



QUOTE(S) OF THE MONTH:

“ Watch the little things; a small leak will sink a great ship.”

Benjamin Franklin

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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, March 1, 2022** as a webinar.

Please register on our website: <https://asq-foxvalley.org/meetinginfo.php?id=260>

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

Important Notes regarding Registration:

- Registration **closes** end of day (midnight) Saturday, February 26th, 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 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, March 1st Program

“Packaging Testing 101”

Presenter: Julie Weisenberger



ASQ FoxValley Section Member Meeting March 1, 2022 6-7 pm CT

Speaker: Julie Weisenberger

Webinar - Presentation

“Packaging Testing 101”

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Abstract:

Packaging Testing is a critical component of maintaining product quality and performance. This introductory presentation will focus specifically within the food industry at quick serve restaurants, consumer packaged goods and e-commerce. We'll begin with a broad overview of the packaging industry and various material types before transitioning to supply challenges, sustainability initiatives and how routine product testing drives improvement through performance comparisons and compliance. We'll then move to select test method specifics performed on both raw materials and finished goods to simulate in-field use before concluding with an overview on how Clear Packaging is bridging the gap between client needs/expectations and the manufacture's capabilities.

Biography

Julie Weisenberger is currently the Vice President of Client Services at Clear Packaging, an ISO-accredited third-party packaging testing laboratory located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Having joined the company at its infancy, Julie has served in many positions during Clear Packaging's growth, including product analyst, customer relations manager, controller, and project manager. However, her passion has always been working with customers, which lead her back into her current leadership role. Prior to joining Clear Packaging, Julie worked as a structural inspector in the commercial construction and materials testing industry. Julie graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Letter from the Chair

March 2022

Dear Section 1208 Members,

Winter is certainly fun. Here we are shoveling snow, again. Well some of us might be shoveling snow, but others might be blowing snow—that is, if you still have a snow blower that works.

How do we evaluate the quality of a snow-blower? Possible criteria include: handles wet snow, handles deep snow, starts easily, easy to maintain, and add your own criteria **HERE**. I will add one more: longevity.

I have managed to get by with only two snow blowers in 45 years. Both were gas-powered, single-stage blowers. I really did use them both heavily over the years. The first one had a 2-cycle engine that basically blew out after about 20 years. The second one, had a 4-cycle engine still working fine when it failed two weeks ago when I was trying to finish clearing the snow off my driveway. The impeller blade assembly actually separated from one-side of the front housing. It was made and assembled in such a way that I could not fix it without a welder and probably some other special tools.

After a week I put this broken snow blower out at the end of my drive on “garbage night” and within a couple hours it disappeared. I hope, whoever picked it up will get some value out of it.

Meanwhile, I am back to shoveling my snow for the rest of this Winter.

I have decided my next snow blower will be electric battery powered. I know it will start easily. The one I would really like to get is apparently such high quality, that it is sold out and not available until late Spring. I hope when I get it, that it meets all my other quality criteria.

It seems like everything is going electric. We now have electric cars, electric lawn mowers, electric snow blowers, a myriad of electric lawn and garden tools and other workshop tools—all battery powered.

My son who lives in Colorado just bought a 3-stage snow blower to handle his long lane. Of course it is gas powered, not electric. I had no idea there was anything bigger than a 2-stage snow blower. He really does need it to take care of all that snow in Colorado. This would be over-kill for me. But this high end, high power, part of the market will likely be the remaining market for the gas-powered snow blowers, after the electrics take over the lower end.

Then with Global Warming, some might argue that someday we will all miss out on this Winter fun.

Have a great month and hope to “see” you at our next Member Meeting Tuesday March 1st, for our program discussion on Packaging Testing.

Bob Kutter

Chair, ASQ Section 1208

Section Virtual Member Meeting Registration Change

As part of our process improvement efforts, and from feedback from a member (thanks Ryan!), we moved the meeting link information to the registration confirmation letter sent by the system from the manually generated message we sent anywhere from a few hours to a few days before the meeting. This was done to eliminate the risks around the manual process and its timing. To ensure this works for you, please verify you received your registration confirmation email. It should be sent immediately after you complete your registration, but may be delayed an hour or two if the system is overloaded. Contact help@asq-foxvalley.org if you do not receive it.

A vcs file with the meeting information will be attached to the registration confirmation. It can be imported into many calendaring systems so that you do not have to keep track of the registration confirmation message. If you use a different system, please contact us at internet@asq-foxvalley.org so that we can help find out whether and how to import the event.

Alternatively, you can manually create a calendar entry with the correct date and times, then copy and paste the desired content into the calendar entry.

Thanks

Alan Berow

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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 – 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.

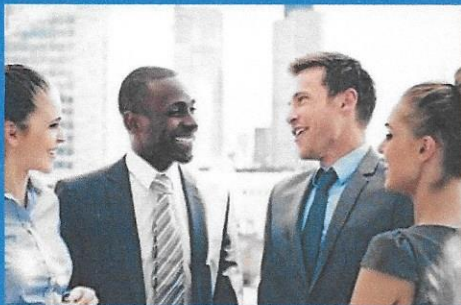
The ASQ Fox Valley section Scholarship is a one-time, monetary award presented to one candidate from the applications received from children and grandchildren of active section members. This Scholarship program is open to high school seniors pursuing a college degree the next academic year at an accredited 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 drmssbb@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>
- North Suburban Cook County-American Job Center- WWW.NORTHCOOKJOBCENTER.COM
- Linda Employment Transition -Elgin Community College 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>.

Job Submissions

Job submissions should be sent to 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.



2022 Section Member Meetings

2022 Meeting Dates and Locations

Date: 02/11/2022

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Webinar	Gary Nightingale	Quality Tools used in Warehouse/Shipping
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Webinar	Julie Weisenberger	Packaging Testing 101
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	Webinar	Darwin Millet	Maximizing the ROI from your Quality Management System
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Webinar	Renee Webb & Regina Fullin	Scholarship Presentation & Evolving Quality Requirements for Cannabis
* THURSDAY September 8, 2022	Webinar	Elliot Witt	MakerSpace - Library Partnership with Business
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Webinar	Rachel Cipriano	Trauma & Resilience - 5 Secrets to Becoming Stronger in the Broken Places
* THURSDAY November 3, 2022	Webinar	Mary Erlain	5-Generations In The Workplace
Tuesday, December 6, 2022	Webinar	TBA	TBA

Note: These meetings are on a **THURSDAY.*

Note: Labor Day is Monday, September 5, 2022.

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 re- port 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. Psst...volunteering earns recertification units.

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

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.*

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 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
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
April 1 - 30, 2022	March 5, 2022
June 1 - 30, 2022	May 5, 2022

