



SECTION 1302 - NEBRASKA

Newsletter
March, 2007



In Like a Lion???

**Don't miss our March meeting
with our ASQ sub-section in York!**

- When:** Thursday, March 15, 2007
- Where:** Chances R
124 W 5th St
York, NE 68467-3555
- Topic:** ISO9001:2000 criteria and how to write a better observation
- Speaker:** Chuck Landis
- Time:** 6:00 PM Tutorial (ASQ Executive Board)
6:30 PM Dinner
Family Style - Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Corn, Green Beans with Bacon, Tomatoes, and Onions, Roll with Butter, Coffee, Tea, Vanilla Ice Cream.
- 7:00 PM Presentation**
- Cost:** \$11.45 + tax & gratuity. Separate checks

Please RSVP to David Jennings by 3/12/07
jennings8878@yahoo.com

Chuck Landis is a subsection board member and works for BD in Holdrege. Chuck is an ASQ certified Quality Engineer, Quality Auditor, Biomedical Quality Auditor and Manager of Quality Excellence.



There are many hypotheses in science which are wrong. That's perfectly all right; they're the aperture to finding out what's right.

-Carl Sagan

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Welcome to the section... New members

February

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| Paul Burgess | Connie L. Sharp |
| Stephanie Davis | Michael A. Smidt |
| Sandeep Dhar | Lisa Wilson |
| Melissa S. Maday | Yan Wu |
| Julie A. Rezac | |

Edgerton Award News...



THE EDGERTON AWARD

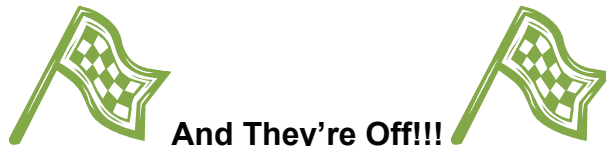
The 5 businesses completing the assessments for The Edgerton Award will be recognized at the May 11, 2007 Business and Industry Recognition Day in Omaha. Details to follow.

Key Dates for the 2007 Edgerton Award are:

Letter of Intent to Apply—June 15, 2007

Application for The Edgerton Award—December 15

Scholarship News...



And They're Off!!!

The application period for the Section 1302 - Phil Shanline Scholarship has begun!

Scholarship Applications will be accepted from January 1 through March 15th.

The Section awards are eight \$500 winners and one \$1000 winner each year.

The Scholarship application can be found on the section website, or by entering the following link into a web browser: <http://www.asq-1302.org/scholarship-1302.php>

You likely qualify for the scholarship if you will be pursuing a post-secondary diploma, degree or certificate; if you live in, or will be attending school at an institution located in the Section 1302 geographic area. See the Section website and application form for more details.

Good Luck!

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/

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: as71819@navix.net
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

Application for advancement to level of Senior Member:

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

Member Leaders Wanted... Section 1302 Executive Board members wanted!

Immediate openings for the following positions:

- 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!

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

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

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

Coming Soon...

April meeting – Joint meeting with APICS

Stay tuned for meeting specifics

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...

Quality Assurance/ Regulatory Affairs Manager

Innovative and stable manufacturer located in Central Nebraska is seeking a dynamic individual for the position of QA/RA Manager. Duties will include ensuring compliance through education, training, communication and coordinating efforts with corporate quality assurance. Leading all activities associated with ISO, Quality Inspections as well as being a champion for continuous improvement and process optimization. QA/RA Manager will have full responsibility for the monitoring of the quality department's budget, oversight of QA audit system and management of quality department staff. This position will also be responsible for compliance and enforcement of all local, state, federal and corporate safety policies and procedures.

Qualified professionals must have a bachelor's degree in Quality Assurance, Engineering, Business, Mathematics/Statistics or related degree. A minimum of 7 years experience with increasing responsibility in the QA field. Highly desirable experiences include Six Sigma (Black Belt), working knowledge of QSR's/ISO 9000, Validations, IQ, OQ, PQ and DOE's. Salary is commensurate.

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Quality Engineer

Innovative and stable manufacturer located in Central Nebraska is seeking a driven individual for the position of Quality Engineer. Duties will include planning and conducting the analysis, inspection, design, testing and integration to ensure quality of product. Further duties include the application of SPC (statistical process control) when analyzing data and performance of quality reviews for compliance.

Qualified professionals must have a bachelor's degree in Quality Assurance, Engineering, Business, Mathematics/Statistics or related degree. Minimum of 2 years experience with QA in a manufacturing environment is highly desired. Salary is commensurate.

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Quality Engineer

Stable and committed manufacturer in Eastern Nebraska is seeking a motivated professional for the position of Quality Engineer 1. This individual will be responsible for the implementation of the quality plan to the production process. Implementation includes but is not limited to the development of controls of cost and quality; development of product and process performance measures; primary customer contact for product performance data. This professional is a key member of internal audit team.

Qualified professionals must bachelor's degree or equivalent experience. A solid understanding or specialized training in SPC, DOE's, PPM and FIT is highly preferred. A minimum of 2 years experience and salary is commensurate.

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