

Section 1400 - Albuquerque

Section 1400 Elects Officers for 2006-2007

Congratulations to our 2006-2007 officers!

Chair - David Calvert
Vice-Chair - Paul Collinsworth
Secretary - Cheryl Tofpi
Treasurer - Don Lifke

I am positive that each of you will support the new officers for the 2006-2007 program year to continue the momentum we have achieved over the last two years. Remember, Section 1400 has received the Gold Excellence Award, one of the highest honors a Section can earn in ASQ. Only 52 of the 252 ASQ Sections earned this award for 2004-2005. We are well on our way to achieve this same level of recognition for the current 2005-2006 program year! We appreciate your continued participation in our Section.

Cheryl Tofpi, Chair - Section 1400



ASQ Section 1400 Hosts Stakeholder Dialogue on “The Future of Quality”

Section 1400 hosted an ASQ Stakeholder Dialogue, called a Quality Café, on “the future of quality”. Twenty-two attendees participated on Saturday morning, March 25th. Everyone engaged in dialogue at several different tables, while transcribing their thoughts, ideas, and suggestions on the tabletop. Our ASQ Facilitator, Pat Corkran, will be transcribing the results of the activity. Our results will be incorporated into the other ASQ dialogues hosted by other ASQ Sections, and the collective results will be reported at the 2006 World Conference. Look in future Section 1400 newsletters for the results of the Quality Café.

Thank you to the 22 individuals who gave us part of their Saturday to provide input to the future of Quality!

Belinda Chavez Elected New Region 14 Director



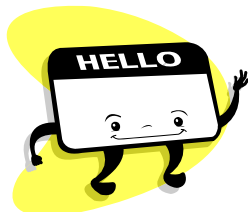
Belinda Chavez was recently elected as the Regional Director for Section 1400. She replaces Kristin Case in that position. Belinda previously served as Region 14 Deputy Regional Director (2004-2006), Section 1422 Vice Chair (2004-05, 2005-06), and Section 1422 Audit Chair (2003-04). She participated in the Member Value task force and is currently leading the Roundtable Discussion task force. She is an ASQ Certified Quality Manager and Six Sigma Black Belt and is a George Group Certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt.

Belinda is employed by United Space Alliance as Flight Crew Equipment/Extravehicular Activity Element Safety, Quality & Mission Assurance Manager in support of the NASA Space Shuttle and International Space Station Programs.

Belinda earned her MBA from Louisiana Technical University and her BS in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University.

Coming Soon.....

*ASQ Section 1400
Permanent Name Badges*



We will be ordering metal ASQ name badges that will be available for purchase by Section 1400 members.

Stay tuned for ordering information.

Northern New Mexico Subsection Hosts April ASQ Meeting In Santa Fe

The Northern New Mexico Subsection will host the April Section 1400 meeting in Santa Fe. The meeting is scheduled for April 17th at the Inn of the Governors in Santa Fe, 101 W. Alameda. Please note that the regular scheduled Northern New Mexico Subsection membership meeting will not be held, since the April meeting will be a joint meeting with Albuquerque at the Inn of the Governors. See page 5 for meeting details. See important information below regarding group transportation to the meeting.



ASQ Shuttle Bus To Santa Fe for April 17th Meeting

ASQ Section 1400 has arranged for a 47-passenger shuttle bus to pick up members from the Honeywell parking lot in Albuquerque and take them to and from the April 17th meeting in Santa Fe. There's plenty of room for everyone, and this is a convenient way to get to the meeting without having to drive so many cars from Albuquerque, so please take advantage of this low cost opportunity. (ASQ is subsidizing part of the cost for the bus service.)

Price: \$7 per person

Directions to Honeywell parking lot:

Take Alameda exit from I-25 (Exit 233).
Proceed west on Alameda to Jefferson.
Turn north on Jefferson, and proceed to Honeywell sign.
As you enter the Honeywell parking lot, turn at the first right.
Park in the parking lot near the trees.
It is not necessary to check in with the security guard.

TNM&O Bus Service Schedule:

Bus Arrives at Honeywell: 4:45 p.m.
Bus Departs for Santa Fe: 5:00 p.m.
Bus Arrival back at Honeywell: no later than 10:00 p.m.

2006 NWNM Regional Science & Engineering Fair Winners

ASQ Section 1400 provided judges for the 2006 NWNM Regional Science and Engineering Fair, held on March 17th in Albuquerque. ASQ presents annual awards for the top projects, and this year a junior division was added. The first place winners in the Junior and Senior divisions will be invited to present their projects at the May ASQ meeting. And the winners are.....

Junior Division

Honorable Mention - No Oil is Good Oil - Ethan O. Contreras

Honorable Mention - Gee, It Would Be Nice If... Can a Computer Do What You Really Want? - Armanda M. Ball

3rd Place - Best Breeds? - Travis Metzger

2nd Place - Counting Bubbles - Konrad Slepoy

1st Place - How Opinion Forms Groups - Sarah H. Glass



Senior Division



Honorable Mention - Detection & Analysis of Charge Variation Produced by Moving Objects - Sean T. Malone

Honorable Mention - Insect Detection of Insecticide - John C. Pesko

3rd Place - Television vs. Obesity - Sara Pesko

2nd Place - Limitations of Cottrell's Equation - Bennett G. Grill

1st Place - A Device for Determining The Gender of Salmon Using Morphological Characteristics - Susanna L. Clary

In discussions with our first place Senior winner, we found that she has already patented her invention to determine the sex of salmon, and is going to Nova Scotia to collect further verification data by measuring and sexing the salmon during the run.

SQS Introduces New Workshops

Strengthening Quality in Schools (SQS) is an initiative established by the Governor's Business Executives for Education (GBEE) to provide the expertise needed to develop a world class quality education system for New Mexico schools. SQS assists in improving a variety of aspects of education using Total Quality Management principles. The project provides the training, tools and support necessary for improvement of student performance.

If you are interested in improving leadership skills and teaching strategies to drive student achievement and overall school performance, register for one of these fast-paced, interactive, and hands-on workshops.

You will learn how to:

- Improve Leadership Systems
- Use Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) in your classroom with students
- Align EPSS to new Public Education Department requirements
- Meaningfully engage students in making Adequate Yearly Progress
- Use data effectively to drive Improvement
- Create and Use graphs, charts, data notebooks and other quality tools



2006 Workshop Schedule:

April 6-7, 2006	"Data - Not Guesswork" – Susan Leddick, Instructor
May 3-4, 2006	"A Systems Approach to EPSS Planning" – Brenda Clark, Instructor
June 8-9, 2006	New!! "Continuous Classroom Improvement: A Systems Approach to Improving Learning Results" – Marty Moore, Instructor
June 12-13, 2006	"Data - Not Guesswork" – Susan Leddick, Instructor

For more information and registration details, call 505.844.9734, or visit the SQS website at: www.sandia.gov/sqs/sqs_calendar.

April Speaker Biography

Matthew Cross

Matthew Cross is President of Leadership Alliance, a cutting-edge consulting firm providing breakthrough strategies for growth and transformation. A Deming Quality Scholar, author, international speaker and Hoshin Kanri strategic alignment master, his energizing and interactive presentations help people and organizations navigate to their highest success. He works with individuals and Fortune 500 companies such as Bank of America, Home Depot and Merrill Lynch.

Matthew is also a founding partner in TeamPlus Management, a breakthrough business system which integrates the Deming Quality Method with an enlightened gainshare program and employee life and success skills education. He is the author of The Hoshin Success CompassT, The Millionaire's MAPT, The Divine Code of Da Vinci, Fibonacci, Einstein & You (with Robert Friedman, M.D.) and Be Your Own President. Matthew is also an ancient history researcher and competitive athlete, with a deep belief in everyone's genius and unlimited potential. For more information, visit: www.LeadershipAlliance.com.

Matthew's program topic for the April 17th meeting will be "Deming-based Employee Profit Sharing Approach to Increasing Service Quality". See page 5 for details.

Section 1400 New Members and ASQ Transfers for February 2006

1. David A Cutlip, SNL
2. Douglas C Frary, San Juan Regional Medical Center (Farmington, NM)
3. Louis G Fuchs, Summit IMS
4. Gordon J Roubik, SNL
5. Laurie Sparks, LANL

**Welcome to
All New Section 1400
Members!**

Position Available

Process Improvement Engineer Presbyterian Health Plan

As a member of the PHP Process Excellence Department, the Process Improvement Engineer manages highly complex projects to support PHP process improvement strategies by developing, coordinating, facilitating, advising, training, evaluating and consulting with Process Improvement Team and Rapid Process Redesign initiatives designed to attain the PHP vision, goals and targets. Serves as the primary PHP Process Improvement Team coordinator.

Serves as Team Leader, Quality Advisor, Facilitator and Coach for Process Improvement Teams and Rapid Redesign Teams consisting of management and staff across all departments of Presbyterian Health Plan and Presbyterian Healthcare Services, and of physicians and practitioners throughout the statewide provider network and members and patients from the health plan membership.

This position requires a Master's degree in quality engineering, management engineering, project management technologies, or 10 years of directly related, documented experience. Five to ten years experience in quality engineering, statistical analysis, process improvement team design and facilitation. Working knowledge of adult learning concepts, management, development and evaluation of training activities, and facilitation methods for developing rapid redesign workshops, experiential learning techniques, continuous quality improvement classes, and systems thinking exercises.

The position also requires a detailed knowledge of quality improvement methodology and theories, tools, techniques, and best practices, to serve as the resource or educator to other practitioners in the process improvement field. Extensive knowledge of measurement technology, variation, statistical process control and analysis, Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (FMEA), Design of Experiments (DOE) and/or other quality improvement and problem solving methodologies.

For more information, contact:

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ASQ April Membership Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2006

Inn of the Governors
101 W. Alameda
Santa Fe, New Mexico

6:00 p.m. Networking & Dinner Registration
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Section Information Meeting
7:30 p.m. Program Speaker
8:50 p.m. Wrap up & Closing

**Program Topic: “Deming-based
Employee Profit Sharing Approach to
Increasing Service Quality”**

Program Speaker: Matthew Cross



April Dinner Menu:

New Mexico Fajita Dinner Buffet



Mixed Field Green Salad with Ranch or Lemon Thyme Dressing
House-made Salsa and Tri-Color Corn Chips
Grilled Marinated Strips of Steak and Chicken
Grilled Onions and Bell Peppers

Sour Cream, Pico de Gallo, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Guacamole and Warm Flour Tortillas
Served with Spanish Rice and Pinto Beans

Dessert: Traditional Mexican Flan with Caramel Sauce

Member and Guest Price: \$20.00, \$10.00 for Students (Additional Options Available)

Members and Guests who want to attend the program only
will be seated at a table with water and coffee at no charge.

Reservations

To make reservations for either the dinner-program or for the program only, contact Dennis Peters
at dlpeters47@msn.com. Dinner reservations must be made on or before April 13.