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

It's back to school season and that means that we resume our Professional Development Meetings at Diamond Oak Country Club (DOCC). We have a good program for you to enjoy in September while you network with quality professionals in person. The October program will be virtual, then we are back at DOCC for November and December for more great speakers. I hope that you can join us at some or all of these events.

Start planning now to attend the 2027 World Conference on Quality and Improvement (WCQI) because it will be in Grapevine. Our section is partnering with the Dallas Section to join the ASQ Site Event Planning Committee to learn more about how we can get involved in the conference. The payoff for volunteers is substantially reduced conference fees. And with minimal travel costs, I am hoping that you will consider attending the conference.

As you can see, there is a lot going on. Stay tuned and consider getting involved in our leadership committee. With your help, we can make our section even better. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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Diamond Oaks Country Club
September 3rd

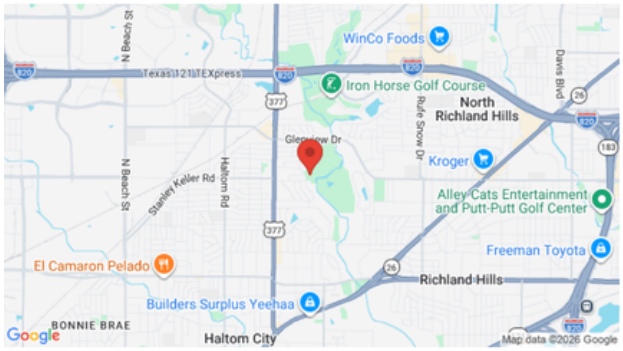
Meeting Plan:
5:30 – Check-in / Networking
6:00 – Tutorial (30 min)
6:30 – Dinner
7:15 – Recognition and Short What's Happening Meeting
7:30 – Program Speaker (45 min)
8:30 – Dismissal

Please note that Diamond Oaks charges a room fee in addition to the meal cost. As a result, we will need to 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 9/1 for us to order enough food. Meals (including seat fee) are $25 in advance, $30 after deadline. No cancellations or refunds after noon Tuesday for no-shows unless the event is cancelled.

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: Navigating FDA's QMSR: From QSIT to Risk Based Inspections"

The FDA Quality Management System Regulation (QMSR) is changing the way organizations approach quality management and regulatory inspections. Six months into implementation, organizations are gaining real-world experience with the transition from the traditional Quality System Inspection Technique (QSIT) model to a more integrated, risk-based approach. Join us for an insightful discussion with Courtland as he examines the practical realities of the QMSR transition, including key differences from the previous FDA Quality System Regulation and QSIT inspection model. The presentation will explore how the new approach emphasizes management ownership, risk-based thinking, quality system integration, CAPA, complaints, and product realization.

Speaker: Courtland Imel, CEO Ceutical Laboratories

Courtland has extensive experience in FDA-regulated industries, including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food, and nutraceuticals, with roles as Director of Quality Assurance, Quality Control, and Regulatory Affairs. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Baylor University.

Tutorial: "From FMEA to Control Plan: Turning Process Risk into Effective Controls”

How do you turn the risks identified in a PFMEA into controls that actually prevent defects and protect the customer? This tutorial will explore the critical connection between Process Flow, PFMEA, Control Plans, Work Instructions, and process data. Participants will learn how to translate identified failure modes and causes into effective prevention and detection controls, determine appropriate sampling and monitoring strategies, and develop meaningful reaction plans when a process moves out of control.

Using practical manufacturing examples, a dimensional-defect case study, visual examples, and an interactive exercise, the session will demonstrate how to move beyond “having an FMEA and Control Plan” toward a risk-based quality planning system that actively controls the process.

Speaker: Paul Amira, Quality Engineering Program Manager – Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Paul began his career with the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria, where he advanced to the Project Electrical Engineer. He relocated to the United States and joined Toshiba International Corporation as a Quality Control Team Lead, before assuming his current role. Paul is an active member of ASQ and the Greater Fort Worth Section Leadership Committee, where he is the Vice Chair. Paul earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering in Nigeria and a Master of Science degree in Quality and Engineering Management from Tarleton State University.

Recognition: PD Meeting Perfect Attendance

John Breckline Jennifer Roberts

NOMINATE NOW Call for Nominations - 2027 Section Officers

The Section Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the 4 officers of the Section, for a one-year term serving from Jan 1, 2027 to Dec 31, 2027. We are seeking candidates for:

- Section Chair: oversees all Section activities and committees, and the Section’s strategic direction; represents Section to ASQ. Term limit of two consecutive terms. High participation in all monthly meetings is important.
- Vice Chair: coordinates ‘operational’ activities within the Section; designated stand-in in Section Chair’s absence. Not currently automatic ascension to the Section Chair position. No limit on terms, consecutive or otherwise. High participation in all monthly meetings is important. Three positions available: Member Services, PD Meetings, Admin & Outreach.
- Secretary: maintains official Section’s records/minutes; coordinates other official correspondence. No term limits apply, but generally look for two terms of service. High participation in monthly leadership meetings is important.
- Treasurer: maintains all Section financial records, conducting most transactions (via online systems), and maintains Section banking through an ASQ-provided financial system. Term limit of two consecutive terms. Seeking individual willing to hold two consecutive terms. High participation in monthly leadership meetings is important.

If you have any recommendations for these positions, submit them to Michelle Locke. She needs them by Sep 10 for consideration by the Nominating Committee. SELF NOMINATIONS are encouraged.

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 2027 – 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)

Online Events to Expand your Quality Knowledge and Earn RUs

For September 2026 - ASQ Section and Division Opportunities

All times are Central Daylight Time

Training 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.

Sep 1 - 4:45 PM	**Certified Six Sigma Black Belt Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Sep 2 – 12:00 PM	The ALIGN Method: A Preview from 9 to 21, The Story Behind the Turnaround (Cincinnati Section)
Sep 2 – 5:00 PM	ISO 14001:2015 to ISO 14001:2026: What have we learned in the past 11 years? (Quality Management Division)
Sep 8 – 4:30 PM	Process Validation: A Path to Delicious Results (Princeton Section)
Sep 8 - 5:00 PM	Corrective and Preventive Action (CAPA) Customer Complaints (Baltimore Section)
Sep 8 – 6:00 PM	Effective Assessment of Destructive Measurement Systems (Minnesota Section)
Sep 8 – 6:30 PM	AI Roundtable (Pikes Peak Section)
Sep 8 – 10:00 PM	Quality Topics (Hawaii Section)
Sep 9 – 11:00 AM	Using Knowledge Management to Blueprint County Operations (Charlotte Section)
Sep 9 – 12:00 PM	The Blind Spot in Lean Implementation: Why Culture, Not Tools, Determines Success with Success (Lean Enterprise Division)
Sep 9 - 4:45 PM	**Certified Quality Technician Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**

Sep 10 – 11:00 AM	XGBoost Modeling for Live Use in Manufacturing (Chemical and Process Industries Division)
Sep 10 – 6:00 PM	Seven Secrets to Rocking the Audit Stage with R-E-S-P-E-C-T (Maritimes Section)
Sep 10 – 11:00 AM	Teamwork & Valued Collaboration (Rhode Island Section)
Sep 12 – 10:30 AM	**Certified Manager of Quality/OE Knowledge Refresher Course (Orange Empire Section)**
Sep 14 – 4:30 PM	SAE1025: A modern approach to comprehensive FMEA (Ann Arbor Section)
Sep 15 – 11:00 AM	Winning Support for Change: Leveraging Situational Mindsets (St. Petersburg-Tampa Section)
Sep 15 – 4:00 PM	From Breakdown to Breakthrough: Why Fishbones and Driver Diagrams are the Ultimate Duo (Hampton Roads Section)
Sep 15 – 8:00 PM	FMEA – Failure Mode & Effects Analysis; How to implement an FMEA (Cascades PNW Section)
Sep 15 – 8:00 PM	Effective Corrective Action System (San Fernando Valley Section)
Sep 16 – 5:00 PM	From Reactive to Resilient: Building Smart Supply Chains Through IoT-Driven Predictive Maintenance (Quality Management Division)
Sep 17 – 11:00 AM	Soft Skills for Success in the AI-Driven Economy (Worchester Section)
Sep 17 – 12:00 PM	PDSA: Making it Work for You! (Statistics Division)
Sep 17 – 2:00 PM	Future Trends: AI, Automation & ESG in Customer Management (Customer-Supplier Division)
Sep 18 – 11:00 AM	Driving efficiencies - Advancing the development, adoption, and use of emerging technologies (Government Division)
Sep 19 – 7:00 AM	Beyond Change Leading Excellence in the Digital Age (Inspection Division)
Sep 19 – 10:30 AM	**Certified Medical Device Auditor (CMDA) Knowledge Refresher Course (Orange Empire Section)**
Sep 22 – 11:00 AM	Rochester Area Coffee Chat (Rochester Section)

Sep 22 – 2:00 PM	NextGen Liaison Group (ASQ NextGen)
Sep 22 – 6:00 PM	Accountability by Design: Turning Responsibility Into Ownership (St. Louis Section)
Sep 22 – 8:00 PM	What's ISO10012 Measurement Management Standard? (San Francisco Section)
Sep 24 – 11:00 AM	Ask Me Anything: Quality in Government (Government Division)
Sep 24 - 4:45 PM	**Certified Six Sigma Green Belt Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Sep 24 – 6:00 PM	From Insight to Impact: Using the Organizational Excellence Framework (OEF) for Success (Innovation & Government Divisions)
Sep 24 – 6:45 PM	Quality Control into the Digital Age (Boulder Section)
Sep 25 – 7:00 AM	DFMEA training (Southeast Florida Section)
Sep 28 - 4:45 PM	**Certified Quality Engineer Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Sep 28 - 5:00 PM	**Certified Quality Improvement Associate Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Sep 29 – 4:00 PM	**Certified Quality Technician Refresher Course (Inspection Division)**
Sep 30 - 5:00 PM	**Certified Quality Process Analyst Refresher Course (Grand Rapids Section)**
Oct 3 - 12:00 PM	**Construction Quality Manager Course (Southeast Florida Section)**
Oct 5 - 4:30 PM	Reliability Engineering and Decisions (Ann Arbor Section)

Calling All Speakers and Reviewers

ASQ is now accepting applications for presenters and reviewers for the 2027 WCQI, which will be held at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine. Those selected as presenters will receive complimentary registration to the conference. Reviewers who complete their assignments will receive discounted registration ($269) to the conference as well as 1.5 RUs. Complimentary/Discounted registration does not include travel, lodging, meal or parking expenses. You must meet certain qualifications, including being a past WCQI attendee. Speakers apply here. Reviewers apply through the myASQ Volunteer Hub. Application deadline is midnight (CT), September 6 for reviewers and midnight, September 14 for presenters.
Call for conference volunteers is expected in November.

Down The Road

Professional Development Meetings

Oct 2 – Virtual Meeting – Program Speaker and Tutorial

Nov 6 – F2F PDM at Diamond Oaks – Program Speaker and Tutorial

Dec 4 – F2F PDM at Diamond Oaks – Program Speaker and Tutorial

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ASQ-related Conferences

2026 Inspection Division Conference
September 19, 2026 - Toronto, Canada (Early pricing ends Aug 31)

QXCON Quality Excellence Conference - The Human Side of Quality
September 24, 2026 - Fort Lauderdale, FL (Early pricing ends Aug 30)

2026 Ohio Conference on Quality and Improvement
October 5, 2026 - Westerville, OH

Fall Technical Conference - Advancing Statistics and Quality
October 6 - 8, 2026 - Charlotte, NC

ASQ Synergy for Success
October 7 - 8, 2026 - Virtual (No Cost)

VQ2026 - The Vermont Conference on Quality
October 22 - South Burlington, VT

BOSCON 2026 Next-Gen Quality - Where Innovation Meets Assurance
November 5 - 6, 2026 - Woburn, MA

Women in Quality Symposium
December 3, 2026 - Virtual

Lean and Six Sigma Conference
February 28 - March 2, 2027 - Louisville, KY

World Conference on Quality & Improvement
May 23 - 26, 2027 - Grapevine, TX (More information to come regarding volunteer opportunities for significantly reduced conference fees - watch for emails from ASQ and the Section)

Resources

Monthly Member Gift

The August gift is about Quality as a Business Strategy. Other monthly resource bundles from 2026 are also available.

Discover the future of quality with Quincy, ASQ's AI-powered Large Language Model.

Quincy is your AI partner in advancing quality at every level. Powered by ASQ's proprietary Body of Knowledge, Quincy offers:

- Tailored Solutions: Personalized, actionable insights for your unique challenges
- Expert Knowledge: Access trusted content curated for quality professionals
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Whether you're exploring cutting-edge methodologies or tackling industry challenges, Quincy is here to empower you every step of the way.

Don't just keep up with innovation. Lead it.

Explore Quincy Today

Job Opportunity

Isembard is a distributed manufacturing company with operations in Carrolton and is seeking Quality professionals. You can check out the opportunities on their Career page.

Contact Chloe Cullen for questions or more information. Mention you are a member of the ASQ Greater Fort Worth Section.

Recertification

A reminder that the 60-day administrative grace period to submit documentation for certifications with a June 30 Recert Due date expires soon. The online Recertification Journal makes it easy to capture RUs during the cycle and submit the application, and avoid lost documentation issues. The Section does track participation in our events, such as PD meetings, tours, and the Cowtown Roundup. Rob Chastain can provide an RU report - send him an email request and include the certification starting period. There is a webinar recording on myASQ with guidance on the process. If you have further questions, contact our Recertification Coach, Peter Hoi.

Section Leadership

The Section Leadership Team is seeking members:

Several roles exist (small and large)

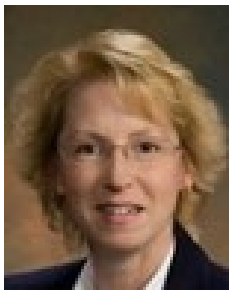
- Many don't require another meeting
- Work remotely per your availability
- Earn 1.5 RU for each year of service

PDM Photographer
– Pictures of Speakers, Recognition, etc.

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

Section Leader Monthly Meetings

Open Invitation for members to attend any LC meeting 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