

NEWSLETTER

FOX VALLEY SECTION

SEPTEMBER 2024

QUOTE(S) OF THE MONTH
 FROM ASQ QUALITY :IF YOU
 THINK OF STANDARDIZA-
 TION AS THE BEST THAT
 YOU KNOW TODAY, BUT
 WHICH IS TO BE IMPROVED
 TOMORROW, YOU GET SOME-
 WHERE." HENRY FORD

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Letter from the Chair

Fox Valley Section 1208 Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and was able to catch some of the Olympics. It always amazes me what these athletes are capable of and the quality of the performances. It was a much-needed break and a great way to wrap up the summer and transition to Fall.

Starting in September, our section monthly meetings resume. As a reminder, there have been changes to RU's for recertification. One of those changes impacts monthly meetings. RU's will be reverting to 0.1 RU/hour. This will translate to 0.3 RU for in-person meetings and 0.2 RU's for virtual meetings. However, there is a transition period and this change will not take effect until January 2025. For the remainder of 2024, all meetings will be 0.5 RU/meeting. It's a great opportunity to join us for a meeting and get those additional RU's while you can!

Our first meeting of the fall will be on Thursday, September 5. Note the day of the week change due to the Labor Day holiday. We will be learning about "New Gen AI Trends and Practical Examples to Supercharge Your Quality Program". This meeting will be virtual, so hope to see you online. Are you looking forward to an in-person meeting? We have several coming throughout the year. Our next one will be in November. Hope to see you face-to-face then!

Dani Hestermann

Chair, Section 1208

Newsletter Chairperson

Paul Suffredin



New Gen AI Trends and Practical Examples to Supercharge Your Quality Program

Sean Wetherell
Chief Product Officer, Intellect

Join Intellect's Chief Product Officer, Sean Wetherell, who will delve into the latest advancements in generative AI tools, highlighting how they can be leveraged to enhance your quality program. The presentation will begin with an introduction to the rapid evolution of generative AI. Attendees will learn how to safeguard intellectual property while utilizing these cutting-edge technologies. Sean will also provide practical examples demonstrating how Intellect's QMS integrates these AI capabilities to streamline processes and boost efficiency.

Speaker Biography

As Chief Product Officer at Intellect, Sean's passion is helping quality professionals succeed by building products that drive business impact. He works alongside his team to listen to client and market needs and bring together partners across Technology, Marketing, Sales, and Customer Success to deliver innovative solutions. In his free time, Sean enjoys woodworking, learning new skills (ask me about restoring my '81 RX-7), and spending time with his beautiful wife and two girls.



We will be hosting the September General meeting as a Virtual meeting

Please REGISTER on our website for the September Meeting: <https://asq-foxvalley.org/meetinginfo.php?id=329>

You can test your computer or mobile device in advance at <https://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html#>. Click the icon with three dots, then click the gear menu (Speaker, microphone, and camera).

Important Notes regarding Registration:

It will Close at midnight on

Tuesday September 3rd

in order to give section volunteers enough time to prepare.

***Please note: – Attendees will earn 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.**

The Senior Leadership meeting as of this printing is scheduled to be virtual on September 16th.

05:45- 06:00 Test connection and join meeting

06:00 - 07:00 Presentation and Q&A

Please indicate any needs in the answer section of the first question on your registration ticket.

Cost: No charge



Call for Speakers

Our section is actively seeking speakers/presenters for our dinner/meeting programs and we need your help. If you have:

A success story, case study, or new technique in the field of Quality

A failure story with analysis

Practical application and technical implementation of quality tools, methodologies, and techniques

Strategies for building and sustaining a culture of quality

Real applications, real results, and real solutions based on quality principles or theory

.....we want to hear from you!

We are seeking speakers/presenters to share their knowledge and experience in any area of the *Quality Body of Knowledge* (QBOK), including quality principles/tactics, technical topics, standards, real-world case studies, “war stories”, successes/failures, examples/stories, application of tools and hands-on experience. Other topics and subjects could be in the area of personal/professional enrichment and development, insights and subject matter relevance.

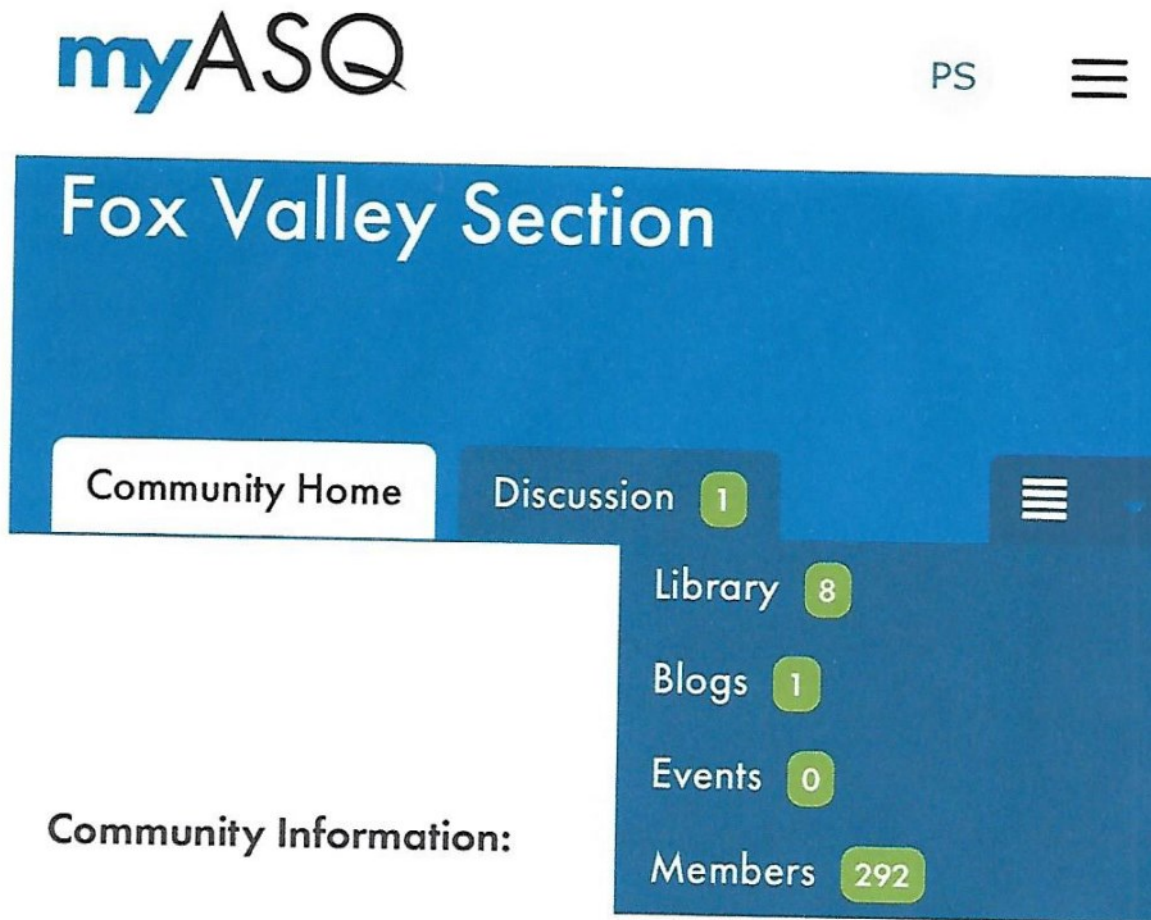
If you are interested, please submit your name, contact information and topic. If you know of a colleague or someone who is a “subject matter expert”, recognized as an industry leader, or has knowledge of a subject/topic our members would be interested in, please submit their name, contact information, and their topic or subject knowledge.

Submit all suggestions via our website, at <http://asq-foxvalley.org/>

We seek articles members may have written for a magazine or journal. If a member is making a presentation at a seminar or conference, we would like to list it . They can be forwarded to : newsletter@asq-foxvalley.org



Items can be found in the Fox Valley section of “My ASQ” .



Section 1208 includes the western, southwestern, and northwestern suburbs of Chicago, Illinois.

For more information about this section, please visit <https://asq-foxvalley.org>.

To get a glimpse of what our section members are doing to contribute to their geographic and professional communities, visit our [Section Members in the News](#) library.

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
September 16	Virtual
October 21	Virtual
November 16	Virtual
December 16	Virtual



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 EXAM

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

November 1 - 30, 2024	October 13, 2024
January 1 - 31, 2025	December 8, 2024
March 1 - 31, 2025	February 9, 2025

The [Certified Master Black Belt \(CMBB\)](#) certification exam is available twice a year, in the July & November testing windows.

EVEN-MONTH EXAMS

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

Testing Window	Application Deadline
October 1 - 31, 2024	September 8, 2024
December 1 - 31, 2024	November 10, 2024
February 1 - 28, 2025	January 12, 2025

**Contact our Education Chairperson –
Charles Gates for training classes.**

Please review the Training Catalog on our website -<https://www.asq-foxvalley.org>



2024 Future Meeting Dates and Locations

DATE	Location	Speaker	Topic
October 1st	Virtual	Mary Erlian President -Peak Development Strategies	GenZ –Our next Generation in the work place.
November 7th	Courtyard Banquets	Andrew Niess	History of AI and it’s Impact/ Opportunities for Quality Professionals.
December 3	TBD	Mathew Kroll	Establishing Continuous Improvement: getting the ba-

Watch this section for upcoming Scholarship information.

We are always looking for opportunities for Plant Tours.

Please contact help@asq-foxvalley.org for more details and assistance to pursue this opportunity.

What are we looking for?

Companies that would like to have 25-30 pairs of 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.

What is our goal?

Provide a Quality networking and educational event that is a win-win opportunity for both Fox Valley ASQ Section 1208 membership and companies in the Fox Valley Area.

What is our target area?

Most of our section’s members work or live between Elgin to the north, Yorkville in the south, Maywood to the east, and Dekalb to the west. We believe we will get the best turnout for a tour in this area.

What is needed for a tour?

Tours are most productive when there are Quality contacts working at the company to assist with completing the details. It is best if it is an area that doesn’t require extensive safety gear or high security restrictions. New projects, new ventures, new equipment and continuous improvement implementations are great opportunities for Quality feedback and networking exchanges. Early evening tours allow for good participation for our membership who work during the day.

What is the suggested layout of a tour (actual time frame is determined by the companies needs)

- 15 minutes introduction with organizational staff.
- 45 minutes of guided tour through the areas to be reviewed.
- 30 minutes for snacks and networking.

30-60 minutes of questions and dialogue on quality ideas and suggestions.

Contact help@asq-foxvalley.org to pursue this opportunity.



Section Leadership Volunteers - Pay It Forward or Pay It Back

The Fox Valley Section Leadership Committee (SLC) is comprised of member-volunteers who work to provide services to section member, including creating educational opportunities, finding speakers for section member meetings, publishing newsletters, providing networking opportunities, selecting scholarships award-ees, and doing the behind-the-scenes work needed to deliver these services. We welcome new committee members and chairs, and the new ideas they bring. **We have multiple open positions, which need to be filled to continue to provide these services.**

Becoming a part of the SLC is an opportunity to get involved with ASQ, work with a great group of people, and have some fun. Benefits include seeing your ideas become real, learning, networking, expanding your resume, and earning recertification units.

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. For a few hours more, you can make a greater impact by improving existing services or developing new ones.

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 Dani Hestermann, section chair, at chair@asq-foxvalley.org or to help@asq-foxvalley.org.

Section Leadership

Chair **Danielle (Dani) Hestermann** chair@asq-foxvalley.org
 Oversees the management of the section and presides over Section Leadership Committee meetings.

Chair-Elect **Mike Vella** chair-elect@asq-foxvalley.org
 Assists the chair in leading the section. The chair-elect generally assumes the role of Chair when the Chair's term ends.

Works with the SLC to develop, implement, manage, and report on the Process Excellence Program (PEP) business plan and budget for the section.

Identifies section award candidates and develops methods to recognize section members and others who have contributed to the section, ASQ, or Quality as a whole.

Secretary **Wayne Tollefsen** secretary@asq-foxvalley.org
 Records and maintains all meeting minutes.

Schedules SLC meetings and reserves conference bridge as needed.

Treasurer **John Goerner** treasurer@asq-foxvalley.org
 Oversees section funds. Maintain accurate section financial records. Reports on financial condition of the section at times directed by the bylaws and policies and procedures.

Arrangements **Jeff Seyl** arrangements@asq-foxvalley.org
 Oversees arrangements for all regular meetings of the section and other special programs and conferences as assigned by the Section Leadership Committee (SLC) or other committee chairs.

Chair-emeritus **Mohammad Khan** chair-emeritus@asq-foxvalley.org
 As the most senior member of the Section Leadership committee, advises the SLC chair, leadership committee, and other offices and chairs as requested.

Education **Charles Gates** education@asq-foxvalley.org
 Creates and oversees all education related activities.

Immediate Past Chair **Bob Kutter** past-chair@asq-foxvalley.org
 Assists the incoming chair.

Leads ad-hoc committees as assigned.

Internet **Alan Berow** internet@asq-foxvalley.org
 Designs, implements, and maintains the structure of the section on-line services within limits set by ASQ and service providers.

Maintains credentials and access control for section's on-line assets

Maintains on-line content as directed.

Trains other SLC members in developing and maintaining content for section's on-line assets, and acts as their backup

Membership **Mohammad A. H. Khan** membership@asq-foxvalley.org

Drives section recruitment and retention efforts. Develop and implements plans to maximize membership renewal and encourage interested persons to join ASQ. Upholds Society bylaws, policies and procedures, and section operating agreement.



Newsletter

Paul Suffredin

newsletter@asq-foxvalley.org

Creates and delivers the section newsletter. Establishes and adhere to a publication calendar for the newsletter and share this information with other volunteers who will need to submit content throughout the year.

Chris Gay

Nominations

nominations@asq-foxvalley.org

Bob Kutter

Identifies candidates for elected positions, manages the election process, and assists in identifying candidates for committee chairs and members in conformance to the ASQ Section Operating Agreement.

Open

Programs

programs@asq-foxvalley.org

Chris Gay

Works with the section leadership committee to set goals/metrics to support the section's management process as they relate to soliciting speakers to match topics, and scheduling/planning of programs, events and activities.

Publicity / Social Media

Craig Heinze

social-media@asq-foxvalley.org

Promotes ASQ and other quality-related events in value-added media venues. Manages section's social media programs and presence. The goal is to promote awareness and draw new members. This includes scholarship opportunities and recognition, an area typically underutilized by the population at large.

Renee Webb

Scholarship

Bob Kutter

scholarship@asq-foxvalley.org

Mohammad A. H. Khan

Student Branch Counselor

Charles Gates

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Facilitates student organizations in the creation and operation of ASQ student branches associated with the section. Voice of student branches to the SLC. Coordinates activities between student branches and the section.

Voice of the Customer

Thomas Kozlowski

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Collects and analyzes voice of the customer data to recommend section programs and services.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEE ASQ WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Measurement Quality Division Conference

September 17 - 20, 2024

Cuyahoga Falls, OH



COMMUNITY EVENT
MEMBER-LED EXPERIENCES

BOSCON Conference

October 7 - 8, 2024

Boston, MA



COMMUNITY EVENT
MEMBER-LED EXPERIENCES

Audit Division Conference

October 9 - 10, 2024

Reno, NV



COMMUNITY EVENT
MEMBER-LED EXPERIENCES

Quality Innovation Summit

October 8 - 10, 2024

Milwaukee, WI – Hybrid

Women in Quality Symposium

December 5, 2024

Virtual



2025 Lean and Six Sigma Conference

February 23 - 25, 2025

Phoenix, AZ – In Person



World Conference on Quality & Improvement

May 4 - 7, 2025

Denver, CO – In Person

