



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 **Tuesday ,December 6th ,2022.**
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, December 3rd** 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.
 - Avoid joining from multiple devices if possible, to avoid taking two conference slots.

Tuesday December 6 th Program

To check Quality of connection.

Log in: 5:45-6:00pm

Presentation: 6:00-7:00pm

Presenter: Victoria Wrigley

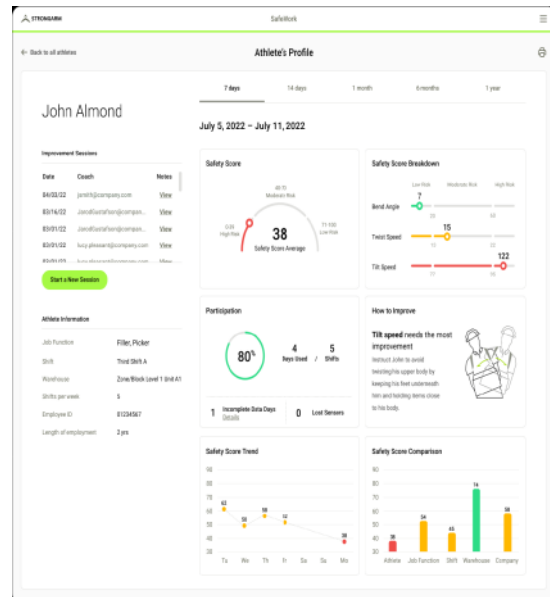
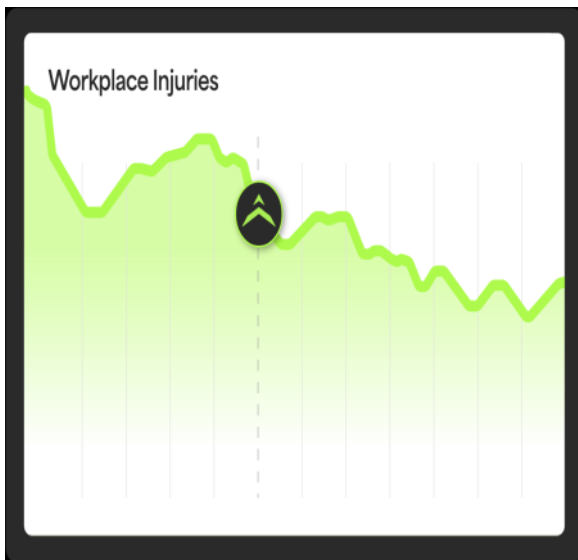
Topic:“Preventing Workplace Injuries.”



Tuesday's December 6th Presentation
StrongArm Technologies
Presenter :Victoria Wrigley
"Preventing Workplace Injuries"

We Work Hard So You Work Safe

StrongArm creates technology that prevents workplace injuries and optimizes workforces around the world. Tens of thousands of Industrial Athletes™ rely on our SafeWork System every day to give their best at work and return home safely.



Letter From The Chair

December 2022

Dear Fox Valley Section 1208 Members,

The end of this year is approaching and this note will be my last message to our members for this calendar year.

Overall, our Section 1208 has had another successful year. We have managed to run eight member meetings this year, all virtually, and we have conducted a number of Educational Courses, and have once again granted two, \$2000 scholarships to deserving high school students.

We are, however, running our budget at a deficit where we are losing several thousand dollars annually. This is not good news for our Section programs and cannot continue this way much longer. We will soon need to find ways to cut back or ways to increase our income, or both.

This will be one of our main challenges for 2023.

I am thankful we have a solid Senior Leadership Committee made up of highly skilled members who actively volunteer their time and effort to support our Fox Valley Section.

We still need a Chair-Elect, sometimes referred to as our Vice Chair, and also a Program Chair. These are two key Chair positions earning the incumbents 2.0 RU's per year as Chair Elect and 1.5 RU's per year as our Program Chair.

Our February 2023 member meeting is being planned as a Face-To-Face meeting. We are banking on there being some pent-up demand for this due to the long pause with the COVID shut-downs. We are also hopeful for good weather.

Meanwhile, we have arranged for our upcoming December meeting to be another virtual meeting with another great speaker and program. See details in this Newsletter, and sign up.

I hope to see you on-line for this December meeting, and then see you in person this February—after we all have a great Holiday Season.

Get in the Flow,

Bob Kutter

Chair, Fox Valley Section



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 2023 6:30pm | Location |
|------------------------|----------|
| January 18th Tuesday | webinar |
| February 15th | webinar |
| March 15th | 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 |
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*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 | Date Past |
| February 1 - 28, 2023 | January 5, 2023 |
| April 1-30 2023 | March 5 2023 |
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*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