



QUOTE(S) OF THE MONTH:

“QUALITY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY.”

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“THE WAY TO GET STARTED IS TO QUIT TALKING AND BEGIN DOING”

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Newsletter Chair

Paul Suffredin

General Meeting Information

***The safety of our members is our top priority. Due to the national COVID-19 emergency, the Fox Valley Section of ASQ will **not** host physical meetings in Spring 2021. Section meetings will be held online. If this changes we will inform members as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support. The next general meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, March 2, 2021** via:

WebEx Conference Bridge (Webinar)

Please REGISTER on our website: <https://asq-foxvalley.org/meetinginfo.php?id=228>

Only people who have registered will be sent the meeting link.

Important Notes regarding Registration:

- **Registration closes end of day (midnight) Saturday, February 27th.**
- The meeting link will be sent to all registrants **after** registration closes. You will **not** receive a link to attend without prior registration.
- Attendees will earn **0.5 RUs.**
- There is no fee for this meeting.

Etiquette on the call/during the webinar (Online):

- If possible, join the meeting using the link so that you can see the presentation.
- Avoid joining from multiple devices if possible, to avoid taking two conference slots.
- **Mute** your microphone and remain muted until speaker asks for questions, or you are prompted.
- Use the chat window to ask questions.

Program (TUESDAY, March 2, 2021):

5:45 - 6:00pm Log into meeting to check quality

6:00 - 7:00pm Speaker Presentation / Q&A Presentation Topic



Seven Traits Good Project Managers Share: Do You Have Them? Scott Stribny

Abstract: Who’s the best project manager you ever worked with? Think about what traits they all had in common. Are you on your own list of best project managers? Are you on anyone else’s list? What is needed for you to master the skills and thought patterns to get there?



Letter from the Chair

By Chris Gay

Letter from the Chair

March 2021

Hello all,

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello fellow members,

I hope you all enjoyed the February member meeting via webinar as much as I did. I thought the bridge collapse topic was very cool. It goes to show you how bad things can go when you get stubborn and ignore the data.

A heads up to our membership. The ASQ offers discounts to retired or unemployed members. Please visit asq.org/membership/unemployed or asq.org/membership/retired to see how much your discount may be.

We still have one opening left on the SLC. The position is Vice Chair. The position only requires a few hours per month of your time if you are interested. The fame and fortune that comes with being Vice Chair is priceless, so don't miss out!

In person meetings are still on hold thru the end of April. We will keep everyone updated as we hear more from the ASQ.

I look forward to speaking with you all at the upcoming March 2nd member meeting. Until then, stay warm and be safe.

Best Regards,

Chris Gay

Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 Chairman



Networking Leads for Members in Transition

WAG (Winfield Accountability Group) meets at 8:00am on Monday mornings at the NM/CDH Hospital Café. Contact 630.212.1568 or drmsbb@gmail.com for details and invitation.

TUG (Tri-Cities Unemployment Group) meets 6:30 p.m. on Mondays in St Charles, IL.
Contact: TUGCareerServices.org or email:

WeCanHelp@TUGCareerServices.org.

Mfg. Pros Networking Group meet on the last Tuesday of the month in Lombard, IL. Contact Juan at: mfgpros@att.net.

JDNG (Jobs Driven Networking group) meets the 3rd Thursday every month 12:00 – 12:50pm at the Wheaton Masonic Lodge to discuss networking tactics and search strategies. Meetings are **FREE** to attend in person. Contact: <https://drivestaff.com/jdng>

Manufacturers Upbeat Working Remotely

Nearly 74% of manufacturers said they are optimistic about the future, and adapting and rebounding in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a recent survey.

Manufacturers said they are also adopting new technologies and processes for managing production and controlling quality, including 75% who noted more of their workers are now working remotely using cloud-based computing, reported InfinityQS International Inc., a U.S. software developer.

“The impact of coronavirus has been a massive wake-up call for all industries and manufacturing is no exception, particularly as a sector still heavily dependent on manual processes and legacy technologies,” said InfinityQS’s Jason Chester.

For more from the survey, visit <https://tinyurl.com/manufacturers-upbeat-future>.

*Sanders, S. (2020, October). The Progress Report: ASQE. Quality Progress: The Official Publication of ASQ, 53(10), 8-9

Job Submissions

Job submissions should be sent to [ASQ.org](https://www.asq.org) for distribution to a much larger audience than what the Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 can provide.

If you want to network a local Quality position, send contact and basic job description to help@asq-foxvalley.org.

LinkedIn Profiles

LinkedIn is a career networking site that also has social aspects. A career searcher’s LinkedIn profile is significant in an effective career search. There is high demand for quality skills in this current career environment. Are you being contacted about opportunities? Are recruiters looking at your LinkedIn profile? For future career networking your long term LinkedIn career network needs to be expanded and maintained. Talk to people in local job clubs for help with LinkedIn.



Quality Inspector Needed Machined Components

Requirements: Thorough working knowledge of GD & T principles, as well as mechanical aptitude.

Able to use a variety of measuring tools including micrometers, calipers, height gages, profilometers, hardness testers, pin and thread gages. Intermediate Excel computer skills are needed on a daily basis.

Mechanical print reading and interpretation are a must. Familiarity with ISO 9001-2015 in a manufacturing organization is also a plus. An open minded individual who is able to learn and adapt to new technology in a fast paced job shop environment.

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2021 Meeting Dates and Locations

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Webinar	Scott Stribrny	7 Traits of Successful Project Managers – Do You Have Them?
Tuesday, April 6, 2021	Webinar	Fernanda Brasileiro	Supply Chain
Tuesday, May 4, 2021	Webinar	Jasmine Hietpas	Color Management 101

Fox Valley Scholarship Announcement!!

We are pleased to announce the 2021-2022 Section Scholarship is now open. This is a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$2000 payable directly to the university. The Section Scholarship is open to active member’s children and grandchildren. The due date is March 6, 2021. For more information on the section scholarship, see the application requirements and the instructions. Download the application with this link:

https://asqfoxvalley.starchapter.com/images/downloads/Scholarship/section_scholarship_application.pdf

Scholarship Information:

https://asqfoxvalley.starchapter.com/images/downloads/Scholarship/section_scholarship_application_requirements_for_year_2021_2022.pdf

Tours

Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 is looking for opportunities to sponsor Quality Tours in the Fox Valley Area. Will anyone do a virtual tour of their facility?

**Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, planned tours for 2020 have been postponed. However, we are still looking for leads for future tours. We want to offer the benefit of Quality professionals available to offer fresh eyes and ideas to help companies with their Quality challenges.*

What are we looking for?

Companies that would like to have 25-30 pairs of fresh Quality eyes visit their operations for networking and dialogue on Quality applications, tactical ideas and new exposure of the great companies in the Fox Valley Area.

What do we need?

Fox Valley Section members that can sponsor a tour at their company or business site. Contact help@asq-foxvalley.org

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Please wear your mask for all of us.

Workshops, Certificate Programs, and Certification Prep Web Interactive

ASQ Fox Valley Section Web Interactive Exam Preparation Courses

This is still the perfect time to receive customized, flexible, and virtual ASQ Training for your next certification! More and more people are getting ASQ certified in the Fox Valley Section! Now may be a great time to invest in your career development with a flexible Prep Course taught by our own Education Chair, Chuck Gates. Chuck brings over 40 years of experience in various quality management roles, and he teaches Quality Management and ASQ Certification courses to several colleges and businesses in Illinois. Reach out to the Education Chair for more details.

Please review the Training Catalog or visit <https://www.asq-foxvalley.org> and select the Education tab for more information regarding the schedule of courses and workshops.

Web Interactive Courses can be scheduled on flexible dates and times. Participants must purchase the study materials and pay for Certification Exams.

The Fox Valley Section of ASQ welcomes you and anyone interested in volunteering their time, to attend one of our **Section Leadership Committee (SLC)** meetings. It is during these meetings where decisions and updates are managed for the section. All feedback and participation are appreciated. For more information or if interested in attending a meeting, please contact help@asq-foxvalley.org.

Date	Location
March 16, at 6:30pm	(WebEx - Online)
April 20, at 6:30pm	(WebEx - Online)
May 18, at 6:30pm	(WebEx - Online)



The best project managers I've worked with seem to have seven critical traits that will be the focus of this talk. Join us and embark on the rewarding path to becoming one of the best project managers you've ever worked with.



Speaker: Scott Stribrny

Webinar – Presentation

“Seven Traits Good Project Managers Share: Do You Have Them?”

Biography

Scott Stribrny brings nearly 40-years of experience in software, systems, and management to his client engagements and his Loyola Executive Education courses. An internationally acknowledged authority in project management, information systems/technology, systems engineering, and lean development and management, Scott is interested in the intersections of business, technology, and organizational risks.

Beginning a corporate career with a start-up firm that went from zero to 100 million dollars in just five years, Scott moved on to a Fortune 50 conglomerate where he worked with industry leading engineers, scientists, and the executive suite. Scott ascended to management and was responsible for the development of groundbreaking products and services where he applied best practices in project management. His accumulated management experience ranges across many industries, including aerospace, telecommunications, finance, insurance, retail, information services, and manufacturing.

Scott is president, co-founder, and managing director of Group Atlantic, Inc.; a senior consultant in the business technologies strategies practice for IT research company the Cutter Consortium; and a thought leader at the IT Metrics and Productivity Institute. His courses on leadership development, high-performance teams, requirements definition, risk management, and project estimating are well known for their innovation and practical applicability.

Scott is widely published on the subjects of risk management and project/program management and is a frequent keynote speaker at conferences and company events. He is known for his practical knowledge and content, and refreshing and engaging delivery.