



Newsletter

Hello,

Welcome to the ASQ Saskatchewan information newsletter for April. We have a new team in place and look forward to serving your quality needs for the upcoming year. To this end, if you would like to see our section offer particular learning opportunities or activities, please let us know.

Chair's Message:

Well it has been a while since I held this Chair position so on the positive side, I have experience and my learning curve should not be too steep. We have met all of our section requirements to date and laid a foundation to achieve bronze, silver or gold stature by year's end. Our plans for the year look positive and here is a sampling of our proposed offerings. Dates are not firm yet but we will be looking at April, May, September, October, November and December.

In April we will be offering an in person gathering in Saskatoon where we will watch an Internet presentation on "Empirical Root Cause Analysis". Members receive 0.1 ru's for attending. Following the presentation there will be a networking session and there may even be a door prize. Expect to spend about 90 minutes at the session which will include pizza and drinks. Cost to members and non-members for this kick off event is free! Watch for details.

Other things to be planned. We will offer a 1/2 day workshop on "Systems Thinking and Six Sigma". We are looking to offer ISO 9001 audit/lead audit training in June. This is a great opportunity to learn or refresh your knowledge to the updated standard. We also want to offer a session in the fall that is targeted to executives on the implications of the new standard to their world.

Depending on the success of the event in April, we plan to offer more frequent presentations on a number of topics and may even mix them up with site tours. As our membership is mostly divided between Saskatoon and Regina we will want to have some of these sessions in Regina as well.

News breaking NEWS!

There will be a first ASQ Canada National Conference in Ottawa this September. (25 and 26) Please see the [web site](#). Our section will subsidize up to to \$500.00 for a member wishing to attend the conference in this capacity. The conference is shaping up to be an excellent event. Please contact [myself](#) or any executive to get more information on this opportunity.

Thanks for being a member and we hope to give you a great year. There are always opportunities to get involved in our section activities. Let us know!

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