Greater Fort Worth ASQ Section 1416

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SECTION MISSION

To serve the needs of our membership and the community by providing a local forum for information exchange, professional support, and continuous learning

Section Chair Message

Howdy, Quality Experts!

When March arrives in Texas, we are ready to march into Spring and the worst of winter is usually behind us. I have already spotted some tulips sprouting and blooming. Before long, the trees will pop out their new leaves. It is time for us to refresh our skills, too, to keep up to date with all that is changing. How can you do that? You can learn new skills at our in-person Professional Development (PD) meeting on March 5th. Need more opportunities? Our newsletter lists many online live webinars at which you can learn and earn recertification units. The Cowtown Roundup full day seminar in Fort Worth is April 17; registration opens soon. Registration is still open for ASQ's World Conference on Quality & Improvement (WCQI) in Orlando, FL, May 17-20. All of these are great networking opportunities for quality professionals. Come and join us!

Have you thought about speaking at our PD meetings? How about doing a webinar? Everyone has something to share from their expertise. Please help us find speakers that you want to hear from and contact us with any leads on potential speakers. It takes all of us to keep our section vibrant.

See you at the March PD meeting!

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March 5th

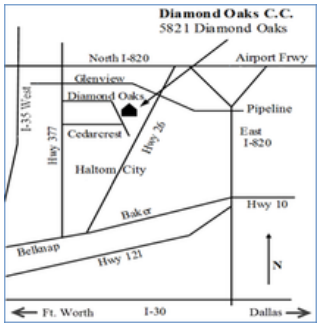
Meeting Plan:
5:30 – Check-in / Networking
6:00 – Tutorial (30 min)
6:30 – Dinner
7:15 – Recognition and What's Happening Meeting
7:30 – Program Speaker (45 min)
8:30 – Dismissal

Please note that Diamond Oaks charges a room fee in addition to the meal cost. As a result, we charge a $6.00 fee for everyone, including those who do not wish to have a meal.

Reservations for meals must be completed by NOON on TUESDAY 3/3 order enough food. Meals (including seat fee) are $25 in advance, $30 after deadline.

Location:
5821 Diamond Oaks Drive North,
Fort Worth, TX 76117-2862

TRAFFIC ALTERNATIVES:
From north, use TX114 to US377 south
From east or downtown, take TX10 to US377 north



Link to Meeting Details and Registration

Skip the Details - I Want to Register Now!

Program: "High-Reliability Organization"

What is a High Reliability Organization? What are the characteristics of an HRO? How does one work to get there and how does it align with Baldrige and other organizational excellence efforts?

This talk provides an explanation of what a High Reliability Organization is and provides a roadmap on what is needed to work toward it.

Speaker: Jim Bossert, PhD, Continuous Improvement Lead, Oncor Electric Delivery

Jim has been actively involved in quality and process improvement in all levels of management for over 35 years. His experience spans a variety of industries from automotive manufacturing to banking to healthcare. Jim has authored several books and is a past editor of Six Sigma Forum magazine. He holds an MS in Applied Math and Statistics from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a PhD in Technology Management from Indiana State University. Jim is an ASQ Fellow and has multiple ASQ certifications.

Tutorial: “Thinking About Thinking”

Much of our day’s activities comprise of routine activities, at work, at home, and most everywhere else. To save brainpower, we’ve developed habits and default decisions to take care of running much of our lives during our waking hours.

However, sometimes we must think about the activity to accomplish. We’re having conversations with others or taking on new tasks that we’ve never done before or only very occasionally. This presentation will focus on where thinking is required rather than defaulting those routines that keep life decisions and actions simple. Nine different thinking modes will be shared, supplemented with some Decision Mastery concepts.

Speaker: John Breckline, Quality Process Consultant/Principal, Key Quality Consulting

John expanded his “thinking skills” through annual participation and facilitation positions at the Creative Problem Solving Institute (CPSI) and practicing them through various Quality and Continuous Improvement positions at Motorola, Nokia, AT&T and consulting roles. He is an ASQ Fellow and holds multiple ASQ certifications.

Recognition: Leadership Committee Special Awards

Congratulations to the following LC members who were recognized at the February PD meeting for their contributions to the Greater Fort Worth section:

- Rookies of the Year - for LC members with 6-18 months tenure
  - Blair Hutchinson (Secretary)
  - Barb McCullough (Strategic Plans & Goals Manager)
  - Jeff Sippola (Outreach)
- Key Award - for those with at least 3 years LC tenure who have made impactful contributions
  - Paul Amira (Vice Chair, Programs)
  - Paul Cummings (Education Chair)
- Distinguished Service Award - for Officers or Committee Chairs with at least 5 years LC service in a leadership role
  - Jennifer Smith (Past Chair)

Hybrid Meeting Expertise Needed

The section is looking at the potential to provide hybrid monthly Professional Development meetings (in-room with simultaneous remote viewing) and we need someone who can guide us through that process.

If you know anything about how to make hybrid meetings happen, we need your expertise! Here is what we need help with:
· Advise us on what we need to make hybrid meetings happen between in-room and remote attendees simultaneously
· Help setup and support hybrid meetings
· Train leadership on how to use equipment selected for hybrid meetings
· Manage and troubleshoot AV equipment or teach us how to do it.

If you can help, please contact Section Chair Jill Freer. RU credit available.

Upcoming Special Events - Save the Date

Cowtown Quality Roundup - "Learn Today - Apply Monday"

Friday, April 17 | 8:00 AM, Radisson Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek (Meacham Blvd)

- On-line registration opens March 1
- All-day Programming
- 4 Knowledge Tracks – 3 Topics each
  - Continuous Improvement
  - Quality Management
  - Leadership
  - Personal Development
- Exciting Keynote Speaker - Tyler Fisher, EdD - *Leading Teams: From Alignment to Impact*
- Traditional Tex-Mex Buffet Lunch (with dietary options)

Cost: $155 thru March 21, $175 thru April 11, $185 after

>>>Bonus: Memory Jogger Handout, many Door-Prizes, Networking Breaks<<<

Questions, contact Cindy Duhigg at cindy.duhigg@alcon.com

Details are posted on our website and on myASQ.

Webinar - Accountability Mapping

Wednesday, April 22 | 7:00 PM online

Our February webinar speaker, Chris Hayes, returns with a presentation on accountability mapping. Look for a webinar invite in late March / early April. Registration details will also be posted on myASQ and our website.

Recertification Unit (RU) Earning Opportunities

- **PDM** = 0.3 RU for F2F (includes Meeting and Networking time), 0.25 RU for remote PDM
- **Give a Presentation** - 1.0 RU per presentation (tutorial speakers wanted!)
- **Attend Webinars** – 0.1 RU per hour (see below and www.myasq.org > search Events)
- **Attend the ASQ Fort Worth Conference** – April 2026 – 1.0 RU for the day
- **Attend the Section Facility Tour** – June 2026
- **Section Leadership Role** – 1.5 RU per year
- **Volunteer at other organizations / Mentor others** – 0.1 RU per hour (maximums apply)
- **Get Certified** – 2.0 RU for ASQ certification, 1.0 RU for other professional (initial certifications)

Webinars to Earn RUs and Expand your Quality Knowledge

March 2026 - ASQ Section and Division Opportunities

All times are Central Time.

Certification Courses are BOLD with the start date of series

Please note events may be added or changed after this newsletter is distributed - see myASQ Events for the most up-to-date information. Some events charge a fee.

Mar 2 - 4:30 PM	Statistical Problem Solving in Industry: The People Side (Ann Arbor Section)
Mar 2 - 4:45 PM	**CSSBB Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Mar 2 - 4:45 PM	**CQT Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Mar 5 - 5:00 PM	Charting Your Own Course - Developing a Learning Pathway in the Face of Uncertainty (Maritimes Section)
Mar 10 – 5:00 PM	Advancing Quality Together: A Conversation with ASQ Technical Communities Representatives (Baltimore Section)
Mar 10 – 5:30 PM	The Power of Public Speaking (Reading Section)
Mar 10 – 5:30 PM	Leadership's Role in Developing a CI Culture (Palmetto Section)
Mar 10 – 8:00 PM	Cybersecurity Risk Management for Quality Professionals (Cascades PNW Section)
Mar 11 – 12:00 PM	Navigating the Path to ASQ Fellowship (Lean Enterprise Division)
Mar 11 – 5:00 PM	Change Management in Manufacturing (Quality Management Division)
Mar 11 – 6:00 PM	The Global Food Chain and Foreign Supplier Risk (Austin Section)

Mar 12 – 11:00 AM	How to Capitalize on Chaos - Overcoming Status Quo and Resistance to Change (Southeast Florida Section)
Mar 12 – 5:30 PM	Profitable Quality in a Disruptive AI Era (Buffalo Section)
Mar 12 – 7:00 PM	Concepts of Autonomous Vehicle Safety (Phoenix Section)
Mar 13 – 11:00 AM	Using AI for Critical Audit Workflows (Audit Division)
Mar 14 – 8:25 AM	AI-Driven Defect Detection with Machine Vision (Automotive Division)
Mar 16 – 6:30 PM	March Webinar (Milwaukee Section)
Mar 18 – 5:00 PM	18th Annual Women in Quality Symposium: Generational Interactions (Philadelphia Section)
Mar 18 – 5:00 PM	From Chaos to Clarity, Simplifying the 2P Process (Cincinnati Section)
Mar 18 – 5:30 PM	Situational Leadership: Influence People Build to Build Solutions (Joint Minnesota Section & Medical Device Division)
Mar 18 – 8:00 PM	Design for Manufacturability (DFM) (Temecula Valley Section)
Mar 19 – 11:00 AM	Governance- Heart of Artificial Intelligence (Worcester Section)
Mar 19 – 1:00 PM	From Pilot to Enterprise: Scaling Your Cost of Quality Program (ASQ Member Event)
Mar 19 – 2:00 PM	Cross-Functional Alignment: Procurement, Engineering, and Quality (Customer-Supplier Division)
Mar 19 – 5:30 PM	Supply Chain Resilience Through AI Driven SOPs (Buffalo Section)
Mar 20 – 11:00 AM	Predicting What Matters: Using the Service Value (Government Division)
Mar 24 – 4:00 PM	**CERTIFIED QUALITY INSPECTOR Certification Preparation (Inspection Division)**
Mar 24 – 6:00 PM	When Intent Meets Impact Improving Communication to Strengthen Quality Culture (St. Louis Section)

Mar 24 – 86:00 PM	Quality Audits: Practical Strategies to Increase Success for Quality Professionals (Spokane Section)
Mar 25 – 5:00 PM	Cost of Quality for Modern Organizations (Quality Management Division)
Mar 25 – 5:45 PM	Integrating LEAN with Performance Excellence and Theory of Constraints (Corning/Elmira Section)
Mar 26 – 6:00 PM	Innovation in the Digital Ecosystem of Service Organizations (Innovation Division)
Mar 26 – 6:45 PM	ISO 9001:2026, 14001:2026 Changes (Joint Four State (MOKA) Section & Boulder Section)
Mar 30 – 5:00 PM	**CQPA Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Mar 31 – 4:45 PM	**CQE Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Mar 31 – 5:00 PM	**CQA Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Mar 31 - 6:00 PM	Expand Your Leadership Toolkit (Education Division)
Apr 1– 5:00 PM	**CQIA Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Apr 2 – 4:45 PM	**CSSGB Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Apr 7 – 4:00 PM	**CERTIFIED QUALITY TECHNICIAN Certification Exam Preparation (Inspection Division)**
Apr 8 - 12:00 PM	Quantum Powered AI in Manufacturing: Driving the Future of Industrial Innovation (Lean Enterprise Division)
Apr 10 - 11:00 AM	Beyond Risk Mitigation: Designing Quality, Innovation, and Opportunity for the Enterprise (Government Division)
Apr 14 - 11:00 AM	Building the Business Case for AI (Southeast Florida Section)
Apr 14 - 6:30 PM	First Pass Design Controls (Minnesota Section)
Apr 15 - 5:00 PM	Why should Quality Professionals Play Golf - Strategic Planning (Quality Management Division)

Down The Road

Upcoming Professional Development Meetings

Apr 2 – Virtual - Two Program Speakers

May 7 – F2F PDM at Diamond Oaks – Program Speaker and Tutorial

Jun 4 - Tour

Upcoming ASQ-related Conferences

33rd Annual Collaboration on Quality in the Space and Defense Industries Forum
March 10-11, 2026 - Cape Canaveral, FL

ASQ Syracuse 19th Annual Conference
March 20 - Liverpool, NY

ASQ Measurement Quality Division at MAX (Manufacturing & Automation eXchange)
Mar 24, 2026 - Nashville, TN

World Café 2026 - Beyond the Contract: Rethinking and Strengthening Supplier Relationships
March 24-25, 2026 - Bellevue, WA

Cowtown Quality Roundup
April 17 - Fort Worth, TX

World Conference on Quality & Improvement
May 17 - 20, 2026 - Orlando, FL

32nd Annual ASQ Audit Division Conference
September 23 - 24, 2026 - Rosemont, IL

Resources

Monthly Member Gift

The February bundle is on risk management and provides five quality tools to help identify, assess and reduce risk.

ASQ March Member Benefit Session - From Pilot to Enterprise: Scaling Your Cost of Quality Program

March 19 | 1:00 PM online

This session will explore the wide range of ASQ training opportunities available to you at exclusive member pricing and highlight key resources and pathways designed to support both organizational and individual development:Once your organization has proven the value of a Cost of Quality (CoQ) pilot, the next challenge is turning that success into a sustainable, enterprise-wide capability. This Ascend Webinar will explore how to scale your CoQ program beyond a single department or site to deliver consistent insights, actionable data, and measurable business impact across the organization.

Join Douglas C. Wood and W. Frazier Pruitt as they discuss how to integrate CoQ results into strategic decision-making, link metrics to corporate goals, and maintain momentum as your quality economics initiative grows in scope and influence.

Register by March 17, 2026, to save your seat!

Open Access to *Lean & Six Sigma Review*

To mark its 25th anniversary, the February issue of *Lean & Six Sigma Review* is available to all members at no cost (normally requires a subscription). The focus of this issue is on how AI turns data into decision.

Volunteer Opportunity - CQA Question Bank

For those holding CQA certifications, ASQ is seeking volunteers to help support the quality and accuracy of the ASQ CQA exam banks. Selected participants must sign a non-disclosure agreement. These opportunities typically award RU credit for completed assignments.

If interested, contact Claudia Mendoza at ASQ.

New Section LinkedIn Page

In addition to our LinkedIn Group (which requires membership), the Section also has a "Company" page that is accessible to anyone on LinkedIn. We will be posting events and activities on this page. Be sure to like, follow and share! You can also scan the QR code to the right to go directly to the page.

Section Leadership

The Section Leadership Team is seeking members:

Several roles exist (small and large)

- Many don't require 'another meeting'
- Work from home or office "per your availability"
- Earn 1.5 RU for each year of service

PDM Photographer
– Pictures of Speakers, Recognition, etc.

Sponsorship Coordinator
– Recruit & coordinate Sponsor PDM participation (just 4/year)

Section Leader Monthly Meetings

Open Invitation to attend any, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month – 6:30-8:00 PM
For a Teams Call invitation, contact the Section Chair at freerjill@gmail.com

2026 Section Officers

Section Chair	Vice Chair	Treasurer	Secretary
Jill Freer	Paul Amira	Brent Duelm	Blair Hutchinson

Meet Our 2026 Section Treasurer - Brent Duelm

Brent brings over 20 years of aerospace experience in production and supplier quality roles.

He joined ASQ in 2013 and maintains a CQE certification. Brent became a member of the Greater Fort Worth Section in 2016 and has served in various roles such as Internet Liaison and Fall Food Drive coordinator prior to becoming the Treasurer.