



# SECTION 1302 - NEBRASKA

Newsletter  
April, 2007



## Don't miss our April meeting with APICS!

- When:** Thursday, April 19, 2007
- Where:** Dave & Buster's  
132nd & Center in Omaha, NE  
(North of Center, next to "Big Lots" and Office Max) See map-page 9
- Topic:** "Implementing Lean Tools is Important but it's the Culture of Change that Unlocks the True Potential of Lean" (see more details on page 5)
- Speaker:** Jeromie Johnston
- Time:** 5:30 pm - Networking (cash bar)  
6:00 pm - Dinner  
6:50 pm - Short Business Meeting  
7:10 pm - Presentation
- Cost:** \$20
- Menu:** Serving: Italian Feast Buffet  
House salad  
Italian roasted rosemary chicken  
Linguini Alfredo  
Cavatappi pasta with marinara sauce  
Four chase pizza bites with basil pesto  
Garden vegetable medley  
Fresh baked rolls and butter  
Coffee or tea  
Soda is not included

**Please RSVP by noon on 4/16/07 to Steve Peterson, Valmont Industries.**

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[sep2@valmont.com](mailto:sep2@valmont.com)

Let Steve know whether you are a member of ASQ or NAPM. Reservations are required for PDMs. We on the Midlands BOD appreciate the fact your schedule is very fluid and that plans change. It would help us immensely if you put your reservation in by the deadline and if plans change, please let us know. The unfortunate fact is that many caterers require a firm commitment on the number of meals 3 days in advance and we are billed for that amount no matter what. So, please keep us in mind if your plans change. It will help us hold down our PDM costs.



"We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next two years and underestimate the change that will occur in the next ten. Don't let yourself be lulled into inaction."

-Bill Gates

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## ***Edgerton Award News...***



### **THE EDGERTON AWARD**

The 5 businesses completing the assessments for The Edgerton Award will be recognized at the May 11, 2007 Business and Industry Recognition Day in Omaha. Details to follow.

#### **Key Dates for the 2007 Edgerton Award are:**

Letter of Intent to Apply—June 15, 2007

Application for The Edgerton Award—December 15

#### ***ASQ Executive Board Election Results....***

Executive Board elections were held Thursday, March 15, 2007 at the joint subsection meeting in York, NE. Results were as follows:

**Chair:** David McCracken (Unopposed)

**Vice Chair:** Currently Vacant

**Secretary:** Becky Nickel (Unopposed)

**Treasurer:** Al Schrader (Unopposed)

**Scholarship Chair:** Bryce Pearson (Unopposed)

#### ***Member Leaders Wanted...***

**Section 1302 Executive Board members wanted! We need your help to keep our section strong and growing.**

Immediate openings for the following positions:

- Vice Chair
- Program Chair
- Membership Chair
- Newsletter Editor
- Scholarship Committee
- Koalaty Kid Committee
- Volunteer Excellence Awards Committee Chair

For additional information, please contact Diane Runge at 402-486-9179. Earn extra RU's and help support your section!

#### ***Scholarship News...***

Scholarship awards are in the review process. Please join us for the presentation of Scholarships at the May 17<sup>th</sup> ASQ meeting at Mohoney Park. Stay tuned for details and announcement of winners.

## ***Educational Opportunities...***

### **CQE (Certified Quality Engineer) Refresher Course**

#### **Offered by Section 1302 of ASQ, American Society of Quality**

Please note: This course is offered in preparation for the CQE exams. Exam registration must be completed through the ASQ national website at [www.asq.org/certification/](http://www.asq.org/certification/)

Date:	Saturdays (April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, and 26)
Time:	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location:	Molex Inc. 700 Kingbird Road Lincoln, NE
Instructors:	Bret Gengenbach and Ram Bishu
Cost:	\$ 250 (Materials provided. Includes Quality Council of Indiana CQE Primer).
Contact Info:	Al Schrader 402-467-3784 Register via e mail: <a href="mailto:as71819@navix.net">as71819@navix.net</a>
Make checks payable to/ mail to:	ASQ, Section 1302 P.O. Box 83335 Lincoln, NE 68501
Register by:	April 13, 2007

## **Calling all Student Members...**

### **Member benefits -**

For a mere \$25 a year, you'll have access to ASQ's vast body of knowledge, a unique resource for educating and equipping quality professionals and practitioners to meet the needs of their specific organization. **Student members receive discounts on ASQ products and services.**

### **Books and Publications**

An electronic subscription to Quality Progress magazine, ASQ's monthly flagship publication, is included with student membership.

Other periodicals offered by ASQ's Quality Press, the largest publisher of quality-related publications:

Six Sigma Forum Magazine  
Journal of Quality Technology  
Technometrics  
Software Quality Professional  
Journal for Quality and Participation  
Quality Management Journal  
Quality Engineering

*For additional information please visit the following link at the ASQ national website:*

<http://www.asq.org/membership/individuals/student.html>

**April 15-20, 2007**  
***E week, presented by the University of Nebraska, College of Engineering***

Check out this link for details:  
<http://www.eweek.unl.edu/>

## **Become a Senior Member... You may be qualified!**

Qualification Criteria:

- Have been an individual member for one year
- Have 10 years of professional experience
- Meet one of four professional criteria

ASQ has changed the benefit options available to Senior and Fellow members. A choice of **one** of the extra benefit options below is included with membership dues of \$119.

- Select one journal of your choice
- Select two divisions of your choice
- Select one additional section of your choice

Download ASQ benefit brochure:

[http://www.asq.org/join/docs/benefits\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.asq.org/join/docs/benefits_brochure.pdf)

Application for advancement to level of Senior Member:

<http://www.asq.org/membership/individuals/senior.pdf>

***Links to Certification Primers and Certification Training Material Resources...***

<http://www.asq.org/certification/>

<http://www.qualitycouncil.com/cm.asp>

## **April meeting – Joint meeting with APICS**

Speaker: Jeromie Johnston

Topic: “Implementing Lean Tools is Important but it’s the Culture of Change that Unlocks the True Potential of Lean”

**Bio:** Jeromie has spent the majority of his career implementing lean within the office furniture manufacturing industry. He spent time at both Haworth, Inc. and The HON Company with roles in engineering, corporate lean office, plant lean management, and production management. He is now leading the lean implementation at Valmont Industries as Lean Manufacturing Manager. He has a BSME from the University of Washington and received his MBA from City University in Seattle.

Having spent time leading change in two culturally opposite companies he has a unique perspective on the necessary ingredients required to be fully successful at lean. In spearheading the use of Kaizen

Blitz at Haworth, he helped to accelerate a slow and methodical pace of change while maintaining employee engagement and support. While at HON he leveraged the fast paced Rapid Continuous Improvement (RCI) culture to create right-sized automation, taking their creative abilities to the next level.

Jeromie has spent time implementing lean and assessing lean transformation progress at sites throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He has used both the Rapid Plant Assessment (RPA) and the Shingo Prize criteria in evaluating plant performance.



### **Presentation Abstract:**

“Implementing Lean Tools is Important but it’s the Culture of Change that Unlocks the True Potential of Lean”

You were a member of a team that made a breakthrough changeover reduction on a large piece of equipment. Your team spent 5 days (and a couple nights!) brainstorming, try-storming, implementing and debugging and finally reached your goal of reducing changeover by 50%. How exciting! Quite remarkable! The next week you walk back out to the floor and find that almost all your team’s changes have been reversed. Frustrated, you begin to look for answers. Who let this happen?

Maybe, this scenario is more familiar to you. Your company has started to hold continuous improvement team meetings. Management said they want to make sure everyone is heard. They say the most important part of improving is listening to those that do the actual work. Sounds great! You volunteer to be on a team. After 2 months of meetings you begin to wonder if anything will ever get done. The team has generated hundreds of ideas (some of which have huge potential benefit) but all the ideas seem to be generating is more talk. When will things change?

You may find yourself in one of these scenarios or one similar. In both scenarios lean tools or theory was applied but real change was not occurring. This presentation will explore the keys to avoiding common lean implementation pitfalls and provide methods of righting the ship when you find yourself struggling.

## ***Employment opportunities...***

### **SCIENTIST I, cGMP/Compliance Contract**

**Major Pharmaceutical Company**

**(Consumer Health Division)**

**Lincoln, Nebraska**

#### **Position Description:**

- Broad understanding of cGMP's, FDA and DEA regulations contributing to company compliance (e.g. testing, documentation).
- Technical knowledge and troubleshooting skills to perform testing of a variety of laboratory samples (e.g., raw materials, products, reference standards, stability samples).
- Approve packaging supplies.
- Participate in investigations.
- Direct the validation/calibration of equipment and methods.
- Evaluate new equipment.
- Demonstrate business focus and results orientation.
- Prioritize multiple tasks, and executes projects to meet established deadlines.
- Assist guidance to determine and pursue courses of action to obtain desired department and company objectives.
- Support and contribute as a team member to achieving team objectives and star point responsibilities.
- Communicate process deviations and/or OOS/OOG and atypical results to management in a timely manner.
- Utilize LIMS, Empower, and other computer software (e.g., product complaint handling, data tracking, retrievals, handling of sample data).

#### **Position Requirements:**

- Quality experience in Pharmaceuticals
- Broad understanding of cGMP's
- Strong attention to detail and organizational skills.
- Excellent communication (oral & written) and interpersonal skills.
- Maintain good housekeeping, order, and safety in workplace.

#### **Educaton:**

- Bachelor degree in Chemistry, Science or relevant field.

Contract would run from April through June, 2007

Please contact:

**Cheryl Jones**

Med Exec International

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E-Mail: [Scientist 1](#)

Website: [Medical Executive International](#)

## ***Employment opportunities continued...***

### **Senior Quality Engineer**

**Group/Division**

Corp Facilities-Torque Control Products Div

**Travel**

Up to 10 percent

**Job Description**

Eaton Corporation located in Hastings, NE has an opening for a Sr. Quality Engineer. Sr. Quality Engineering duties involve customer contract review, manufacturing support, auditing, performing machine capabilities, creating control plans, measurement systems analysis plans, SPC, receiving inspection, corrective action, customer interface, and manufacturing support.

- Support the development of a quality culture through educating in the organization for continuous improvement & assuring customer satisfaction and Eaton's commitment to quality.
- Review quality data collection methods and applicability of data to process control. Interact with and assist customers (internal or external) on quality related issues, report root cause and corrective actions back to customer; conduct customer visits as needed.
- Provide technical training on quality systems, statistical process control, gauging, Poke-Yoke and other quality tools.
- Assist with the implementation of quality and continuous improvement systems (EBE, EQS, TS-16949, ELSS, ISO 14001).
- Lead structured team problem solving (8D) and apply basic and advanced quality techniques in problem resolution. Develop process PFMEA's and PPAP's. Interact with and assist customers (internal or external) on quality related issues, report root cause and corrective actions back to customer; conduct customer visits as needed.
- Comply with requirements of Quality and Environmental Management Systems.

If interested, please apply online at <http://Eaton Jobs> or contact Warren Crouse at 402 460 4344. No 3rd party vendors please.

**Job Qualifications**

Bachelor degree required and 3-5 years experience in a quality related role. Advanced knowledge of quality methods and systems is required (metrology, statistics, reliability, sampling, and auditing). Knowledgeable in problem solving tools such as Six Sigma, 8D, root cause analysis, and SPC. Manufacturing experience required, automotive manufacturing experience preferred. ISO/QS/TS -16949 and automotive experience highly desirable. CQE certification, six sigma experience, and greenbelt certification is a strongly preferred.

**Relocation benefit provided?** >Yes (US/PR Only)

**US Location**

>Hastings, NE

## Calibration Technician

### SUMMARY:

Responsible for the inventory, calibration and maintenance of all measuring devices in the Lincoln facilities as required to fulfill the requirements of TS-16949/ISO-9001 and ISO 14001 and to meet the needs of Lincoln Plating.

### KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Perform calibration or schedule out-source calibration of all measuring devices.
- Inventory, track calibration due dates, and communicate with customers regarding calibration of customer-owned gauges.
- Ensure all master gauges and other instrumentation are traceable to NIST.
- Maintain all calibration data on Gage Pack software including hard copy documentation as necessary.
- Maintain laboratory scope for calibration activity.
- Ensure contract calibration vendors are ISO/IEC Guide 25 compliant.
- Maintain inventory of replacement gauges to minimize Operations downtime.
- Perform gauge repeatability and reproducibility studies as well as Measurement Systems Analysis to support PPA P submission and productivity improvements.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required. Equivalent combinations of education and experience may be substituted for the expected levels of education and experience required.

#### Education and/or Experience:

Expected: High school diploma with minimum four years as industrial electrical technician including calibration experience.

Preferred: Two-year technical degree with six years as industrial electrical technician including calibration experience. *Current ASQ Calibration Technician Certification highly desired.*

#### Communication Skills:

- Must be able to read, write and comprehend the English language.
- Ability to work with calibration vendors, equipment manufacturers and customers to schedule the maintenance and calibration of specific gauges.

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

- Reports to: Quality System and Control Manager

Apply on-line at [www.lincolnplating.com](http://www.lincolnplating.com) or email resumes and cover page directly to [crobbs@lincolnplating.com](mailto:crobbs@lincolnplating.com).

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