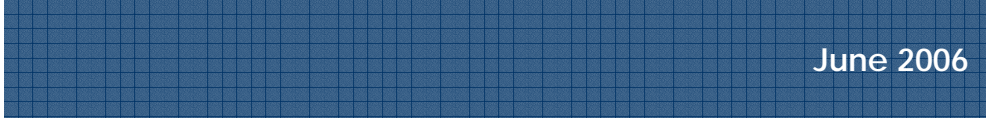




SECTION 1302 - NEBRASKA



June 2006

Officer Elections-Section 1302

2006-2007 Election of officers was held during the May scholarship presentation meeting. The results were as follows:

Section Chair: Diane Runge

Vice Chair: David McCracken

Secretary: Becky Nickel

Treasurer: Al Schrader

There is still an opening for membership chair. Anyone interested in this position, or serving on any of the other existing committees should contact Diane Runge at 402-486-9179.

Serving on a committee is worth 1.5 recertification units (RU's) per year. Besides the gratification of serving the section, it can also add a nice touch to your repertoire.

Summer Series...

June 2006 meeting: Introductory Statistics

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2006

Address: Mahoney State Park (Main Lodge)--Sign in sheet at Guard Station

Tutorial: 6:00 p.m. - Basic Statistics

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m. - Basic Statistics in Keno (Bring a calculator)

Program Speaker: Bryce Pearson

RSVP: June 19th to Al Schrader
phone 402-467-3784 or email
RSVP:
as71819@navix.net

This year for our June, July, and August summer series meetings, we will be offering focus on practical statistics. We plan to offer a tutorial on the very basic intro-level concepts, and advance into some more in-depth reviews.

To help lighten the subject line a little, and make things interesting, we will be looking at such practical applications such as games of chance (such as Keno, Powerball, Casino games, or game shows).



"Improving quality requires a culture change, not just a new diet."
-Philip Crosby, *Let's Talk Quality*, 1989

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Edgerton Award News

The Edgerton Award is more than an award. It draws on the proven results of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award criteria. By using criteria that is standard among world-class organizations Nebraska businesses have the opportunity to excel in all areas of business development: leadership, strategic planning, customer relations, human resources, knowledge management, process management, and market results. Applicants for the award engage in a self-assessment (application) and receive a thorough review and feedback report by external examiners. The benefit of this process is it is a system-wide review by outsiders. The small fee paid

(\$1,500 or less) outweighs the value of the report. Some estimate the value to be \$35,000-40,000.

To be considered for the award businesses need to submit the eligibility determination before October 1. However, early submission is encouraged in order for applicants to receive assistance in preparing the application.

Examiners may register for the October 17-18 training on the web site: http://assist.neded.org/edgerton/registration_training06.htm



THE EDGERTON AWARD

2006 Program Timeline for Applicants

May 1, 2006	Submit Eligibility Determination Form
June 2006	Application Workshop Site to be determined based on applicants.
June 2006	Application Workshop Site to be determined based on applicants.
December 15, 2006	Application Form and Reports Due
February, 2007	Site Visits
April 1, 2007	Feedback Reports Received
May 2007	Edgerton Quality Award Presentation at Business and Industry Day

2006 Program Timeline for Examiners

May 15, 2006	Registration for Examiner Training
September 15, 2006	Registration for Examiner Training
October 17-18, 2006	Examiner Training
December 20, 2006	Receive Applications for Review
January 15, 2007	Completion of Independent Review and Consensus Meeting
February 2007	Applicant Site Visits & Feedback Reports Completed
May 2007	Edgerton Quality Awards Presentation at Business and Industry Day

For more information, contact: Jenne Rodriguez
<http://www.assist.neded.org/edgerton>
402-471-3745 or 800-426-6505
3/9/2006

Networking Corner

Welcome to the section....

David Jennings, CRE, will soon be moving to the Lincoln, NE area, and transferring his ASQ membership to section 1302.

He has over twenty years of experience in scientific software development and simulation engineering.

David most recently worked for Scientific Research Corporation as Senior Scientist, and holds a U.S. Gov't secret clearance.

For more details or complete resume, David may be contacted at: (757) 469-0396.

Congrats!



Congratulations to the 2006 Phil Shanline Scholarship award winners. Watch for details to follow in the special Scholarship awards edition later this month. Stay tuned!

(Mis)Adventures of QA Mom

Part 2: Getting serious, Choosing a tool, Making a plan

Overwhelmed. Make that OVERWHELMED! As I started looking at my options for applying Lean tools to my domestic sphere, I was utterly awash in the feeling I had bitten off more than I could (politely) chew. This is what happened in roughly 7 minutes on a Sunday afternoon, narrated as it happened:

Sit down, deep breath, find my *Lean Enterprise Memory Jogger* underneath coloring books; yell at the kids to stop 'de-papering' their crayons all over the living room floor; open Memory Jogger; get the trash can for the kids to put all the shredded crayon paper in once they picked it up from the floor; open the Memory Jogger to chapter 3: Mapping the Value Stream and remember the article in this month's Quality Progress magazine on Introduction to Process Mapping, decide this IS NOT the way to start my project (too complicated for me to do solo); call kids back inside from the swing set and tell them to clean up their crayon paper mess or I will take away the crayons for the rest of the weekend; move on to chapter 4: Visual Management; realize one of the kids is throwing paper scraps into the air, put her in timeout; remember the Summer Series session our Section did on "The Tools of Lean" July's topic was 5S by Stan Gidley; remove kid from time out, complement the other two for getting most of the mess cleaned up; go on-line to www.asq-1302.org and from the home page click on the "view past presentations" dropdown list, find the presentation and read it; decide YES!!! This I can do! 5S is defined by 5 Japanese words that all start with the letter S. English cognates to those 5 S words have been coined.

The plan, then, is to start with the first of the 5 Ss—Seiri in Japanese, Sort in English. I am going to sort out unnecessary items from the necessary. Maybe I should tackle the "junk drawer" first as a warm up exercise...I must (according to 5S Sort rules) start in one area, sort through everything. Discuss removal of items with all persons involved (my husband and teenage son). My kitchen, as I mentioned previously, is a kosher one, which complicates kitchen organization somewhat. For example, I have an entire set of dishes, flatware, pots and pans, baking and serving utensils dedicated solely to dairy containing foods; another for meat containing foods; and a set of pots, pans, utensils and baking and canning supplies for use with foods that are neither dairy nor meat. None of these can be mixed, set in a sink together nor washed in the same dishwasher. Counter space is dedicated, too.

After warming up with the "junk drawer", I will tackle the organization of dedicated 'meat' items. I have an idea for clearing out (sorting!) underused cabinet space and consolidating all meat related items into one area of the kitchen.

Wish me luck!

*Submitted by Nanciana Hamicksburg
Special Projects Chair*

For additional information, visit our website at www.asq-1302.org
Or visit our national website at www.asq.org