



QUOTE(S) OF THE MONTH:  
"IT'S NOT WHAT THE VISION IS, IT'S WHAT THE VISION DOES." PETER SENGE, FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING.

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Newsletter Chair

Paul Suffredin

## Section Member Meeting Information

### Welcome to a New Year

The safety of our members is our top priority. Due to the national COVID-19 emergency, the ASQ Fox Valley Section will host section member and leadership committee meetings online for the near future. As this changes, we will inform you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support.

The next general meeting **Tuesday, February 1, 2022** as a webinar.

Please register on our website: <https://asq-foxvalley.org/meetinginfo.php?id=259>

Pre-registration is mandatory; no "walk-in" registrations will be accepted.

### Important Notes regarding Registration:

- Registration **closes** end of day (midnight) Saturday, January 29, 2022
- The meeting link will be sent in your registration receipt (note the process has changed) with this meeting. Please provide an email address you regularly check when filling in the first registration screen.

Attendees will earn **0.5 RUs**. RU letters are attached to a message with the survey link, and sent to the email address used for registration. The message is typically sent within 2 days of the meeting. If you did not receive your message please contact [help@asq-foxvalley.org](mailto:help@asq-foxvalley.org) right away, rather than waiting to near your recertification deadline.

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 and avoid taking two conference slots.

## Tuesday, February 1 Program

### Quality Tools used in Warehousing / Shipping

**Presenter: Gary Nightingale**



# **ASQ Fox Valley Section Member Meeting Tuesday, February 1, 2022 6-7 pm CT**

Webinar: "Quality Tools used in Warehousing/Shipping"  
Presented by Gary Nightingale  
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## **Abstract:**

What are the main aspects of quality in a warehouse? Have you been drawn into a vicious storage war, leaving you bruised and frustrated? Are you tired of calls from customers frantically looking to know why the product on their dock is the wrong amount or the wrong item? We will explore some best practices and practical tips for distribution centers and shippers.

## **Speaker Biography:**

**Gary Nightingale** has over 25 years of experience in working in warehousing and logistics management roles for national manufacturers, creating and implementing procedures, and executing continuous improvement programs. Gary obtained both his B.A. degree and his Masters degree from North Central College.

Gary is currently teaching at a local high school and performing translations to support staff, teachers, and families. He is currently studying to obtain new skills using Microsoft Dynamics.

Gary is originally from Aurora, Illinois and spent 6 years in Chile, teaching English in corporate settings, at institutions, and to individuals. He is fluent in Spanish and uses his language skills daily. Gary loves to spend time with family and friends, traveling, and learning about history and cultures.



# Letter from the Chair

January 2022

Dear Section 1208 Members,

As we start the New Year and also a new ASQ year with our Section 1208 members, I would like to warmly welcome you to enjoy and participate in our meetings and activities.

I am assuming the role of Chair for 2022 with Chris Gay now serving as our Past Chair and Nominations Chairman. I would like to recognize Chris for his two years as Chair and his guidance and support in working through some seriously adverse conditions and logistics due to the world pandemic. If you would like to become more involved with our Section as a member leader serving on a committee or in a key leadership capacity, please contact Chris to discuss your interests and the various opportunities we have available. Chris can be reached at: [nominations@asq-foxvalley.org](mailto:nominations@asq-foxvalley.org).

This next year will involve our Section in offering at least eight (8) monthly member meetings, scholarships to high school students for college, educational opportunities, and more.

Plus, as a member of this Section, we are always open to your thoughts and recommendations for providing more opportunities and activities advancing our Quality Profession and for improving our current efforts. Just send a note to me at: [chair@asq-foxvalley.org](mailto:chair@asq-foxvalley.org).

Have a great year!

Bob Kutter  
Chair, ASQ Section 1208



## Fox Valley Leadership

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## **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](https://asq-foxvalley.org/images/downloads/Education/asq_fvs_training_catalog_2020.pdf) — [https://asq-foxvalley.org/images/downloads/Education/asq\\_fvs\\_training\\_catalog\\_2020.pdf](https://asq-foxvalley.org/images/downloads/Education/asq_fvs_training_catalog_2020.pdf) — or visit <https://asq-foxvalley.org/Education> and for more information regarding the schedule of courses and workshops.

Web Interactive Courses can be scheduled on flexible dates and times.

## **Section Scholarships**

The Fox Valley Section of the American Society for Quality is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 scholarship program. As in previous years, we will award the Richard A. Maas Scholarship via the local high school and a section scholarship to the graduating high school child or grandchild of an active section member. Applications for the Richard A Maass scholarship were sent to the High Schools in October.

The ASQ Fox Valley section Scholarship is a one-time, monetary award presented to one candidate from the applications received from children and grandchildren of active section members. This Scholarship program is open to high school seniors pursuing a college degree the next academic year at an accredited university or four-year college. The scholarship awards are paid directly to the awardee's college.

For more information on the section scholarship and the application, visit the [Scholarship page](https://asq-foxvalley.org/scholarship) on our website — <https://asq-foxvalley.org/scholarship>.



# 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](mailto: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](http://TUGCareerServices.org) or email: [WeCanHelp@TUGCareerServices.org](mailto:WeCanHelp@TUGCareerServices.org)
- **Mfg. Pros Networking Group** meet on the last Tuesday of the month in Lombard, IL. Contact Juan at: [mfgpros@att.net](mailto: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>
- **North Suburban Cook County- American Job Center-** [WWW.NORTHCOOKJOBCENTER.COM](http://WWW.NORTHCOOKJOBCENTER.COM)
- **Linda Employment Transition –Elgin Community College** [lbrubaker@elgin.edu](mailto:lbrubaker@elgin.edu)



## 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](http://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](mailto: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.



## 2022 Section Member Meetings

|                              |         |                            |   |
|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, February 1          | Webinar | Gary Nightingale           | Quality Tools used in Warehouse/Shipping                                |
| Tuesday, March 1             | Webinar | Julie Rolsten              | Packaging Testing 101   |
| Tuesday, April 5             | Webinar | Kyle LeSueur               | Advantages and Disadvantages of Outsourcing Your Internal Audits        |
| Tuesday, May 3               | Webinar | Renee Webb & Regina Fullin | Scholarship Presentation & Evolving Quality Requirements for Cannabis   |
| <b>Thursday, September 8</b> | Webinar | Elliot Witt                | MakerSpace—Library Partnership with Business                            |
| Tuesday October 4            | Webinar | Rachael Cipriano           | Trauma & Resilience—5 Secrets to Becoming Stronger in the Broken Places |
| <b>Thursday, November 3</b>  | Webinar | Daniel Zrymiak             | TBA   |
| Tuesday, December 6          | TBA     | TBA                        | TBA   |

## 2022 Leadership Committee Meetings

**Meetings begin at 6:30 pm**

The Fox Valley Section of ASQ welcomes you to join us at a **Section Leadership Committee (SLC)** meeting to see what happens behind the curtain or if you are considering joining the committee. We use these meetings to report and coordinate, and to make decisions about the future of the section. For more information or to be added to the meeting invitation, contact [help@asq-foxvalley.org](mailto:help@asq-foxvalley.org). Psst...volunteering earns recertification units.

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|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Tuesday, January 18  | Online Meeting | June, July, December  | No Meeting |
| Tuesday, February 15 | Online Meeting | Tuesday, August 16    | TBA        |
| Tuesday, March 15    | Online Meeting | Tuesday, September 20 | TBA        |
| Tuesday, April 19    | Online Meeting | Tuesday, October 18   | TBA        |
| Tuesday, May 17      | Online Meeting | Tuesday, November 15  | TBA        |

## Tours

Hopefully we can offer a tour this year.

Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 is looking for opportunities to sponsor Quality Tours in the Fox Valley Area.

**\*Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, planned tours for 2022 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 we need?

If you can sponsor a tour at your company or business site, contact [help@asq-foxvalley.org](mailto:help@asq-foxvalley.org) to begin the process.



# UPCOMING CERTIFICATION EXAM DATES

Please check exam dates & deadlines carefully as ASQ will not make exceptions for late applications. All deadlines are at 11:59 p.m. US CT on the date specified.

## Computer-Based Testing Dates

ASQ certification examinations are delivered by ASQ's testing partner, Prometric. The examination scheduling instructions in your eligibility letter will direct you to a section of Prometric's website, where you can select and schedule your examination date and location.

### ODD-MONTH EXAMS

[CQT](#), [CQI](#), [CRE](#), [CFSQA](#), [CMDA](#), [CMQ/OE](#), [CSSBB](#), [CSSYB](#), [CSQP](#)

| Testing Window       | Application Deadline |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| January 1 – 31, 2022 | Deadline Passed      |
| March 1 - 31, 2022   | February 5, 2022     |
| May 1 - 31, 2022     | April 5, 2022        |
| July 1 - 31, 2022    | June 5, 2022         |

### EVEN-MONTH EXAMS

[CQA](#), [CQE](#), [CQIA](#), [CSQE](#), [CSSGB](#), [CQPA](#), [CCT](#), [CPGP](#)

| Testing Window        | Application Deadline |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| February 1 - 28, 2022 | January 8, 2022      |
| April 1 - 30, 2022    | March 5, 2022        |
| June 1 - 30, 2022     | May 5, 2022          |

