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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 Section Members,

As we are counting days until the beginning of a new year, we cannot but reflect on what 2016 meant for the Edmonton ASQ Section.

We started the year with a great leadership team, committed to a very ambitious business plan for 2016. As you will learn during the AGM presentation, we achieved our goals providing member value through a record number of dinner events and activities, which for the first time extended through the summer vacation.

In spite of the challenges we were facing, as the entire province was going through record levels of unemployment and financial hardship, we saw an increased interest and participation from the section membership to all activities planned for their benefit, which gives us the confidence to continue on and the satisfaction that our work is appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the section leadership team for the effort and dedication they have put in, tirelessly; most of them accepted to continue their roles for another mandate, serving the section for another year and mentoring the new member leaders.

I wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

Doina Varzaru,  
CMQ/OE, CQA, PMP, RMPASQ  
Edmonton Section Chair

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**Upcoming Events**

1. December 21<sup>st</sup> ASQ Edmonton Annual General Meeting
2. January ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting - TBD
3. February ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting – TBD

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**December Dinner Meeting & AGM**

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at India Garden (4820-76 Ave).

Dinner will be served at 6:00, networking from 5:30 to 6:00, presentation 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Student: Free, Non-Member: Free, Member: Free, New ASQ Members: Free.

Please RSVP by December 21<sup>st</sup> to program chair, Regine Seibert, at [Program@asqedmonton.org](mailto:Program@asqedmonton.org)

**Presentation: “A Year in Review – Edmonton Section Annual General Meeting”**

Join us at the AGM to celebrate the holiday season and another year of serving the section. We will review the achievements of the past year while welcoming the new member-leader team.

## Quote of the month

*Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others*  
-- Marcus Tullius Cicero --

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## ASQ INTEREST GROUPS



## ASQ International Appoints Alberta's First ASQ Fellow of the Society



### Rajeev Chadha, P.Eng. Master Black Belt

*"For outstanding contributions to the professional quality movement in Canada, and for meritorious achievements in the application of Lean Six Sigma, quality and continuous improvement technologies in the Canadian mining industry"*

On November 03, 2016, the board of directors of ASQ elected Rajeev Chadha a Fellow of the Society in recognition of his significant contributions to quality.

An ASQ Fellow is an individual who has an established record of contributions, both to the quality profession and to the Society. The grade of Fellow is an earned distinction. Rajeev's achievement of this status is a symbol of respect from his colleagues that has been accepted by the highest officers of our organization.

Rajeev is the first Canadian since 2011 to be appointed as an ASQ Fellow, and is the first ever ASQ Fellow from Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Edmonton Section thanks Rajeev for his service to the ASQ community and for his commitment to quality.

Rajeev will be presented with his Fellow pin at the Fellow Luncheon that will be held in conjunction with the 2017 World Conference on Quality and Improvement on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Congratulations Rajeev!!!

**About Rajeev:** Rajeev Chadha is the industrial technology advisor with the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). He received a master's degree in management and systems, and another in process and food engineering as a United Nations UNDP Fellow. Rajeev is the former chair of ASQ (American Society for Quality) Saskatchewan, and has vast experience in Automotive, Manufacturing, Chemical-Biological and Mining industry in Asia and North America.

Rajeev started his career as a bio-conversion process engineer in the pulp and paper industry, and diversified his career working in food, biochemical, and healthcare industrial research. He worked as a Six Sigma CI lead in the mining sector with Mosaic Potash ULC Canada (2009-2013) and served Ontario's automotive industry from 2000 to 2009 with launching several top-rated vehicles. Rajeev is the current chair of ASQ-Mining Division, and has represented Saskatoon Folk-fest & SIA (Saskatchewan Intercultural Association) on their board of directors. Rajeev is also a member of APEGS (Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Saskatchewan), and his research interests include process improvements, Lean Six Sigma in mining and manufacturing, process control engineering, total quality management, and strategic management.

## 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>

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## Christmas Savings on ASQ Exam Preparation Materials

Planning on getting certified? ASQ has countless materials to help you prepare for and be successful in passing your exam.

For the month of December ASQ has a **Special Offer! Save 20%** on select web-based certification preparation materials. This includes training courses and question banks. Just enter **promo code CPDEC16** at checkout.

To learn more about ASQ's special December savings visit: <http://bit.ly/2hptnMU>

## 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>

## Upcoming ASQ Certification and Training Resources

<http://asq.org/cert/dates>

Certification	Exam Date / Place	Application Deadline
<a href="#">Certified Quality Inspector (CQI)</a>	March 3-19, 2017 Prometric (Computer Based)	February 3, 2017 Application Deadline
<a href="#">Certified Quality Technician (CQT)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Manager of Quality (CMQ/OE)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified HACCP Auditor (CHA)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Biomedical Auditor (CBA)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Supplier Quality Professional (CSQP)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Six-Sigma Yellow Belt (CSSYB)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Six-Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB)</a>		
<a href="#">Master Black Belt</a>		
<a href="#">Pharmaceutical GMP Professional (CPGP)</a>	February 3-19, 2017 Prometric (Computer Based)	January 6, 2017 Application Deadline
<a href="#">Software Quality Engineer (CSQE)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Auditor (CQA)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Engineer (CQE)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA)</a>		
<a href="#">Calibration Technician (CCT)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Process Analyst (CQPA)</a>		
<a href="#">Six-Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB)</a>		

### 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>).