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Section 0905 Mission Statement

The mission of Section 0905 is to develop and provide a strong organization for exchanging knowledge and ideas necessary for the growth and development of quality professionals in a manner that benefits the membership, business, and the Northeast Indiana Community.

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The Histogram **Newsletter**

Next ASQ 0905 Dinner Meeting - May 10th

“ASQ Certifications – How to Pass & What it's Worth”

This is a MUST ATTEND EVENT if you are interested in learning more about the ASQ certification process and benefits.

Members who have recently passed a certification exam will be available to provide insight into the reference material, tools, techniques, strategies, and motivation they used and discuss the value the certification has provided them. Some members will be bringing their study reference materials so you can get a first hand look.

Door Prizes: A Certified Quality Auditor and a Certified Quality Engineer Primer from the Quality Council of Indiana as well as many resource books and publications from ASQ will be given away. Additionally, a list of study resources will be compiled and available to attendees. Members with certifications are not expected to make a formal presentation. This will be more of a job-fair type forum allowing everyone to focus on his or her own area of interest.

Certifications that are anticipated to be represented include:

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| Biomedical Auditor | Mechanical Inspector | Quality Auditor |
| Quality Engineer | Quality Inspector | Quality Improvement Associate |
| Quality Manager | Quality Technician | Reliability Engineer |
| Six Sigma Black Belt | Six Sigma Green Belt | Software Quality Engineer |
| Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence | | |

If you have a certification and have not been contacted directly, please come anyway and share your knowledge with fellow ASQ members.

Members who have attained a certification during the last two years are entitled to a free dinner meeting. If you have not yet collected on the offer, this one is on us. Just let Jim know when you are making your reservation.

Questions: Contact Mark Maffey 260-434-5410 r.mark.maffey@baesystems.com

This is my last meeting as your Program Chair. It has been a pleasure and a privilege. If you have program suggestions for the 2007/2008 calendar year please contact: Megan M. Pape (260) 480-8165 PapeMM@usa.redcross.org

May 10th, 2007
Hall's Guesthouse
1313 W Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN

Social at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00 Presentation approx 6:30

Please RSVP by Friday, May 4th
Jim Smith at 260-434-5464 or james.e.smith@baesystems.com

Dinner \$19.00

If you can't make the meeting, please have the courtesy to notify Jim of the cancellation. We are charged for all reservations whether or not you show up.

Don't wait till the last minute. We had to limit last minute reservations in January.

Thank You and Good Bye

It has been the best of times, it has been the worst of times; actually, it has been two incredible years. Being Chair of the ASQ Section 0905 Leadership Board has taught me so much throughout the past two years inside and outside the boardroom. The essence of the Section 0905 Mission Statement "to develop and provide a strong organization for exchanging knowledge and ideas necessary for the growth and development of quality professionals in a manner that benefits the membership, business and the Northeast Indiana Community" is a testimony that each person should strive to reach whether they're a member of the leadership board or not. The objective of exchanging knowledge and ideas necessary for the growth and development of quality professionals is an excellent goal to pursue.

I have been very blessed with an magnificent leadership team and would like to thank Mark Maffey for being my right-hand man and coordinating some of the best dinner meeting programs I have ever attended; Ron Fetter, Vice Chair; Kathy MacPherson, Treasurer; John Chalmers, Secretary; Jim Smith, for arranging our dinner meetings; Milt Gallmeyer, Scholarships; Brian Lanier, Membership; Chuck Whitaker, SMP; Steve Shoda, Outreach; Leslie Zody, Newsletter Editor; Chuck Bandelier, Recertification; John Meier, Lead Proctor for ASQ certification exams; Dan Templeton, Placement and archiving important section documentation; Wayne Scherry, auditing our finances; and Jim Teeple (and John Chalmers) for maintaining our webpage. These folks have done an exceptional job as evidenced by our section winning the highest award from ASQ Headquarters, the coveted "Total Quality" award.

Accomplishment highlights:

- Partnered with the TQM Network to co-host two successful conferences, ASQ netting \$6304.27
- Presented scholarships totaling \$23,000 in the last two years!
- Saved the section money by moving from hard copy Newsletter to postcards (Newsletter is now available in *.pdf. It is emailed and also available at our website www.asq0905.org). This is saving about \$310.38 per month

Future goals include:

- Pursing idea of library that would be available to all ASQ members
- Outreaching to our numerous members in the Warsaw area
- Preparing an "anniversary booklet" that summarizes our section accomplishments and highlights throughout the years

In closing I would like to say "Thank you" for the opportunity to serve our wonderful section! So now my fellow members, I leave the leadership board in Dan Templeton's capable hands and bid you farewell.

Best Regards,
Mindy Robinson

RECENT CERTIFICATIONS

Below are the names of individuals who passed the **March 2007** exams.

Congratulations on this milestone in your career!

Come to the next dinner meeting and get a **FREE DINNER!**

Certified Quality Inspector

James P. Oxenrider

Paul L. Zola

Fred C. Fisher

Certified Six Sigma Black Belt

Suzanne G. Leslie

Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence

Jeffrey R. Newcomer

Certified Quality Technician

Karen N. Bober



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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

American Society for Quality NORTHEASTERN INDIANA Section Earns Top Honors

Fort Wayne, IN April 11, 2007

The NORTHEASTERN INDIANA Section 0905 of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) has earned the 2005-06 Section Management Process Total Quality Award, one of the highest honors a section can earn in the Society. 98 of 252 ASQ sections earned this award for the 2005-06 year!

The NORTHEASTERN INDIANA Section 0905 will be honored at ASQ's 61st annual conference; the World Conference on Quality and Improvement on April 28, 2007 in Orlando, FL. Members of the ASQ Board of Directors will present the award to the section.

The Section Management Process (SMP) Total Quality Award is awarded to sections that have proven their commitment and ability to serving local ASQ members and the community. SMP is a management model and planning tool that assists sections in their planning and implementation of programs and services that will meet the needs of current and future ASQ members. The model is based on the plan-do-check-act cycle of continuous improvement and is proven to aid the sections in delivering superior value to their members.

In order to earn the Total Quality Award, sections must meet certain criteria. First, they must determine a section member leader roster and set long-term targets. Second, the section must develop an annual business plan with objectives and goals. Finally, a section must meet 75% of the goals set forth in their business plan.

"Total Quality" sections are typically the most successful of ASQ sections. They consistently show higher levels of member retention, satisfaction and loyalty, which can be directly attributed to their efforts to assess and meet the needs of members through careful planning.

The American Society for Quality is a knowledge-based global community of quality experts. Its more than 100,000 members are dedicated to the promotion and advancement of quality tools, principles, and practices in their workplaces and in their communities. Established in 1946, ASQ supports its members by providing a wide range of resources, from certification and training to publications and conferences. Globally, ASQ has formed relationships with other nonprofit organizations that have comparable missions and principles. Our collaborative efforts are helping to meet the quality needs of companies, individuals, and organizations worldwide.

Dinner Meeting Review
April 12, 2007
Hosted by: Ivy Tech Community College
Review written by: James Teeple

First and foremost, if you missed the April dinner meeting at Ivy Tech Community College you missed a fantastic five-course meal served by the Culinary Program personnel. Awesome food, atmosphere, and service!

Presentations for the evening started with the Design Technology Program Chair, Rob Townsend, who had provided an overview of Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing educational and training programs at Ivy Tech. A demonstration of the GD&T instructional resources and methodologies that Ivy Tech utilizes was quite impressive!

Faculty member Patrick McCormick from the Business Program gave us overview of the Total Quality Management course imbedded as a core requirement (as well as an elective) in many of the business degree and certification programs. Pat's exceptional knowledge of quality philosophies (and presentation skills) held the audience's attention captive. But, I was most impressed with the examples he shared pertaining to the integration the practical application within the course's curriculum. That's quality teaching!

John Christman, Welding Instructor and AWS Certification Coordinator, detailed the process for qualifying and certifying welders to the AWS (American Welding Society) standard. John also shared with us the many capabilities of Ivy Tech's accredited welding lab and its staff members. This was a great overview of the many educational offerings, the skills enhancement training programs, and the credentialing possibilities for a highly sought after skilled trade, welding!

The presentations progressed to Deb Pitzer, Manufacturing/Industrial Program Chair. Deb's presentation was on the subject of metrology as she detailed the Metrology course which is required for many of the technology degree programs. She went on to explain how metrology related topics have been assimilated into some of the other technology courses, and importance of doing so. Once again, I was very impressed with the emphasis on practical application as a means of learning!

Rick Willey, Program Manger for Ivy Tech's Center of Advanced Manufacturing wrapped things up by providing an overview of the Strategic Skills Initiative program which is being launched at the NIIC. This program, in concert with the region's manufacturing employers, is gearing up to train and develop some highly-skilled manufacturing specialists!

I wish that I could go on and on as there was a wealth of information shared amongst the five presenters. An evening well spent! If you'd like additional information on any of these programs, contact Jim Teeple, Manager of Workforce & Economic Development at (260) 480-4165.

Have a great Summer

The next Histogram will be published for September 2007

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The importance of maintaining the currency of your hard-earned certifications by using continuing education credits or other acceptable credits can not be over stated. Do not send recertification paperwork to the Section's mailing address as the timeliness of your recertification may be lost. Paperwork should be sent directly to Chuck. If you have any questions regarding the material required to verify your recertification, call Chuck. Remember the other way to retain your certification is to retest. I don't know anyone who wants that option.

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