

## 2019 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 2019.

In March, we held our first event of the year which was a regulatory panel learning event with panelists

reporting suspicious activities, and success stories.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, we again hosted a networking social for West Coast AML Forum attendees.

In June, we hosted a learning event focused on cybersecurity and

- Marketplace Risk
- New Types of Financial Institutions
- New Tools and RegTech Demonstrations
- Cooperation Between Banks and Fintech Companies
- Regulatory Changes and Crypto

In October, the Chapter hosted a learning event with speaker Jim Richards. He covered a variety of topics from checks and cash to cannabis and crypto. He provided his perspectives from three decades in financial crimes risk management.

In December, the Chapter held its year end learning event highlighting student presentations from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey's Financial Crime Management Program. The focus this year was on cyber enabled crime, presentations were on the following topics:

- The North Korean Regime and Cryptocurrency scams
- A closer look at the BTCe indictment and international money laundering scheme
- Terrorist groups and their use of cryptocurrencies

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

Copies of some 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 Human Trafficking Learning Event. Top Right: June Cybersecurity Learning Event. Bottom Left: Emerging Payments & Technologies Learning Event. Bottom Right: Year End Learning Event.



from the FDIC and SEC. This was an interactive event for our participants who were able to submit questions in advance to our regulatory panel.

In April, the Chapter hosted a learning event on Human Trafficking. Speakers discussed combating human trafficking and modern slavery from three perspectives: advocacy work, law enforcement, and the role of financial institutions. This included trends, red flags,

financial crimes risk. The event began with a presentation on the Bank of Bangladesh Case (Three Years Later), which was followed by an expert panel exploring cybersecurity in relation to financial institutions and financial crimes risk.

In August, the Chapter held its seventh annual learning event focusing on Emerging Payments and Technologies at The Tech Interactive in San Jose. There was a full agenda with sessions covering a variety of topics, including:

## Chapter Membership



The ACAMS Northern California Chapter has just under 400 members representing banks, money services businesses, and government. Members work at a variety of different companies, including Wells Fargo, First Republic Bank, Schwab, Visa, and Google. 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 2019 speakers: Christy Cornell-Pape, Steven Buchholz, Dana Filkowski, Lee Brown, Patricia Diaz, Justin Gomez, Justin Coley, Erin O’Loughlin, Greg Ruppert, Steve Walker, Tyler Melton, Jonathan Parnell, Tatiana Lucien, Acacia Rey, Adam Fear, Adam Gifford, Prav Chandrasekaran, Craig Fetterman, Adam Grayson, Trisha Kothari, Joe Robinson, Matthew Dull, Mike Skelley, Michelle Sabins, Ryan Jones, Kareem Carter, Megan Monroe, Faisal Nisar, Jesse Spiro, Jim Richards, Joules Barragan, Mika Dahiya, Mike Donnelly, and Sam Whitefield.

### Tentative 2020 Events Topics

The Chapter will continue to host social and learning events throughout Northern California. Tentative topics for our 2020 Learning Events include:

- Regulatory Panel
- Environmental Crime
- Emerging Payments
- Crime Fighter’s Showcase
- Student Case Studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey
- Investigative Techniques/Skills



**ACAMS Re-certification requirements have changed!** A total of 60 continuing education credits must be accumulated within a 3-year cycle. A minimum of 12 of the total credits MUST be earned from ACAMS-provided training. Chapter learning events are the most cost effective way to get your ACAMS-provided credits.

#### 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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