification
- Organize an industry discussion group/lunch & learn
- Earn CAMS credits as an event moderator, speaker, or coordinator

### ACAMS Northern California Chapter Mission

The Northern California ACAMS Chapter sits at the crossroads of technology and financial services innovation. Our mission is to support the goals of the International ACAMS organization to provide outstanding learning and training events and professional development opportunities, as well as support for its members' needs in the AML industry. The Chapter will strive to fulfill its mission by: educating and training AML professionals in private and government organizations regarding financial crimes specific to our market, and collaborating and networking with other local AML professionals to increase industry knowledge and job effectiveness from this interaction and exposure.

**Check out our LinkedIn group page for Chapter updates!**

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