

# Quality Times

Section 1309

February 2006



Northern Colorado  
Section

## *February Monthly Meeting*

### **Section 1309 Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Date:** 2/15/06

**Time:** 5:30—8:00 pm

**Please RSVP to:** info@asq1309.com



**Topic:** Potential Failure Modes and Effects Analysis: a proactive tool for products and processes.

**New Location:** Front Range Community College/ City of Fort Collins Harmony Branch Library on Harmony Road. Address is 4616 South Shields, Fort Collins. This is a joint library shared by FRCC and the City of Ft. Collins Public Library system.

**Dinner (pizza or subs) and soda to be provided**

**Speaker: Don Rocca**

Potential Failure Modes and Effects Analysis: a proactive tool for products and processes. A Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) is a systematic approach to: a) recognize and evaluate the potential failure of a product or process and the effects of that failure, and b) identify actions that could eliminate or reduce the chance of the potential failure occurring.

Bio: Don Rocca is the Quality Services Manager for Specialty Products Company of Longmont CO. Specialty Products designs and manufactures automobile suspension parts for the alignment and performance industries. Customers include domestic and foreign automobile manufacturers. Don took Specialty to QS-9000 & ISO 9001 registration in 1999 and achieved ISO/TS 16949 & ISO 9001:2000 registration in 2004 with no nonconformances. He has successfully developed and implemented quality programs in companies in the high-voltage and electronics industries as well. Don has been a member of ASQ since 1988 and is currently a senior member and a certified quality engineer. He is a former chair of the Northern Colorado Section and currently is the recertification chair.

## *Meeting Locations Change in 2006*

We will be changing the location of our monthly meetings. Please check the newsletter each month for the correct meeting location.

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## *Each One Reach One*

Did you know you can earn prizes by recruiting new ASQ members?

*I won a gift certificate when two of my co-workers joined after I encouraged them to obtain their ASQ Six Sigma Black Belt Certification. The gift certificate was used to purchase a Black Belt book that I wanted. All 3 of us became certified and used our skills to improve company projects.* -Mei Purvis, Newsletter Editor & Web Maintenance

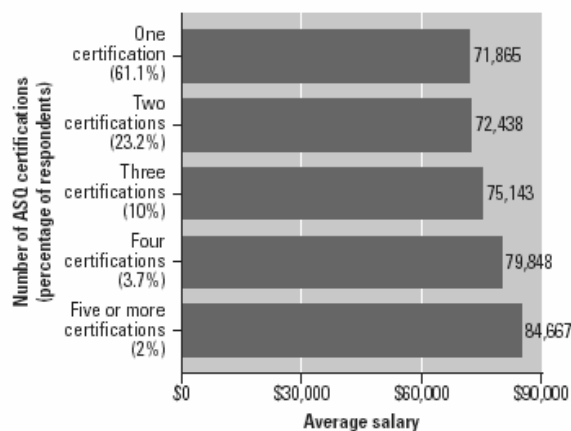
For more information, visit <http://www.asq.org/join/eoro/index.html>.

## *Certification Matters to Employers*

Invest in your career and your future with an ASQ certification. Gain an advantage over your competition and increase your potential for a higher salary.

For more information and details on figure A below, visit <http://www.asq.org/certification/index.html>.

**FIGURE A** Salary by Number of ASQ Certifications For U.S. Respondents



Certifications Offered Include:

Biomedical Auditor - CBA  
Calibration Technician - CCT  
HACCP Auditor - CHA  
Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence - CMO/OE  
Mechanical Inspector - CMI  
Quality Auditor - CQA  
Quality Engineer - CQE  
Quality Improvement Associate - CQIA  
Quality Process Analyst - CQPA  
Quality Technician - CQT  
Reliability Engineer - CRE  
Six Sigma Black Belt - SSBB  
Six Sigma Green Belt - SSGB  
Software Quality Engineer - CSQE

## *ASQ Certification Local Exam Schedule*

Exam Date	Application Deadline	Certification Exam
March 4, 2006	Jan. 13, 2006	SSBB, CQM, CMI, CRE, CHA, CBA, CQT
June 3, 2006	April 7, 2006	CQA, CQE, CSQE



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## *Rocky Mountain Conference on Quality in Business April 17—18, 2006 in Arvada, CO*

The Rocky Mountain Conference on Quality in Business (formerly the Rocky Mountain Quality Conference) has served businesses in the Rocky Mountain region for almost 30 years by delivering an educational conference designed to improve performance excellence in small and large businesses throughout the Front Range. This Conference provides a unique opportunity to attend intensive training programs, tutorials, and case studies, and attracts a variety of professionals, educators, and practitioners.

### *Job Openings*

For current job openings please visit: <http://www.asq1309.com/jobopenings.htm>.

Recent openings listed on this site include:

- Part-Time Quality Assurance Specialist—Paragon Analytics
- Document Control Specialist in Boulder

Submit your resume to: [info@asq1309.com](mailto:info@asq1309.com) if you'd like it to be posted on our job seekers site.

### *Volunteer For ASQ Section 1309 Board*

Be a leader! We are currently filling board positions for this member year. We are seeking energetic, enthusiastic individuals to fill several board positions. Benefits of serving on the board include earning recertification points for your ASQ professional certification, visibility in the local quality community, the opportunity for free leadership training, and free ASQ membership for board members. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any of the board members listed in this newsletter.

#### *Open Positions:*

Vice Chair: Aids the Chair to direct section management and establish goals/metrics.

Programs: Organizes monthly speakers and plans events such as holiday parties and fundraising.

## *Boulder Course Offerings*

Course name	Course Fee <sup>1</sup>	Exam Date	Exam Application Deadline	Class Dates	Class Registration Deadline
<b>1305 - Certified Software Quality Engineer (CSQE) Review</b>	\$400/ \$450	June 3, 2006 Dec 2, 2006	Apr 7, 2006 Oct 6, 2006	Mar 29, Apr 5, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2006 (24 hours)	Mar 14, 2006
<b>1301 - Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) Review</b>	\$400/ \$450	June 3, 2006 Dec 2, 2006	Apr 7, 2006 Oct 6, 2006	Apr 29, May 6, 13, 2006 (24 hrs)	Apr 15, 2006
<b>1302 – Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) Review</b>	\$400/ \$450	June 3, 2006 Dec 2, 2006	Apr 7, 2006 Oct 6, 2006	May 6, 13, 20, 2006 (24 hrs)	Apr 22, 2006
<b>1318 - Certified Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA) Review</b>	\$250/ \$300	June 3, 2006 Dec 2, 2006	Apr 7, 2006 Oct 6, 2006	May 20, 2006 (8 hrs)	May 6, 2006
<b>1303 - Certified Quality Technician (CQT) Review</b>	\$400/ \$450	Oct. 21, 2006	Aug 18, 2006	Sep 30, Oct 7, 14, 2006 (24 hrs)	Sep 16, 2006
<b>1304 - Certified Mechanical Inspector (CMI) Review</b>	\$400/ \$450	Oct. 21, 2006	Aug 18, 2006	Sep 30, Oct 7, 14, 2006 (24 hrs)	Sep 16, 2006
<b>1310 – Certified Manger of Quality / Organizational Excellence (CMQOE) Review</b>	\$400/ \$450	Oct. 21, 2006	Aug 18, 2006	Sep 30, Oct 7, 14, 2006 (24 hrs)	Sep 16, 2006
<b>1321-Six Sigma Overview</b> Benefits, Basic tools, Analysis, Success Planning	\$325/ \$350	No direct ASQ Exam.  This is a well-rounded course that fits company leaders and potential team members.		Call  (16 hrs)	Call

<sup>1</sup>ASQ or other professional society member/non-member fee. Cost of primers, texts, workbooks, etc. are in addition to course fee.

A list of instructor biographies, course descriptions, and registration information can be found on the ASQ Boulder Section web site, <http://www.asq1313.org/>. Select the link for course offerings to obtain the registration form. If enough Northern Colorado section members sign-up for a class, the Boulder section is willing to consider a location in the Fort Collins area. If a class you need is not listed above, please contact the Boulder education chair David Woolever at [Education@ASQ1313.ORG](mailto:Education@ASQ1313.ORG).

**GUARANTEE:** If you pay for and take one of Boulder's ASQ Certification review courses and still fail the Certification Exam, you may retake the course for free as many times as you need. The instructor reserves the right to charge for course materials (e.g., handouts, etc.).

## *Program Calendar for Northern Colorado*

Please click on this link for the program calendar: <http://www.asq1309.com/programs.htm>

# *ISO 9000 Conference*

## *March 6-7, 2006 in Las Vegas, NV*

The International Conference on ISO 9000, organized in conjunction with the American Society for Quality, is the premier source for ISO professionals on the latest information and thinking related to quality management system (QMS) standards and their implementation. Learn from innovative and experienced practitioners of ISO, who will show you how creating strategies involving QMS systems can ultimately affect your organization's bottom-line results. Register before January 23, 2006 and receive an early registration gift! For more information, visit: <http://www.asq.org/conferences/iso-9000/index.html>

### *Welcome to our New Members*

Our recent section addition is Gary Almquist.

*Bio: I work at RPM Technology in Fort Collins as the Engineering Supervisor where we populate printed circuit boards and perform some box build assembly. I graduated from CSU in '93 with a bachelors in Industrial Technology and have worked primarily in electronics assembly in Greeley, Tempe AZ, Mesa AZ, and now back in Fort Fun. I joined ASQ to work on a Black Belt certification. My wife and I have twin daughters and lots of fun with them!*

If you are a new member and would like to submit your bio, please forward to [asq1309news@yahoo.com](mailto:asq1309news@yahoo.com)

### *Newsletter or Website Submissions*

Please contact [info@asq1309.com](mailto:info@asq1309.com) for newsletter or website submissions. Acceptable submissions received before the 20th of each month will be included in the following month's newsletter or website. Examples of submissions are:

- Job Postings
- ASQ Member Resumes
- Ads (there is a fee for advertisements)
- Conference Information
- Informative Articles
- News



*Remember to go to [www.asq.org](http://www.asq.org) for ASQ news, events, courses, job searches, and updates to your profile.*

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