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ASQ Edmonton Mission:

ASQ Canada Edmonton Section adds value to ASQ membership and promotes quality in Northern Alberta through facilitating local access to information and education on quality principles, practices and experience, and by providing opportunities to share ideas and learning.



Message from the Chair

Doina Varzaru
Chair Edmonton Section 014

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is November already... that time of the year when we are getting ready to pass on the baton to the next year's leadership team. We are having one of the busiest year in the history of the section, with a record number of dinner events, courses and workshops and an unprecedented level of collaboration with sister ASQ sections like Vancouver, Calgary and Saskatchewan! Yet, our fantastic leadership team is approaching the finish line with the same enthusiasm and energy they started in January...

But we are not done yet! There is still more to be part of, starting with the next dinner presentation on November 23rd - we are all excited to have Derrick Olesen share with us a very relevant and current topic - check out the events section of our newsletter- and ending with our AGM meeting in early December. Please mark your calendars and come out for an evening of fun and celebration of a great leadership team.

November is also the International Quality Month - please make sure you are taking advantage of the great material that ASQ is making available for us at www.ASQ.org.

Great gifts from ASQ this month- enjoy a set of articles, books and presentations on Risk Based Thinking, still so new for so many organizations and such a great opportunity for ASQ members to access this information as one of the many membership benefits.

Please ensure you RSVP early on for these events to reap the benefits of early registration and secure your spot.

Thank you all for your great support!

Have a great quality summer!

Doina Varzaru, CMQ/OE, CQA, PMP, RMP ASQ Edmonton Section Chair

Upcoming Events

- 1. November 23rd ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting
- 2. December 21st ASQ Edmonton Annual General Meeting
- 3. January ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting TBD

Quote of the month

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.
-- Winston Churchill --

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November Dinner Meeting

November 23rd, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at Woodvale Golf Course.

Dinner will be served at 6:00, networking from 5:30 to 6:00, presentation 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Student: \$10, Non-Member: \$30, Member: \$20, New ASQ Members: first meeting free.

Please RSVP by November 21st to program chair, Regine Seibert, at Program@asqedmonton.org

Presentation overview: "Work-Life Balance"

Derrick Olesen will present, and give a mini-workshop, on Work-Life Balance. The presentation will briefly cover some popular principles and theories. From Maslow's Hierarchy of needs; to Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People; to the greatest management principle in the world! The presentation will then focus on the Myth of Balance. Ultimately, like all good Six Sigma Black Belts, it will introduce a tool to measure the effects that these habits and principles have on our satisfaction with our life balance. The tool will then be used to guide you to meaningful steps you can take to increase balance in your life.

About the speaker:

Derrick Olesen P. Eng, MBA, SSBB



Derrick holds a BSc in Mechanical Engineering (U of Manitoba, 1982), an MBA (U of Alberta, 1997), and obtained an ASQ Certified Six Sigma Black Belt in 2003.

Derrick has worked in the Oil and Gas Industry since 1982 and has extensive experience in Project Design, Project Execution and Operations. This experience includes working in Esso's Pipeline Development & Distribution as a Business Analyst; in Esso's Industrial Fuels and Lubricants Marketing as a Plant Scheduler, an

SAP Change Agent, and Supply Team Leader; and in Esso's Strathcona Refinery conducting Six Sigma project development and execution, reliability engineering and equipment strategy development, having formerly served as the Site Measurement Coordinator, and the Site Training Leader. Derrick is presently serving as Esso's Site Infrastructure Manager for the Strathcona Refinery.

Derrick is a passionate volunteer in the community with United Way, Men as Allies, and is a frequent presenter at ASQ-Edmonton.

Rajeev Chadha Honoured by ASQ International

Congratulations to Rajeev Chadha on being selected as one of the new generation of **quality leaders** in the 2016 class of "Fresh Faces of Quality" by ASQ International.

Be sure to check out the article on page 16 in your November copy of *Quality Progress*.

Or read online at: http://asq.org/quality-progress/2016/11/leadership/fresh-faces.html

Congratulations Rajeev!!!

Stephen Hall Presents at ASQ Calgary's Quality Conference

Using his current Six Sigma Black Belt project on robotic positioning as a case study, Stephen will present on "How to select the right project lifecycle, methodology, tools and techniques". His presentation will focus on the importance of selecting the practices of most applicable to the nature of the project rather than simply relying on the methodologies we are presently familiar with, and how success is best achieved when this is formally documented in the Project Charter and combined with effective use of soft skills in dealing with project team and other stakeholders.

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ASQ Moves to Computer Based Certification Examination

The delivery method for ASQ Certification exams is changing from paper and pencil, to Computer Based Testing. Candidates will take ASQ Certification exams at a Prometric testing facility where the test will be delivered via computer in a Prometric proctored, secure environment.

This move provides a number of benefits:

- the number of annual exam sittings has increased to 6 (up from 2)
- the length between exam rewrites reduced to 2 months (down from 6 months)
- the number of testing locations has increased to 8,000 (up from 350)
- the number of days until candidates receive their results reduced to 0-4 (down from 10)

To learn more about ASQ's Computer Based Testing visit: http://asq.org/cbt

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Advancement to Senior Membership

ASQ's loyal and longtime members serve as the backbone of the Society. Senior and Fellow memberships and associated benefits are available to current members who meet the membership criteria.

There are 3 main Benefits to advancing to Senior Membership:

- 1. Additional section or forum membership at no cost
- 2. Additional journal or ASQ publication at no cost
- 3. Seniority in rank and will be eligible for fellow membership

For more information visit: http://asq.org/public/membership/senior-member-application.pdf

Upcoming ASQ Certification and Training Resources

http://asq.org/cert/dates

Certification	Exam Date / Place	Application Deadline
Pharmaceutical GMP Professional (CPGP)	December 1-17, 2016 Prometric (Computer Based)	November 11, 2016 Application Deadline
Software Quality Engineer (CSQE)		
Quality Auditor (CQA)		
Quality Engineer (CQE)		
Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA)		
Calibration Technician (CCT)		
Quality Process Analyst (CQPA)		
Six-Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB)		
Certified Quality Inspector (CQI)	January 5-22, 2017 Prometric (Computer Based)	December 9, 2016 Application Deadline
Certified Quality Technician (CQT)		
Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE)		
Certified Manager of Quality (CMQ/OE)		
Certified HACCP Auditor (CHA)		
Certified Biomedical Auditor (CBA)		
Certified Supplier Quality Professional (CSQP)		
Certified Six-Sigma Yellow Belt (CSSYB)		
Certified Six-Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB)		
Master Black Belt		

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ASQ Training Resources

To support quality professionals worldwide in preparing for their certification exams and day to day quality improvement activities, ASQ makes available various and methodologies at its on-line Knowledge Center at http://asq.org/knowledge-center/index.html. Also, ASQ provides on-site and web-based training on various quality topics and certifications at http://asq.org/learninginstitute/index.html. You can also order simulated ASQ Exams & Questions at http://cert.asq.org/certification/control/prepare).

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