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Welcome to Our First Issue!

After a long absence the ASQ North Jersey newsletter is back and better than ever!

Once upon a time Section 0304 published a printed newsletter for the membership. This newsletter kept everyone informed about the important events happening with the section and its members such as meeting minutes, latest members to obtain certifications, section award information, and more.

The Executive Board has decided to bring back the newsletter after over a decade of absence, and we hope that it will be a useful source of information for all of our members.

Please forgive our growing pains as we transform into a tool that will be entertaining and useful for the members of ASQ Section 0304.

What can I expect as a member?

The section newsletter will be sent out quarterly via email to every member who has submitted an email address to ASQ. Tentative publication dates will be March, June, September, and December.

The newsletter will include a message from our Chair, news updates since the last publication, member submitted articles, upcoming meeting information, award presentation details, and other information to be shared with membership.

If you are interested in submitting to the newsletter please contact the newsletter editor Michelle Carena via email at vmcarena@gmail.com and as always feedback for continual improvement is most appreciated! This newsletter is designed with the members in mind, please let the editor know what you would love to see featured!

The ASQ Executive Board hopes that you enjoy the first issue of our freshly redesigned newsletter, and we look forward to bringing you many more issues!

Message from the Chair

Section 304 produced last newsletter more than 10 years ago. Much has changed since then...

Last newsletter was printed on paper. This is an electronic copy. I was the newsletter editor then. Michelle Carezza is our new editor for this newsletter. I want to welcome Michelle and congratulate her on accepting this new position. This is going to be a quarterly newsletter.

With more than 700 members and as one of the largest and vibrant chapters in the country, I would like to welcome all our members. This newsletter is generated to bring a lot of current information about the activities our section is offering to all members.

- We offer monthly general section meetings where we invite a guest speaker once every month to offer latest and greatest in our field. This happens for about 9 times a year. In addition, we offer one plant tour every year. In all these meetings, the section provides dinner at a substantially discounted rate.
- We invite all our members to join us once a month to be an active member of our executive board where we constantly think about how to help our members and improve our section as a whole.
- Every April we arrange the Spring Quality Conference, a one day seminar with multiple speakers and subject matter experts from all around the country. Join us on April 13, 2017 at Marriott Hanover in Whippany. Visit us at springqualityconf.org for more details
- We give scholarships and awards in thousands of dollars to students and quality professionals. I encourage you to visit our website www.asqnorthjersey.org

- We offer educational courses to help obtain ASQ certifications such as Certified Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB), Certified Quality Engineer (CQE), Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) and many more. Please visit our website or contact us.
- We offer information on job openings and provide networking opportunities to our members.
- We are present on LinkedIn and Twitter.

Our chapter depends heavily on the help and support of our dedicated members in order to fund meetings, conferences, scholarships, and awards. Please remember, your individual participation makes a difference. We do have many one-person armies on our executive board, which run the entire activity singlehandedly. So if possible, reach out to us and give us a helping hand to reach to our many more of our professional brothers and sisters.

With this newsletter, we hope to reach out to our members and supporters every quarter. Past members, members from other sections, and friends can also keep in touch with the section through LinkedIn, Twitter, and our upcoming new website.

We hope that all these resources will provide you with ways to remain connected to our section and to continue to offer your support.

Thank you,

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Chair – ASQ Section 0304 North Jersey

A Gratifying Experience I Highly Recommend

by Michael Parrillo

When I first heard of ASQ Certification my friend told me it was unnecessary. After all, I was promoted through the ranks based on outstanding performance. I prided myself on self-study, and was a recognized subject matter expert (SME) for my job position. Why pay for ASQ Dues and work for Recertification Units (RUs)?

However, in time curiosity got the better of me so I purchased a book that prepares one to become an ASQ Certified Quality Engineer. It took a bit of doing (quite a bit), but I read and studied the entire book. I couldn't put it down. For me it was an eye-opener that led to other books on the subject. Finally, I decided to take the test which was 5 hours long with 160 questions. I passed!

At that time the job market was frightening. Although I was employed, thinking ahead I decided to get in front of job competition. I contacted my local ASQ Section in the hope of networking. I was kindly invited to attend a meeting and quickly accepted. It was an enjoyable experience to meet like-minded professionals and listen to a SME deliver an inspiring presentation. Before long I was attending meetings regularly and made several very close friends.

I was asked, and agreed to do volunteer work which made me feel good about myself. I grew an appetite for helping others using my professional knowledge and experience. I found that doing what I enjoyed earned ample Recertification Units, which are in reality a means of maintaining the appropriate level of competency in my profession. Eventually I was made a part of the Executive Committee and now sit as Chair of the Board of Directors for my local ASQ Section.

Through the years I chose to study and take several ASQ Certification Tests. They became an obsession with me. In all I achieved six ASQ professional certifications, some of which I now teach. Just in time because it was my turn to find another job. Fortunately, my employment experience was supplemented with ASQ certification and volunteer work that proved priceless. It was not difficult for me to effectively answer the interview questions and ultimately obtain my current job as a direct result of the knowledge and experience I gained through ASQ certification, volunteer work, and networking.

What is the moral of my story? Continuing self-improvement through ASQ was well worth their dues, and maintaining the proficiency required to obtain Recertification Units (RUs). A gratifying experience I highly recommend. For more information on ASQ certification surf the following links.

Go for it!

<http://asq.org/cert/resource/pdf/certification/certification-handbook.pdf>

<http://asq.org/cert/right-for-you>



ASQ North Jersey Section 0304 is proud to announce the 2017 Spring Quality Conference!

When: Thursday, April 13th

Where: Hanover Marriott Hotel
(1401 NJ-10, Whippany, New Jersey 07981)

Admission: \$375 for registrations received on or before March 16 and \$400 for registrations received after March 16.

The theme for our 39th annual Spring Quality Conference is “Quality Takes More Than Luck”.

The conference is a full day event running from 7:30a until 4:30p with 16 presentations spread over four tracks featuring our keynote speaker Maurice Dawson. Continental breakfast and a four course lunch will be provided, vendors will be present, and there will be numerous outstanding networking opportunities with like-minded quality professionals.

For more information, please visit www.springqualityconf.org or email Steve Becker at swbecker3@comcast.net for registration details.

2017 Inspector of the Year Award Call for Nominations Now Open!

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 Bob Pennella Inspector/Technician of the Year Award. This award was reinstated in 2016 to promote quality involvement in non-managerial positions. Any quality inspector or technician can nominate themselves, or they can be nominated by someone else. The only requirement is that the applicant performs as a quality inspector or technician at least 50% of their time.

The award will be presented during our December 2017 general section meeting. The award consists of a commemorative plaque and a cash award. Nominations must be received no later than October 31, 2017.

Section 0304 would like to congratulate once again our 2016 winner Victor Leyn!!

Please contact Michelle Carezza, Pennella award chair, via email at vmcarezza@gmail.com for more information and to receive the award application and nomination information.



ASQ North Jersey News and Info

A Short Section History

by Joel Schwartzman

Up until there was a North Jersey Section, the members who lived in north jersey were members of the Metro section. I was told that most of the meetings were in NYC and Jersey members did not want to travel every month to NYC. So, in 1963, the section received a charter and became the North Jersey section, 0304.

Records show that our first chair's term was 1964-1965. At the time, ITT in Nutley-Clifton was the major supporter of the section. Many of the first chairs and active members were ITT employees. When I joined in '72, the section had their meetings on the ITT campus. For a few years we met in the auditorium of the tower that was built during WWII it dock dirigibles. All the section exam sites were in one of the ITT buildings.

At that time, ITT had a large campus surrounding Kingsland Avenue with ball fields and large buildings. There even was a swimming pool building for the executives that was not used because the executives did not live nearby. The best building was the clubhouse which we then used for our meetings. We would sometimes have 150 people attending the meetings, especially when I was chair, because I used to provide free dinners.

After this phase we started to have our board meetings at Bloomfield College, because one of our members was on their staff. We used to hold classes there. I am not sure where the general meetings were. For a few years we had employees from Bellcore as section chairs but we could not hold the meetings there because the location was in Piscataway and members did not want to travel southward. For several years we used to hold our conference in hotels but did not attract many attendees so when asked by Picatinny if we wanted to join them in their conference, the current Quality Conference was started. For a few years we actually used to hold it on the Picatinny campus until, one year a secretary said that no non-Picatinny employees could be on campus. So with Picatinny's help we moved to a catering hall in Randolph, NJ and that is where are now.

The Hanover Marriot has been very good to us. At one time we had 2000 members, but because of several reasons, our membership shrunk, like many organizations. At one time we had 40 people taking the CQE twice a year for several years. For the same reason that we have smaller membership numbers we have smaller class attendance. Companies don't want to support these activities. Right now we have a stay amount of members attending the general meetings, because most of them need the continuing education credits.

That's all folks!



Upcoming Section Meetings

General section meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00pm with networking, dinner is served at 6:30pm, and the program begins at 7:00pm.

Contact our Arrangements Chair via email at reservations@asqnorthjersey.org for more information and to RSVP.

Please include your membership number, company name, and telephone number in the e-mail.

On March 22, 2017 Nancy Sperling will be presenting "Detection of Counterfeit Drugs and Other Products" at Eppes Essen in Livingston, NJ.

On April 19, 2017 we will be taking a plant tour of Plast-O-Matic Valves in Cedar Grove, NJ.

May 17, 2017 will be our awards meeting where the annual Turbett Scholarship will be presented!

On May 17, 2017 David Chapman will be presenting "Leadership Born and Quality Born of Leadership" at Best Western Fairfield Executive Inn in Fairfield, NJ.

Section Member Wins Inaugural Hromi Medal.

During the fall of 2016 North Jersey Section 0304 nominated Bob Pennella for the inaugural Hromi medal. The Hromi medal is the highest award given for significant and noteworthy contributions to the science of inspection and/or the advancement of the inspection profession. On December 20, 2016 we received an announcement that Bob Pennella was the chosen winner.

Bob was a very active member of the section since its founding in 1963. He was the author of two publications, Managing the Metrology System (1992) and Managing Contract Quality Requirements (2006). He was the recipient of the Author's Golden Quill Award for the second

and third editions of the Managing the Metrology System publication. Managing the Metrology System had three editions that have to date sold 9,088 copies. Managing Contract Quality Requirements has sold 542 copies.

Mr. Bob Pennella passed away on May 30, 2016 at the age of 98. Bob's family will receive the Hromi Medal on his behalf at the 2017 World Conference on Quality and Improvement in Charlotte, NC. The conference runs from May 1-3.

Credit: Joel Schwartzman.

Interested in being published in our next newsletter? Contact Michelle at vmcarezza@gmail.com for more information!

Follow us at @ASQ_0304 on Twitter!

Section Education Classes

ASQ advertises that professional certifications help members get better jobs. Currently, the North Jersey Education Committee offers refresher classes aimed at helping to prepare students to pass the CQT, CQA, and CQE certification exams.

ASQ now offers computer based testing for their certification exams at several conveniently located Prometric testing centers throughout our area. The best part about taking the computer based exam is that you are

notified as soon as it is over if you passed or not. No more waiting!

The Education Committee offers classes taught at two convenient sites, and has the ability to teach at a company location.

For more information on certification classes contact Carl Perini via email at cperini@njit.edu.

Credit: Joel Schwartzman

2017 Larry Turbett Memorial Scholarship Open for Applications

North Jersey Section 0304 is now accepting applications for the 2017 Larry Turbett Memorial Scholarship.

To be eligible for consideration the applicant must be a current year high school graduate, should be in good academic standing and within the upper one-third of their class, must meet the entrance criteria for the accredited college of the applicant's choice, and must be proposed by a member of ASQ section 0304.

For more information please contact Ed May, scholarship chair, via email at edwin10105@aol.com or visit the scholarship portion of the ASQ North Jersey web site at <http://www.asgnorthjersey.org/tubett.html> to view the scholarship rules and download the application.

*Thank you for reading, and until next time
continue to dream, aspire, and achieve!*



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