



QUOTE(S) OF THE MONTH
FROM ASQ QUALITY
QUOTES:

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

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Newsletter Chair

Paul Suffredin

General Meeting Information

Welcome

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 a section meetings or senior leadership meetings in-person and will continue to 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 **Thursday ,November 3rd ,2022. note day change.**

via:

WebEx Conference Bridge (Webinar)

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

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

Important Notes regarding Registration:

- **Registration closes end of day (midnight) Saturday, October 29,2022**
 - 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**. **Note: RU letters are issued during on-site meetings and via e-mail, normally the next day for Virtual meetings. If the letter does not arrive the next day. Members should contact us right away and not wait until recertification deadline to request the letters. You must attend a minimum of 50% of the meeting to receive your RU credit.**
 - 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.

Thursday November 3rd Program

To check Quality of connection.

Log in: 5:45-6:00pm

Presentation: 6:00-7:00pm

Presenter: Mary Erlain

“5-Generations in the workplace

WORLD QUALITY MONTH BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST



Speaker: Mary Erlain

Webinar - Presentation

“5-Generations in the Workplace

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Presentation – At Fox Valley Section 1208 Webinar meeting on

Thursday, November 3, 2022.

Title: “5-Generations in the Workplace

Abstract:

The workplace has changed! We have two significant transitions, 1) the pandemic, and 2) we have a generation that has aged out of the workplace. This workshop has come from a passion for creating a positive culture in the workplace. The very best strategies, plans, and goals can be destroyed by a negative culture. The first place to start the discussion around Empowering the Multi-Generational Workforce is YOU! Do you want to be part of the solution or part of the problem?

Biography

Mary Erlain’s mission as a business coach and consultant is three-fold: 1) to strengthen an organization’s core foundation to be competitive in the marketplace. 2) to offer a superior support system of resources and knowledge of marketplace trends within various industries. 3) to apply her expertise by incorporating the needs of businesses into leadership planning and growth strategies.

Erlain is a published author and speaker. Her most popular and recent publication, The 5 Generations in the Workplace, brings necessary attention to generational diversity issues business owners face. In her work, she collaborates with owners, management, and employees to identify and address the root causes of common issues and challenges which can impact growth, productivity, and profitability.



Letter From The Chair

November 2022

Dear Fox Valley Section 1208 Members,

While my Letters to our Section are addressed to “Section 1208 Members”, I know that our Section Newsletter publication is published to a broader list of recipients.

Your Senior Leadership Committee is getting ready to review this and to take steps to encourage those on our Newsletter list who are not currently members of ASQ, to become members of ASQ in order to continue to benefit from being involved with our Section 1208 and with ASQ.

Upon reviewing the attendees at our last membership meeting held last Tuesday October 4th, the peak number of attendees that I recorded was 39—including our speaker/presenter. Of the remaining 38, 22 do appear on our current Section 1208 Membership list, for roughly 58% of our meeting attendees—the other 16 or 42% attendees do not appear on our Section 1208 membership list.

This is not necessarily good nor necessarily bad. Here’s why.

We publish our meeting events broadly with ASQ Events and via other avenues—encouraging quality professionals in other ASQ Sections and pursuits to attend our member meetings. Indeed, as we have often in the past, even encouraged the general public to attend our member meetings—with the hope that these attendees will become more interested in the field of Quality and possibly join ASQ or become interested in working towards earning one of the many ASQ Certifications.

Another key point here is that we actually had approximately 6% of our Section 1208 members attending our last member meeting. If we pause and take a look at prior years’ attendance at our member meetings, we sometimes had as low as 4% and have often had only around 5% of our members attending our meetings—and these were all face-to-face meetings with dinners and opportunities for networking.

In general, this seems to mean that running our member meeting program virtually, with everyone remote, does not seem to have “hurt” us. Yet our Section 1208 total membership is significantly lower now than just a few years ago when we had over 500 members in this Section—now, we are below 400.

We believe the causes of this drop in membership are related to the Covid-19 Pandemic with members losing and changing jobs and possibly changing careers. We are also seeing employers who have stopped paying for employee memberships in technical/professional organizations, or possibly who have never offered this benefit to their technical/professional employees.

I encourage everyone to continue your quality professional careers and maintain your own technical and professional organization memberships, using your own resources as necessary. This is your career and it is up to you to earn and maintain your certifications and get the necessary learning, Recertification Units (RU’s) to maintain your certifications and continue professionally.

Have a great month and I hope to see you at our next member meeting—for another great program.

Get in the flow,

Bob Kutter, Section 1208 Chair



Pay It Forward or Pay It Back

The Fox Valley section has multiple open committee and committee chair positions. Local volunteers are the officers and committees who deliver section services to the community.

There is a position for the interests, skills, and experience you have. Some roles are member-facing, others work in the background. Performing the mandatory functions of most roles takes a few hours a month on average, though you can make a greater impact by improving existing services or developing new ones.

Benefits include seeing your ideas become real, learning, networking, working with a great group of people, expanding your resume, and earning recertification units.

A current list of committees and officers is on the leadership page. If you would like to learn more or would like to sit in on a (virtual) leadership committee meeting, please contact Bob Kutter, section chair, at chair@asq-foxvalley.



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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 on our website -<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 2022 6:30pm	Location
October 18th TUESDAY	webinar
November 15th TUESDAY	webinar
January 18th Tuesday	webinar



Networking Leads for Members in Transition

- 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>.

A good time to consider certification- see our training catalogue on our webpage.

A good time to join the board -enhance your career and add RU credits.

*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 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. [The Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 LinkedIn Group is open to all Fox Valley ASQ 1208 Members. Join us .](#)



2022/2023 Future Meeting Dates and Locations

DATE	Location	Speaker	Topic
December 6th (Tuesday)	Webinar	Emma McGinnas	Preventing workplace injuries.
February 7th ,2023	TBD	Joseph Drago	Insight from a Chemical Safety Board Investigation.
March 7th ,2023	TBD	Suzie Garfield	Enhancing Business Effectiveness-Through Story-telling Professional Meeting Presentation.
April 4th,2023 May 2nd,2023	TBD TBD	Michael Vella Scholarship Committee David Gorman	Creating Change. Scholarship presentation. TBD

Section Scholarship

Save the Date to see the Future.

The recipients of these noble scholarships will be the young women and men ,who will shape the future of our nation and the world.

Tuesday May 2nd 2023.

The chapter awards two Scholarships each year in the spring.

The chapter will award the Richard A. Maass Scholarship to a graduating high school child or grand child of an active section member.

Applications are being sent out in October to area High Schools.

Tours

Hopefully during this next year we can do one.

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 2022-2023 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 to pursue this opportunity.



UPCOMING CERTIFICATION EXAM DATES

Please check exam dates & deadlines carefully as we will not make exceptions for late applications. All deadlines are at 11:59 p.m. US CST 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, 2023	December 5, 2022
March 1 - 31, 2023	February 5, 2023

*The new CSSBB BoK and new CSSYB BoK will be tested in this window

EVEN-MONTH EXAMSEVEN-MONTH EXAMS

CQA, CQE, CQIA, CSQE, CSSGB, CQPA, CCT,
CPGP

Testing Window	Application Deadline
December 1 - 31, 2022	November 5, 2022
February 1 - 28, 2023	January 5, 2023
April 1-30 2023	March 5 2023

*The new CSSGB BoK will be tested in the August 2022 window

*The new CQE BoK will be tested in the October 2022 window

Contact our Education Chairperson –Charles Gates for training classes. Please review the Training Catalog on our website -<https://www.asq-foxvalley.org> select education tab

Upcoming Events



NOVEMBER 2022

HILTON BOSTON LOGAN AIRPORT
ONE HOTEL DR, BOSTON, MA 02128

Conference Tracks (Nov 7-8, 2022):

- Technical Quality Tools
- IT/Software
- Pandemic Supply Chain
- Personnel/People

Conference Course Offering (Nov 9-11, 2022):

- Certified Medical Device Auditor Prep Class
- ISO/IEC 27001:2013 information security

REGISTER NOW



For more information and registration visit:
<https://asq.org/conferences/boscon>

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The Geographic Communities Council (GCC) invites you to join their 2022 Fall Meeting, hosted on October 29th.

GCC Fall Meeting 2022

Date: Saturday, October 29th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CDT

Agenda:

- Welcome and Ice Breaker
- GCC update
- Enhancing member value and engagement through games (Zac Jarrard)
- Breakout session 1: Collaboration workshop (Grace Duffy and Rhonda Farrell)
- Breakout session 2: Recruit/Engage/Grow (Nancy Nouaimeh and Karen Maskell)
- Breakout session sharing ideas to action
- Call for "Acts of kindness"
- Wrap up

Register Now!

We hope to see you there! If you are unable to attend, the session will be recorded and posted to the myASQ Member Leader Community; we will not be able to record the breakout sessions.

Warm Regards,

Component Relations

ComponentRelations@asq.org

October 29th, GCC Fall Meeting: <https://my.asq.org/communities/blogpost/view/31/7/3556> for details; registration link is <https://asq.webex.com/asq/j.php?RGID=ra6dfd0c7ce6e6b42a200892c2cb88027>

