
Contents

- 1 – November Meeting – Joint Meeting with ASQ South Arkansas Section 1421
 - Meeting topic - Defense Contracting in East Camden, AR
 - 2 – Meet Michael Bentley – Online Chair ASQ Section 1407
 - 3 – Meeting Attendance Report for Certified Members
 - 4 – List of Officers
 - 5 – Certification Training and Exam Schedule
 - 6 – 2006 – 2007 Meeting Schedule
 - 7 – Up Coming Events
-

1 – November 14 Meeting, Defense Contracting in East Camden, AR

In an effort to provide networking opportunities and share knowledge we have arranged a joint meeting with ASQ South Arkansas Section 1421. The meeting topic is “Defense Contracting in East Camden, AR” with a presentation by General Dynamics Armament.

Meeting Location:

Leon’s Catfish & Shrimp Restaurant

18 Chapel Village

Pine Bluff, AR

Phone: 870-879-3150

Directions: I-530 South – Hwy. 79 Exit – South on Hwy.

79 / South Camden Road – Leon’s is on the immediate left

Networking / Social – 6:30 P.M.

Dinner – 7:00 P.M.

*** Interested in carpooling? Contact Cathy Webb @ 972-745-5528**

For additional details, directions and map see www.asq-centralark.org



2 - Meet Michael Bentley – Section 1407 Online Chair



Mike has been an ASQ member since 1997. He has been an active volunteer for the last 2 years. In 2005 – 2006 Mike served as our Database Chair. He developed a database which is used to record information on meeting attendance. This year Mike is our Online Chair. He designed and maintains the Section 1407 Web site.

Designing web sites is one of Mike's favorite hobbies. The ASQ Central Arkansas Section web site was the first of four web sites that he has designed and he hopes to do lots more in the future.

From 1992 to 2001 Mike worked at Molex in Maumelle, where he gained experience in several different areas including Warehouse, Shipping / Receiving, Injection Molding and Quality

Assurance. Mike has been with Dassault Falcon Jet Corp. in Little Rock since 2001 as a Quality System Auditor, where he conducts Internal and Supplier Quality System Audits. Mike and his wife live in Perryville, Arkansas. He has two children, Valerie and Danny, and his wife just gave birth to their daughter, Abby in August.

3 – Meeting Attendance Report for Certified Members

As a service to our members, our Database Chair will be sending a Meeting Attendance Report to members who are due to re-certify. This means that you will no longer have to keep track of your meeting attendance for RUs. The Meeting Attendance Report can be submitted with your [Recertification Journal/Application](#) to claim RUs for section meetings that you have attended since your last certification / re-certification.

Members who are due to re-certify in June will receive their Attendance Report in May and members who are due to re-certify in December will receive their Attendance Report in November. If you find that there is an error on your report please contact the [Database Chair](#).



4 –List of 2006-2007 Officers

Chairperson, Sarah Story – storysaraha@uams.edu

Vice Chair, Cathy Webb – ccwebb@avaya.com

Secretary, Richard Taylor – richmantaylor@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer, Dan Frith – dan.frith@arkansas.gov

Internet Liaison, Michael Bentley – Michael.Bentley@falconjet.com

Audit Chair, Linda Appleby - linda_appleby@volexna.com

Publicity & Newsletter, Barbara Harvel - bharvel@arkansas-quality.org

Meeting Arrangements, Floyd Washburn - fwashburn@yarnells.com

Education Chair, Scott Follett - arkansasquality@hotmail.com

Database Chair, John Denney - john.denney@falconjet.com

Historian, John Layson - jlayson@yahoo.com

Membership Chair, Gwen Rowell - gwen.rowell@arkansas.gov

Placement Chair, Robert Long - longr@usa.redcross.org

Certification Chair, Lee Wright - lfwright@avaya.com

Recognition Chair, Bonnie Connelly - bonnie.connelly@deluxemedia.com

AR Quality Conference, Connie Satzler - connie.satzler@falconjet.com

Member at Large, B.J. Tolbert - tolbertbj@usa.redcross.org



5 – Certification Training and Exam Schedule

- Gain new skills and upgrade proficiency: Certification increases your value to the organization
- Source of professional and personal pride: Certification helps you gain self-confidence and recognition as an authority on quality.
- Contribute to the organization: Certification recognition to contribute more to organizational activities through leadership roles in implementing quality-oriented initiatives.
- Investment in Career: Certification improves potential for higher earnings over the individual career. Members polled by ASQ indicated that certifications correlated to higher wages as compared to individuals without certification.

Our section is currently offering the following preparation courses for ASQ certifications. The cost of each of these courses is **\$250.00 plus materials**. Please contact our Education Chair, [Scott Follett](#) at (501) 305-4579 for more details on these classes.

| Certification | Exam Date | Registration Date | Prep Class Date |
|--|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Calibration Technician | 12/2/2006 | 10/06/06 | 09/24/2006 |
| | 06/02/07 | 04/06/07 | 03/25/07 |
| | 12/01/07 | 10/05/07 | 09/23/07 |
| Manager of Quality / Organizational Excellence | 03/03/07 | 01/12/07 | 12/31/06 |
| | 10/20/07 | 08/17/07 | 08/05/07 |
| Quality Inspector | 03/03/07 | 01/12/07 | 12/31/06 |
| | 10/20/07 | 08/17/07 | 08/05/07 |
| Quality Auditor | 12/02/06 | 10/06/06 | 09/24/06 |
| | 06/02/07 | 04/06/07 | 03/25/07 |
| | 12/01/07 | 10/05/07 | 09/23/07 |
| Quality Engineer | 12/02/06 | 10/06/06 | 09/24/06 |
| | 06/02/07 | 04/06/07 | 03/25/07 |
| | 12/01/07 | 10/05/07 | 09/23/07 |
| Quality Improvement Associate | 12/02/06 | 10/06/06 | 09/24/06 |
| | 06/02/07 | 04/06/07 | 03/25/07 |
| | 12/01/07 | 10/05/07 | 09/23/07 |
| Quality Process Analyst | 12/02/06 | 10/06/06 | 09/24/06 |
| | 06/02/07 | 04/06/07 | 03/25/07 |
| | 12/01/07 | 10/05/07 | 09/23/07 |
| Quality Technician | 03/03/07 | 01/12/07 | 12/31/06 |
| | 10/20/07 | 08/17/07 | 08/05/07 |
| Reliability Engineer | 03/03/07 | 01/12/07 | 12/31/06 |
| | 10/20/07 | 08/17/07 | 08/05/07 |
| Six Sigma Black Belt | 03/03/07 | 01/12/07 | 12/31/06 |
| | 10/20/07 | 08/17/07 | 08/05/07 |
| Six Sigma Green Belt | 12/02/06 | 10/06/06 | 09/24/06 |
| | 06/02/07 | 04/06/07 | 03/25/07 |
| | 12/01/07 | 10/05/07 | 09/23/07 |



6 – Looking forward to an exciting meeting schedule for 2006-2007

December 12 – Birkman Method – Behavioral, Motivational, Interest, Assessment – Flight Deck in Little Rock 6:00 PM Social and 6:30 Dinner - this is a spouse night; please invite your significant other.

January 9 – AIPE – AR Quality Award – Flight Deck in Little Rock 6:00 PM Social and 6:30 Dinner

February 13 – Magic Springs, Jackie Arrison – did you know that Magic Springs & Crystal Falls theme park was named by Better Homes & Gardens Magazine in its July 2005 issue as one of the **Top 3 “Family Friendly” amusement parks in the United States.** – Flight Deck in Little Rock 6:00 PM Social and 6:30 Dinner – This is a spouse night please invite your significant other.

March 13 – Design of Experiment by Scott Follet – Flight Deck in Little Rock 6:00 PM Social and 6:30 Dinner

April 10 – Balanced Scorecard by Mickey Mayland – Flight Deck in Little Rock 6:00 PM Social and 6:30 Dinner

May 8 – Tour of Molex in Maumelle - 6:00 PM Social and 6:30 Dinner

7 – Up Coming Events

How can you demonstrate your dedication to Quality Excellence?

Showcase Your Team at the 2007 International Team Excellence Competition

The International Team Excellence Award process and competition is an excellent way to capture national and international recognition for your organization's team-based quality improvement efforts. Apply to join the process today and demonstrate your commitment to quality!

Top Five Reasons Why Teams Participate:

5. The Team Excellence Competition is a great learning and benchmarking opportunity for your team.
4. The competition is a good way to showcase and gain recognition for your organization's continuous improvement process.
3. Participation in the Team Excellence Competition promotes employee recognition and motivates staff to embrace quality practices throughout your organization.
2. The Team Excellence Competition is a prestigious event—the only internationally recognized team process of its kind in the United States.

And the number one reason why teams participate...

To see how your team measures up against the best processes from around the world!

Submit your application today and become a part of quality's elite. Deadline for team entry materials is **December 15, 2006**. For more information on this event, visit <http://wcqi.asq.org>, or e-mail gbalagopal@asq.org.

Applications for preliminary round judging are now being accepted for the 2006-07 International Team Excellence Competition held at the ASQ World Conference on Quality and Improvement, April 30-May 2, 2007, in Orlando, Florida.

Important Dates for Preliminary Judge Applicants:

- October 2, 2006—Judges' applications due
- November 3, 2006—Notification to preliminary round judges
- January 2007—Judging of preliminary round team entries

Submit your Application!

Important Dates for Team Entries:

- December 15, 2006—Video/DVD entries and entry materials due
- January 2007—Judging of preliminary round team entries
- March 2, 2007—Notification to final round teams

