

Newsletter

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Notice of Membership Meeting Thursday, January 31, 2013

Burlington Arts Centre

1333 Lakeshore Road, Burlington
(See Map Below)

7:00 pm Registration - Social - Networking

7:30 pm Welcome and Presentation

Fee: Presentation Only - \$10

Non-member Guests are Welcome

NOTE: NEW LOCATION/ TIME/ NO DINNER

Brain Loading for Certification Success

Achieve your ASQ professional designation in less time and with less stress. Learn how you can more effectively and efficiently study the materials and resources to pass the exam.

During this session, you will learn how to:

- Demystify the learning process so you know not only how to learn but why the brain loading skills and strategies work.
- Build an expanded repertoire of learning skills and strategies to learn what you need to learn.
- Gain control over the volume and complexity of what you need to learn. Reduce information overload.
- Maximize your learning capacity (how much) and learning capability (how well) so you easily handle new and challenging learning requirements.

Discover new exam-taking strategies that will make it easier for you to pass the exam.

Speaker: Valerie Dixon, M.Ed., CTDP

Valerie Dixon, President of *Learnware Design Inc.* (www.learnwaredesign.com) is a leading learning expert who knows how to create highly effective learning solutions that *accelerate competence*. She has over forty years' experience in all aspects of performance needs analysis, learning strategy development and learning design. She and her team have the expertise to take complex facts, concepts, processes and procedures and make them easy for others to learn and expertly apply.

She believes that learning is a skill just like any other skill. Learning competencies can be enhanced and maximized. The ability to learn faster, smarter and better than others is a major competitive advantage.

- Valerie is the creator and designer of the Canadian Society for Training and Development's (CSTD) Training Competency Architecture (TCA) and Toolkit, the foundation documents for CSTD's Certified Training and Development Professional (CTP/CTDP) designations. She also facilitates certification study groups and coaches candidates on how to achieve their professional designation.
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Burlington Arts Centre:



Driving Directions to Burlington Arts Centre:

From Niagara or Hamilton East - Take the first exit (North Shore Blvd) at the north end of the Skyway Bridge. Keep to the right, pass the Joseph Brant Hospital and Maple Ave. Turn left at Brock Ave and make an immediate right into the driveway of the Burlington Art Centre. If you miss the driveway, continue to the corner of Brock and Elgin and make a right - enter the parking lot on your right.

From Toronto or Hamilton West - Take QEW Niagara and exit at North Shore Blvd. Turn left at the end of the ramp and continue under the QEW. You will pass the Joseph Brant Hospital and Maple Ave. Turn left at Brock Ave and make an immediate right into the driveway of the Burlington Art Centre. If you miss the driveway, continue to the corner of Brock and Elgin and make a right - enter the parking lot on your right.

Members planning to attend please e-mail Rory Jones rlj@nanoquestinc.com no later than noon on the preceding Friday.

Please include your name and phone number as well as the name of your guest should you intend to bring someone.

Members who pre-register in this way and attend are eligible to enter TWO of their business cards into the prize draw which is held during the meeting.

Other Upcoming ASQ Events

Event	Organizer	Date	Details
Lean for Government – Michael Ewing, President, e-Zsigma	ASQ Toronto	Jan 9, 2013	www.asqtoronto.org
“Take Back Manufacturing” Advancing Manufacturing in Ontario – Nigel Southway, Chair, SME Toronto	ASQ Toronto	Feb 13, 2013	www.asqtoronto.org
Six Sigma / DMAIC- John Nasar, Senior Design Engineer, Ford Oakville Assembly Plant	ASQ Hamilton	Mar 20, 2013	March Newsletter

Message from the Chair

On behalf of the Executive I wish you all a wonderful, happy and healthy new year. We are working on a number of ideas for meetings in 2013 and hope that each of you will find something of interest.

The tour of the Canmet Materials Technology Lab on November 8 was very interesting. Having driven past the facility so many times it was enlightening to see what is inside. It is a remarkable facility and if you were not able to attend the tour and ever do have a chance, take it. You won't be disappointed. The daylight hours were the only times available to us for a tour and we know that precluded some of you from attending. We will try to even the score on our next tour event.

Thank you to those members who found time to answer my brief survey from the October Newsletter. I think those who have replied represent a fair sample of our membership and their thoughts are instructive. If you recall, my questions to you were:

- What do you need from our meetings to make it worth your time to attend?
- What interests you enough to come out for an evening?
- What limits you from attending?

Answers indicated that the program of Section 400 is diverse, current and worthwhile. It is not of interest to everyone all of the time nor is it expected to be. Programming gets top marks. Our present meeting location in Brantford creates problems for a number of you. Comments of - too far; takes too much time to get there and then home; awkward to make just the meeting - were mentioned numerous times. The awarding of RU points was important to some but not others who could find PD points in other ways. The overarching reason for not attending however was time. People are busy. Some have young families and others have grandchildren. They don't want to miss out on those important moments. For others it is just the busy-ness of life. They might make a topic which is very important to them but otherwise they have other things to do and less time consuming ways to get at

information.

So fair enough! We are looking for a more central location. That should help some of us but we aren't doing well in our search. Let me ask you this. Our format has traditionally been a social time / buffet dinner / announcements and speaker. Timing running from 6pm to 9pm. Should we now be looking at another format and if so what? Some of you come just for the meeting. Should we not worry about a buffet dinner? Should we find a place that does a special menu - an either / or choice? Should we meet for coffee and muffins at 5:30pm, speaker at 6pm and on the way home by 7pm. What format should we be investigating?

So that's the next part of our continual improvement survey. Once again let me know what you think. Just a quick e-mail titled Section 400 Survey sent to me, Rory Jones at rlj@nanoquestinc.com . Let's try and get things right for as many of us as possible.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you



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Check Your Email Preferences at ASQ

We have been having difficulty reaching some of our membership. In 2012 ASQ merged a list of suppressed e-mail addresses with their database resulting in large numbers of individuals being unsubscribed from all ASQ e-mail. As we download our mailing lists from this database we are missing people.

Please check the ASQ main website and look for the My Account - "E-mail Preferences". Be sure that you have allowed for section email. If you receive this newsletter of course you are still subscribed but may know of someone who is not receiving our newsletter. Please let them know why!

Web-based CQE Practice Exams

ASQ Hamilton Section provides a complimentary web-based e-learning solution for candidates wishing to become ASQ-Certified Quality Engineers (CQE). For further details go to: <http://www.asqhamilton.com/cqepexam.htm>

Jobs and Ads Web Page

Check out our Jobs & Ads web page for employment opportunities in the quality field.

Link on side bar at www.asqhamilton.com

ASQ Hamilton members seeking employment or a career change can also have their resumes posted in the Classified section of our Jobs and Ads web page. There is no charge for this service to our members. Resumes (MS Word preferred) should be sent to the section webmaster

Stan Sobota at stats_me@email.com





New Canadian ASQ-Division Initiative - Mining

It is my pleasure to inform you that ASQ-Mining Interest group is moving successfully towards our target of becoming a full-fledged division within the ASQ global family. As depicted on the Introduction page of our newly built website <http://asq.org/mining>, we are committed to achieve our goal of Excellence in Mining industry and need your support to reach this goal.

HISTORY - In the summer of 2010, a group of young and dynamic ASQ professionals and engineers from mining companies in the prairie regions of central Canada came together with the objective of creating a global quality community within the mining industry.

Corporations like Cameco, Mosaic Potash, PCS Corp., Enterprise Saskatchewan, Hatch, Agrium, AMEC, the Saskatchewan research council, and the University of Saskatchewan put together a proposal to start a quality interest group for mining industries. The initiation's goal: to create a global system where engineering acumen and geo-scientific knowledge could be developed for training, development, and management of quality in this ancient industry.

As you may know 58% of world's mining companies have their presence in Canada (Source – CIM), it becomes your prerogative to make this a truly Canadian ASQ-Division initiative. Your power to move this initiative are enormous and you can make this happen very fast.

So circulate this message to friends and allies to visit our website <http://asq.org/mining> and join the group by answering a few questions about yourself. This process is very simple and absolutely free to everyone – members or non-members.

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The ASQ Hamilton Section Newsletter is posted online about seven times per year to announce upcoming section meetings, facility tours and other events of interest to members.

The newsletter will be sent electronically only to those members who have agreed to receive Section information by e-mail.

Except for the September issue, the newsletter is not sent out by regular mail.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that you receive your copy, as well as special announcements of ASQ events in between issues, check your ASQ profile at www.asq.org. Log in and type the word profile in the search box. Select My Account: Update Your My ASQ Profile, and verify that your correct e-mail address is included in your profile.

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