



SECTION 1302 – NEBRASKA

Newsletter
October, 2006



Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman Proclaims October as Quality Month...



It is not enough to do your best; you must know what to do, and THEN do your best.

-W.E. Deming

Governor Dave Heineman presents the proclamation for October as quality month to Diane Runge, ASQ-1302 Section Chair, during the signing ceremony held Sept. 20, 2006 at the State Capitol Building.

Welcome to the section...

New members

September:

- Amit Bhalerao
- Brandi Blincow
- Jonathan T. Boyer
- Craig S. Cassel
- Ricardo A. Hurtado
- Heather Lacey
- Holly R. Mixan
- William Olmstead
- Steven J. Ostler
- Corey A. Staples
- James R. Tate
- Gabriela I. Valdes
- Pranati Varma
- David Jennings

October:

- Alan L. Bennett
- Wayne R. Carter
- Michael A Johnson
- Joann Klein
- Jodie M Landry
- Jennifer M. Mackler
- Fred Spiegel
- Dean M. Wood

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ASQ – Section 1302 National Quality Month Member Meeting October 18, 2006

In recognition of National Quality Month, Section 1302 is offering a new format in technology for the October member meeting. We will be presenting a videoconference at three sites, broadcasting from the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora. The conference will be held at lunch hour, 12-1 PM on Wednesday, Oct 18th. It will be a brown bag (bring your own) luncheon at each of the three sites shown below.

Focus of the meeting will be October Quality Month, featuring information regarding the **Nebraska Edgerton State Quality Award**. The Guest Speaker will be **Brad Paisley** from IAMS who will discuss his company's participation in the Edgerton process and the resulting improvements.

The conference is free to all members and guests. **PLEASE RSVP** to Al Schrader with the site you will attend, as soon as possible, as space is limited. E-mail as71819@navix.net or phone (402) 467-3784.

We know this is a considerable change in format, and the noon hour may pose an inconvenience for some members.

However, we hope this allows folks at several locations an opportunity to attend. If turnout is favorable, we may be able to offer other "lunch & learns" in the future, or perhaps a videoconference later in the evening..

Attendance at this meeting will be worth .3 RU's (recertification units). The slips will be available at each site.

Kearney Public Library Capacity 20
2020 1st Ave, 2nd Floor
Kearney, NE

Southeast Community College Capacity 76
Southeast Community College Continuing
Education Learning Center
301 South 68th Street Place
(Note: not the 84th & O campus)
Lincoln, NE

Omaha State Office Building Capacity 36
1311 Farnam on the Mall, 2nd Floor Conf. Rm.
#207
Omaha, NE

The Edgerton Explorit Center site in Aurora has a capacity of 20, most of which is already reserved by individuals who will be part of the Edgerton Award Examiner Training prior to the conference. Space there may be very limited. A direct link to this invitation can also be found at www.asq-1302.org

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

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

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

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:

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<http://www.assist.neded.org/edegerton>

402-471-3745 or 800-426-6505

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*ASQ-Section 1302 Promotes Quality at
the Lincoln Product Show
Sept 27-28, 2006*

Employment Opportunities...



Looking for a career with excellent growth opportunities?

BD – A Fortune 500 Company – and leading global manufacturer of medical devices and diagnostic equipment is looking for a Quality Engineer.

The successful candidate will be responsible for aspects of Quality Systems. This position is active in the initiation and maintenance of plant-wide quality systems that assure superior quality and continual process improvement. Establish and implement programs designed to assure control of processes and products that meet or exceed established standards and specifications. Perform statistical analysis of new and existing processes through the use of design of multivariable factorial and performance testing. Identify root cause analysis of defects and recommend actions. Inform management of quality problems and solutions relative to FDA and ISO compliance.

Candidates must have B.S. degree in technical or in scientific discipline with working knowledge of statistical methods of analysis along with experience or course work in the development of industrial quality control systems and in the implementation of statistical process control in a manufacturing environment.

BD provides an excellent benefit package including pension and a matching 401K Program as well as an environment that supports a diverse, team-based workforce with opportunity for personal and professional growth.

Please send resume to BD, Michele Batten, 1852 10 Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601 or email Michele_Batten@bd.com

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Many thanks to George Clasey and Jenne Rodriguez for volunteering time to help promote our section and the Nebraska Edgerton Awards during the Lincoln Product Show.

Recommended reading...



The Quality Toolbox, Second Edition
Nancy R. Tague

This best-selling reference book has been completely updated and expanded!
The Quality Toolbox gives quality practitioners a choice of a variety of tools for dealing with the wide variety of situations that occur on the road to continuous improvement. It includes a variety of matrices and flowcharts, data collection and analysis tools, tools for planning, tools for analyzing processes and discovering root causes, and different forms of brainstorming and other tools for generating, organizing, and evaluating ideas. In short, the means to accomplish change.

In updating this book, Tague has added 34 tools and 18 variations. The "Quality Improvement Stories" chapter has been expanded to include detailed case studies from three Baldrige Award winners. An entirely new chapter, "Mega-Tools: Quality Management Systems," puts the tools into two contexts: the historical evolution of quality improvement and the quality management systems within which the tools are used. For more information visit:

<http://qualitypress.asq.org/perl/catalog.cgi?item=H1224>