



Member Leaders (2011 – 2012)

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Mission: ASQ Canada Edmonton Section adds value to ASQ membership and promotes quality in Northern Alberta through facilitating local access to information and education on quality principles, practices and experience, and by providing opportunities to share ideas and learning.

Message from the Chair:



Dear Fellow ASQ Members,

In 2011-2012, I am happy to inform you that we have gathered a large member leader's team with many new entrants who have volunteered their time and efforts for continuous improvement of ASQ Edmonton section. I thank all the member leaders for stepping forward to serve the quality fraternity in Edmonton. You will have an opportunity to meet all

the member leaders in the next evening event; further details are available in this newsletter.

I would like to thank the member leaders of last year (2010-2011) especially Allan Wilson who was Chair of the Edmonton section for the last 2 years. Allan Wilson's leadership and team work of the member leaders of our Edmonton section resulted in the Edmonton section winning again (fourth year consecutively) the coveted ASQ "Total Quality Award". Total Quality is one of the highest levels of achievement in Quality Management Plan (QMP).

I look forward to more participation of our members in the section events which provides a great opportunity for all of us to professionally network, interact and share the immense quality knowledge and experience for mutual benefit and professional growth.

We have two great events planned for you in October and November 2011 and please be rest assured more to come later. I look forward to meeting with you in the next event on October 27, 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member leaders of our Edmonton section with questions, comments and suggestions.

Regards,

Vis Ganapathy

Edmonton Section Chair

ASQ Canada Edmonton Section is pleased to announce its upcoming events:

Event 1: a) A world café session to:

- Brainstorm ideas to enhance participation/engagement of the local ASQ members
- Gauge interest of the local ASQ members in topics for speakers notes
- Enhance awareness of ASQ certifications options

Facilitated by: Allan Wilson

b) Introduction to new ASQ Edmonton website

Facilitated by: Alma Siojo

When: Thursday, October 27, 2011

Where: Meridian Banquet/India Garden Restaurant, 76 Ave & 49 St. Edmonton,

Time: Registration at 5.30 pm, Dinner at 6.00 pm, followed by presentation

Cost: \$10 for ASQ Members, \$15 for non-members

Please confirm your presence through e-mail by October 24th, 2011



Edmonton Section received the Total Quality Award for 2009 – 2010.

ASQ Celebrates 65 years:



Join us on May 13, 2011 at WCQI, Pittsburg, PA



Visit wcqi.asq.org and click on following picture to download the conference program



Event 2: Lessons from the country of Botswana: the relationship between quality tools and leadership development

Facilitated by: Marvin Washington

When: Thursday, November 17, 2011

Where: Meridian Banquet/India Garden Restaurant, 76 Ave & 49 St. Edmonton,

Time: Registration at 5.30 pm, Dinner at 6.00 pm, followed by presentation

Cost: \$10 for ASQ Members, \$15 for non-members

Seminar Purpose – I have spent more than 12 years working with the government leaders in the Country of Botswana. This work has focused on organizational change and leadership development. In this seminar, I'll provide some of the insights from the work and the lessons I have learned about organizational change and specifically the lesson about the relationship between quality tools and techniques and leadership development.



Marvin is an Associate Professor of Management at the University of Alberta. He teaches Business Strategy in the School of Business. Marvin received his PhD from Northwestern University / Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Organizational Behavior and Sociology in 1999. Before that he was a manufacturing manager for 5 years with Proctor and Gamble, his primary responsibilities involving the manufacturing, and shipping of Zest bar soap worldwide and the successful development of the Oil of Olay bar soap. Marvin received his Undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences.

Marvin's academic research is in the areas of institutional and organizational change and leadership and performance. His work has been published in the top academic journals, and he has presented his work at more than 25 conferences during the past eight years in locations ranging from Copenhagen, Oslo, Vienna, Mexico City, Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Boston. Marvin just had his book ***Successful Organizational Transformation: the five critical elements*** (co-authored with Stephen Hacker and Marla Hacker) published with Business Expert Press. In 2007, Marvin Washington published "***Leading Peak Performance, Lessons from the Wild Dogs of Africa***" with Stephen Hacker. Marvin also does a radio column every other Monday on CBC's Radio Active. The column focuses on tips and strategies for managers and small business owners.

When not working, Marvin spends his time coaching basketball and announcing football games for the Edmonton Youth Chargers football organization.

