
Final Newsletter of 2017

Thank-you to all the Hamilton Chapter Membership for a great year of learning and discovery!

Message from the Chair,

Hello everyone,

This will be my last letter as section chair as my term ends in December. I will pass the section activities to B.V. Alexander. We have also added Grace Trushinski as our new chair elect and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome her.

There have been many transitions at ASQ over the last 2 years. Major changes include a whole new database, communication platform, website and computer based exams. The new Canadian legislation on email went into effect July 1st and some of you may not be getting electronic communication. Email is now a “positive request” versus “passive acceptance” system. If a colleague forwarded this because you are not receiving it you can contact ASQ Community Develop to get your contact information corrected.

I would like to remind you the main purpose of the section leadership to provide member value. I hope you are still finding value in your membership and will continue to attend section events. You do have a voice and we welcome feedback on events and experiences within the section.

My last comment is the reminder the whole section leadership group consists of volunteers. These members commit additional time throughout the year to arrange and administer events and complete section administration. Please allow me to thank the group individually:

B.V. Alexander - You have been excellent support in helping me meet deadlines and keep up with the ASQ Canada calls and actions. Stephen Ma - Stephen took over the treasurer duties when Joe resigned and you consistently completed our reports to ASQ accurately and on time.

Ralph Krueger - Thank you Ralph for doing newsletter emails so quickly and efficiently while maintain compliance with the new Canadian Anti-Spam laws.

Olga Delvecchio - Olga has graciously hosted many of our quarterly section leadership meetings as we take over her dining room for 3 hours. You bring a keen insight to the quality world and have provided valuable information on many events and speakers.

Tom Sutton - The BTECH event was primarily organized through Tom and his contacts at Mohawk and McMaster. He has great influence in the education field and a genuine desire to make people better.

Kris Krishnamoorthy - Kris you were my predecessor section chair. You provided great guidance on helping me develop the section business objectives.

Jeff Race - Thank you Jeff for spending four Saturday mornings per year at Mohawk proctoring the exams and continuing to complete the re-certification packages.

Sam Jbarah - Thank you Sam for design, execution and evaluation of the annual surveys. I know our response rate was low but the effort is the same and was appreciated.

Adam Kossowski - Adam arranges all our program events. You continue to do an excellent job of finding speakers from various disciplines to provide variety and value in our program.

George Matthews - You start the newsletter review cycle and patiently wait for our feedback. You have the patience of a Saint-Gobain as you address our concerns during this process☺

Stan Sobota - You do so many things for the section I can't list them all. Everything from Website to Linked In and Facebook. I am glad you are retired because you might get fired for all that ASQ activity if you were still working.

Carl Weidhaas

Other Upcoming ASQ Events

Event	Link
ASQ Hamilton Chapter	ASQ Hamilton
ASQ Toronto Chapter	ASQ Toronto
ASQ Kitchener Chapter	ASQ Kitchener

ASQ - Member Benefit Coming in 2018

In 2018, ASQ will provide free digital subscriptions to two of our premier academic journals, The Journal of Quality and Technology and Quality Management Journal. Previously offered as paid subscriptions, online access will be provided to Full, Senior, and Fellow members with their membership. The new member benefit will be available with the January publications of JQT and QMJ. Currently we are transitioning everything to a new platform and with that new platform all current ASQ members (full and above) will have digital access in 2018. The whole archive also will be available online.

Advantages of Senior Membership!

Take advantage of an ASQ Senior Membership and get the benefit of enhanced benefit selections! A Senior Membership allows you to choose ONE of the extra benefit options listed below which is included with Senior Membership dues of \$159.00,
Select one journal of your choice

Select two divisions of your choice

Select one additional section of your choice

To become a Senior Member, all you need to do is meet the following criteria;

You have been an ASQ Full member and in good standing for one year

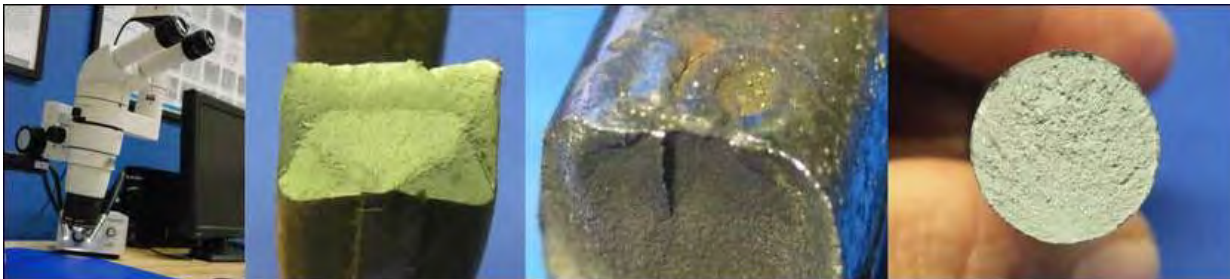
Have 10 years of professional experience

Meet one of four professional criteria outlined on the Senior Membership application

Go to <http://asq.org/membership/individuals/senior.html> for more information on the exciting benefits of Senior Membership.

Is this of interest to any members?

Steel Image has developed a 4 hour workshop and has offered to host this event to our members at their facility. It would start at 5:00 or 5:30 pm. There is a potential of earning RU's for Professional Development which may qualify for ASQ or P-Eng re-certifications. Dates are available in February and April 2018. Please provide feedback to me (cweidhaas@barrday.com) about interest and best dates. I will tabulate the interest to share with Steel Image. This would be a no-cost event.



THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS – DECODING FAILURES

Introduction to Metallurgical Failure Analysis & Fractography

Diagnosing the precise cause of a failure is critical for developing cost-effective solutions that prevent repeat failures. Metallurgical failure analysis is a useful tool for supporting manufacturing, quality and reliability efforts by providing details of component failures that would not otherwise be available. This workshop will introduce the tools and concepts applied during lab-based failure analysis. In particular, the participants will get a hands-on introduction to fracture recognition using stereo microscopes. Fractured parts from case studies will be used to introduce ‘fractography’ using these microscopes and explain its role in failure analysis.

Interesting Read

The Ottawa Citizen has posted an op-ed from Michael Armstrong, PhD., Associate Professor at the Goodman School of Business, Brock University. Michael is also an ASQ Hamilton Chapter Member and frequent contributor at chapter meetings.

It describes how letting legal cannabis producers brand their products could lead to better quality for consumers.

Armstrong: Let pot producers brand and market their legal weed

<http://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/armstrong-branding-must-be-part-of-legal-marijuana-industry>

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

Also posted on [LinkedIn](#) and on [Facebook](#)

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

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

The newsletter will be sent by email only. Regular mail newsletter will be sent once per year to members who do not supply electronic contact information.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that you receive your electronic 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.

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