



*Newsletter*  
Northwest Indiana Section 1011  
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***Mission Statement***

*ASQ – NWI Section 1011 seeks to align the diverse skills of its members into a high-performance team committed to the advancement of quality in personal, professional, and social contexts by providing opportunities to acquire relevant knowledge through social programs, training sessions, and formal instruction.*

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***From the Editor:***

Welcome back everyone!

I'd like to start things out by sending out a hardy welcome to all of our new members. Be sure to keep an eye out for and introduce yourself to the following people at upcoming meetings and events: Thomas Lehrman, Linda Schulte, Christopher Hawkins, Robin Harris, Glenn Dodge, Mark Hargrave, Robert Meredith, Diane Garza, Bernard Nsengimana, Joseph Grenda, Tracey Mulherin, Dan Engle, John Cox, Mark Joseph and Violetta Ryciewicz.

Next, with the recent shuffling of positions and responsibilities among the section board members and committee chairs, I'd like to welcome Keith Poole, the section's new treasurer, to the mix as well.

Keith is an ASQ CQE and CSSBB and is taking his first ever role in section management this year. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Metallurgy) from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS), and a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) from Dalhousie University, also in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Keith has approximately 8 years experience in the Quality field and has been a member of ASQ since 1997. He currently works as Certification Coordinator at Navigation Technologies in downtown Chicago where he is currently working towards achieving and maintaining certification for the North American operations to the ISO 9001:2000 quality standard. Keith's next goals are to become an RAB QMS Auditor and ASQ Certified Quality Manager. To learn more about Keith and his experiences in Quality, read his complete bio at <http://www.asq-nwi.org/directory.htm>.

Keep an eye on the website, as the new calendar for the year will be posted soon at <http://www.asq-nwi.org/calendar.htm>.

***Jennifer Hendricks***



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### **Investment Opportunity** By Dan Kelley

It is a pretty common understanding that market-timing does not work when investing for the long term. A problem with it is that, since the market is such a dynamic place, none of us can really guess with any degree of certainty what or when something is going to happen. So investors run the risk of buying at higher than average prices and selling when prices are below average. One way to reduce risk is by using a method known as “dollar cost averaging”. This method is based on the theory that there will be changes up and down along the way somewhere, but we can reduce the impact of buying on a high or selling on a low by making regular purchases over time. By using this method we are more likely to purchase near an average price. And if the average value goes up over time, we have a better chance of making a return on our investment.

The investment opportunity “hot tip” is simple; invest in yourself using the same proven method of averaging. Most of our lives and careers are so dynamic we really can’t predict what is going to happen in a few months or years from now. And as we’ve seen in the market over the last few years, things can change a lot, and sometimes quickly. We can prevent from “buying high” and “selling low” when making career choices by making uniform investments along the way that pay off reasonably well in the long term.

The types of investments can be quite simple; small uniform deposits in networking, exploring new fields for old skills, enhancing old skills or replacing them with new ones. All of these investment vehicles are available to section members at minimal costs (the biggest of which is a little bit of time).

Keep your ASQ section meetings and events in mind when planning your investments during the coming year. The uniform investments you make along the way may deliver better than average returns.



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## ***Attention Members!***

### **Are You Getting The Maximum Benefit From Your ASQ Membership?**

Ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do you have 10 years active professional experience? (Combined with education)
2. Have you been an ASQ member in good standing for the past year?
3. Have you contributed to professional continuous improvement by one of the following:
  - a. Conducting quality related engineering, inspection or audit, statistical work, or application of quality principles in a professional environment for atleast two years.
  - b. Teaching quality or related arts or sciences at an accredited institution for atleast two years.
  - c. Currently hold an ASQ certification that requires recertification.

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then advancement to the **GRADE of SENIOR** in ASQ may be the next step in furthering your professional status.

For more information, visit the ASQ website or contact your local chapter examiner, Milt Krivokuca at [Milton.Krivokuca@Davenport.edu](mailto:Milton.Krivokuca@Davenport.edu) or 219-613-4574.

Take your professional career to the next step by exploring the benefits of becoming an ASQ **SENIOR GRADE!**

### ***Certification / Recertification***

A quick reminder – the next certification exam will be held Saturday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> for the CQT, CRE, CMI, HACCP, Biomedical, CQM and SSBB.

The last exam of the year is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> for the CQE, CQA, CSQE, CQIA and the pilot exam for the CCT. The application deadline for the December exam is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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## *Spread the Word about Quality and ASQ*

Sections are one of the most valued benefits of ASQ membership. In addition to having the opportunity to network with fellow quality professionals in the Northwest Indiana section, you may also reach out to people in your community who are not members and encourage them to find out what ASQ is about. Invite a colleague to our section meeting as a guest and share what you find valuable about membership. Section members can contribute to growing the quality community!

Each One Reach One, ASQ's member-get-a-member program, provides an opportunity to gain recognition both for individual members and sections. Individuals can potentially win an ASQ Quality Press gift certificate for new member referrals, and sections will also be recognized for recruitment efforts.

For individuals, members who recruit new members are entered into a drawing each month for a gift certificate. In addition, the individual who recruits the most members in one month will be rewarded. There is also a year-end recognition with several prizes including an Annual Quality Congress trip. For sections as a whole, ASQ will call out recruitment performance and recognize it. For example, in April 2003, the top recruiters of new members were the International Chapter with 33 and the Toronto and Puerto Rico Sections with 25. Support the quality profession and get our section recognized!

To request an Each One Reach One brochure, contact ASQ at 800-248-1946 or [cs@asq.org](mailto:cs@asq.org), and ask for item number B0132. You may also visit [ASQ.org](http://ASQ.org) to find out more. If you have any questions, please contact Traci Blom at [tblom@asq.org](mailto:tblom@asq.org).



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