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## October Monthly Meeting

### Section 1309 Monthly Membership Meeting

**Date:** 10/23/08 (Joint Meeting With ASQ Boulder Section 1313 - Double RCU!!)

**Time:** 5:30—8:00 pm

**Please RSVP by 10/21/08 to:** [info@asq1309.com](mailto:info@asq1309.com)

**Tutorial Topic:** ASQ Food, Drug and Cosmetic Division

**Tutorial Presenter:** Ed Arling, Amgen Corp Longmont, CO, ASQ Regional Councilor for the FD&C Division

**Tutorial Abstract:** Ed is the Regional Councilor for the FDC Division, Region 13, and a member of the ASQ Boulder Section. He has worked in the QA Department at Amgen Corp in Longmont and would like the FDC Division to become more active with our Boulder Section. He will give a 30 minute presentation on the Division and it's benefits to ASQ members.

**Main Topic:** Benefits That Holonics Brings to Your Manufacturing Business

**Main Topic Presenter:** Mike Mahoney of Holonyx Inc.

**Main Topic Abstract:** R. Michael Mahoney is a leader on high-mix strategy, and the author of the college text High-Mix, Low-Volume Manufacturing, published through Hewlett-Packard Press by Prentice-Hall © 1997. He has published numerous articles in the trade press on subjects relating to product design, process design, test and total quality control. Mahoney has over two decades of experience in high-mix manufacturing environments of Hewlett-Packard Company with broad experience from the customer site through product development to the factory floor. Mike is a guru of manufacturing strategy and developed the Multiple Constraint Synchronization algorithm.

#### Schedule:

5:30-6:00 Tutorial

6:00-6:20 Section Business

6:20-7:20 Main Presentation

7:20-8:00 Food

**Location:** TBD

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

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### *ASQ Certification Local Exam Schedule*

Exam Date	Application Deadline	Certification Exam
Oct 18, 2008	Aug 22, 2008	CBA, CHA, CMQ/OE, CQI, CQT, CRE, SSBB
Dec 6, 2008	Oct 10, 2008	CCT, CQA, CQE, CQIA, CQPA, CSQE, SSGB
Mar 7, 2009	Jan 16, 2009	CBA, CHA, CMQ/OE, CQI, CQT, CRE, SSBB
Jun 6, 2009	Apr 17, 2009	CCT, CQA, CQE, CQIA, CQPA, CSQE, SSGB

For more details or to register please visit: <http://www.asq.org/certification/>

## *Job Openings—Local*

### **Quality Control Coordinator Greenwood Village, CO**

Our client is a division of one of the world's leading industrial companies. With four principal business segments - Steel Making, Elevators, Technologies, and Services - our client has a global presence and work force of more than 184,000 employees. This business unit is the global leader in the supply of material handling equipment. They employ a workforce of 2,200 worldwide in 11 international group companies. The main responsibility of this position is to ensure that materials, equipment, and supplies related to execution of materials handling projects in North America & South America are well documented and delivered within quality and performance requirements.

#### **Background Required:**

- 4 year technical degree (BSME, BSIE, etc) or equivalent knowledge/experience
- Background managing supplier quality for mechanical/structural/electrical type products
- Excellent computer and software proficiency (Microsoft Office applications, Lotus Notes, etc.)
- Organized, meticulous, punctual and reliable
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills

#### **Compensation Structure:**

- Competitive Salary
- Benefits: 401(k) w/ up to 4% match, medical, dental, life insurance, relocation

To apply and for more details, please visit: <http://www.asq1309.com/jobopenings.htm>.

### **Software Quality Engineer Sr. Quality Engineer Boulder, CO**

The Respiratory and Monitoring Solutions Business Group is a \$1.2 billion dollar division of Covidien, formerly Tyco Healthcare. RMS systems are used to monitor, diagnose and treat respiratory disease and sleep disorders, and provide life sustaining ventilation and oxygen support for patients. We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Software Quality Engineer (Boulder, CO Corp HQ - relocation provided)

#### Position Summary

Responsible for ensuring that the software used as part of our medical devices and products is developed according to good design practices.

- Sr. Quality Engineer (Boulder, CO Corp HQ - relocation provided)

#### Position Summary

Provide quality engineering support in the design and development of medical device products, and facilitate the application of design controls. Translate Quality Standards into processes and procedures and apply these to the new product design process.

To apply and for more details, please visit: <http://www.asq1309.com/jobopenings.htm>.

# *Job Openings—National*

## **Premier, Inc.**

Premier, Inc. is a hospital performance improvement alliance with 1,700 participating not-for-profit hospitals and health systems serving communities nationwide. 200 hospitals and health systems created and entirely own the Premier alliance. Premier's core purpose is "To improve the health of communities." Premier is the 2006 winner of the Malcolm Baldrige award and was just named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies (WME) by The Ethisphere Institute and Forbes.

### **Senior Performance Engineer (Quality/Clinical focus) Philadelphia, PA**

The purpose of this job is to provide onsite clinical / quality performance improvement for a large health system in the Philadelphia, PA marketplace. Works with corporate health system PI staff to identify system-wide opportunities to reduce LOS, cost while improving patient outcomes (readmission rates, mortality rates, etc.). Works with medical staff to identify opportunities to implement evidence-based practices and to reduce resource utilization, resulting in cost savings opportunities for the health system. This position requires local travel to the health system's facilities spread across the Philadelphia metropolitan area. This position will require someone with previous healthcare experience (clinical preferred), and the ability to quantify financial impact associated with project work completed with the health system.

### **Senior Performance Engineer (Operational focus) Pittsburgh, PA**

The purpose of this job is to provide workflow and resource productivity consultation to Premier Informatics customers. Develops labor budget and determines resources needs, availability, and financial impact utilizing Premier's comparative hospital database. This position works closely with hospital CFO and department heads and internally with the Data Warehouse team and other internal and external stakeholders as needed. This position requires travel to hospitals and onsite accessibility to financial and IS personnel as well as the hospital's department managers.

### **Performance Partner (Operational focus) Travel to customer sites**

The purpose of this position is to provide workflow, clinical/operational process and performance improvement, and resource productivity consultation. Maintains and supports the Hospital's financial goals by managing and utilizing available operational, clinical and financial tools. Proactively identify cost reduction and financial improvement opportunities. Provide documented customer savings. *(Please note: This position does not cause relocation. It involves travel to 3 hospitals/healthcare systems once/weekly. The last week of the month is a "work-from-home" role.)*

Contact: Amanda Edwards, Recruiting Consultant, Premier Healthcare Informatics  
704/333-0901  
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For the latest job openings please visit: <http://www.asq1309.com/jobopenings.htm>.

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

## *Fall 2008 ASQ Boulder Section 1313 Course Offerings*

Course name	Course Fee <sup>1</sup>	Class Dates	Class Registration Deadline
<b>1301 - Certified Quality Engineer (CQE) Review</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>1302 – Certified Quality Auditor (CQA) Review</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>1305 - Certified Software Quality Engineer (CSQE) Review</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>1321-Six Sigma Simplified</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA

<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 Ron Sedlock at [rsedlock@msn.com](mailto:rsedlock@msn.com).

**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.).

## *Welcome from your Newsletter Editor*

Dear ASQ Section 1309,

This is my second issue as newsletter editor. I am still using the previous newsletter format, but I still intend to update the layout and content based on your feedback. Please send you comments to me at [michael\\_tapia@yahoo.com](mailto:michael_tapia@yahoo.com).

Thanks!

*Michael Tapia*

### *Open Positions:*

**Volunteers earn 1.5 RCU per committee per year!**

**Audit Committee:** Coordinates and manages audit of Section financial information as determined by Society policies and procedures.

**Program Chair:** Plans and manages monthly guest speakers and membership meetings.

**Education Chair:** Plans and manages educational and certification review classes.

**Nominations Chair:** Identifies and nominates, with the nominating committee, qualified individuals for the elected positions listed in the Division management agreement or the Section operating agreement.

### *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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