

ASQ SECTION 0511
BOARD Vision Meeting Notes
8 June 2013

Paul's Notes

Certification Exams: Kathleen Eaves noted that apparently not so many who took the exams are ASQ members, meaning the money they pay for registration with HQ doesn't flow back to us, if they don't register as a member for the discount. She and Paul Mills described the lack of air conditioning at the CSC Chantilly venue, which was rectified with quick action from both. CSC facilities' representative said (in writing) they will not charge us for the 4 hours of A/C we used. Paul will submit formal request forms to cover possible A/C or heating for the future examinations in the CSC building, so the facilities engineer will be able to keep our test environment comfortable for the test-takers.

Certification Chair: Kathleen is moving to the Houston, TX area and will no longer be performing the duties of the Chair. She has identified a successor (I hope Jeff got the name correct) and she will transfer her information and files to him. He will then be responsible for the next examination date, October 5. Much thanks to Kathleen for the great work she has done.

30th Anniversary Planning: Bill Eastham led the discussion. The dinner will be at Maggiano's in Tysons Corner, September 11, from 6:30 to 9 PM. He has reserved a room that can accommodate at least 75 guests. Food will be served "family style" with no limit on the quantity, so nobody should leave hungry. The rest of the discussion focused on three priorities:

- 1) Select the topics and recruit the speakers' panel
- 2) Identify the menu selections
- 3) Decide what 30th Anniversary gifts/souvenirs we want to buy and distribute to members at the dinner

Notes on the discussion and decision for each topic are below:

- 1) Bill used multi-voting from the attending Board members to get the suggestions for topics. Each person could suggest 3 topics, and then these were grouped in similar categories. I think the topics with the most votes were "ROI on Cost of Quality," "Reaching the Next Generation of Quality Professional" and "Quality in the Government and Service Industries." An overall theme to link these topics for panel discussion could be "Opportunities in Quality."
- 2) Bill handed out the menu and asked for our recommendations. Mine are as follows:
Appetizers—Stuffed Mushrooms, and Spinach & Artichoke al Forno

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Salads—Caesar, and Chopped Apple & Walnut

Two Pastas—Mom’s Lasagna (meat sauce), and Four-Cheese Ravioli

Two Entrees—Grilled Chicken, and Salmon

Desserts—New York Style Cheesecake, and Tiramisu

- 3) General agreement was reached on the 30th anniversary gift for members who attend. We will buy a batch of thumb drives, have the Section logo imprinted on them, attach a lanyard with ASQ 0511 on it, and burn the Section’s history, archives, past presentations, etc. on them for distribution at the dinner.

Paul will send to Bill and Jeff the draft letter he presented at the May meeting for sending to various Government representatives so they can send us a “Congratulations” letter, certificate, etc. To be added to the letter (Bill?) should be a brief description of our services to Northern Virginia (support quality through community activities, meeting speakers, networking, training, etc.) and borrow from the ASQ vision and mission. \

Recruiting Guest Speakers:

Paul will contact the CSC Quality Manager as a candidate. Jeff will ask ASQ HQ and Regional people, the Governor of Virginia, US Representatives and US Senators, Commonwealth delegates and senators. Bill will contact some Fairfax county officials. Gregg will check in Prince William county, and Paul will also check in Loudoun county. Each member can identify some industry group with candidates to be contacted.

Future Six Sigma Black Belt Exam Prep Course

Sion will try to get four students for summer weekends (5-7?) at 4 or more hours/session, to prepare them for the October 5 Black Belt exam.