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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Illiana Section Members,

Well, it appears we made it through another Chicago-area winter. Thankfully, this was a very mild winter. As I write this message, spring training baseball games are on TV and at times the weather is warm enough to have my windows slightly open. As I take in a deep breath, I am thankful since next year's winter might not be so kind.

Besides signaling the start of spring, March is also the month of our annual Illiana plant tour. This year's plant tour is at Modern Forge Indiana in Merrillville. Modern Forge began as Modern Die & Tool Company in 1914 and employs approximately 550 people. Modern Forge has over 25 production forge unit supplying products for the aerospace, aftermarket auto, agriculture, defense, oil & gas, railroad, recreational and heavy equipment industries. Modern provides products that meet or exceed the stringent requirements of each industry, including special certifications, like PED, Nadcap, ISO9001 and AS9100. As a degreed metallurgical engineer, I am particularly interested in any type of metal-forming operations.

Space is limited for the plant tour to 20 people. Be sure to pre-register by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will follow the tour at Roxana's (an American-Mediterranean grille) also in Merrillville, Indiana.

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## RECERTIFICATION PROCESS

ASQ requires that you recertify certain certifications every three years to ensure that you maintain the same level of knowledge demonstrated in your first exam. Please see ASQ's website for the list of certifications. A total of 18 RU points are required to recertify, and there are many ways to earn those points. Be sure to download the application journal and application from ASQ's website for those activities. All activities must pertain to ASQ's Body of Knowledge or be job-enhancing. But, did you know that you can now upload all your recertification documentation to ASQ's website? Log-in and click on *My Recertification Journal* to learn more. You can upload documentation at any time; you do not have to wait until you submit your application.

Here are some other things to remember as you earn your RU points. In the Recertification Journal, please read very carefully for the required documentation of each category. Each category has different requirements. For *Professional Development*, if the points are acquired from a non-ASQ sponsored event or does not show CEU points, please be sure that the required documentation includes hours of the events. For *Electronic Media*, in order to receive credit, be sure that the media is at least 15 minutes long. Electronic Media can only be viewed once. Once you have viewed a video and earned credit for that video, you no longer can earn credit for it in future recertifications. In addition, ASQ has recently increased the maximum points for meetings. You can now earn up to 10.8 points, increased from 9 points. It's also a good idea (if you can) to earn some extra points in the event that some points do not qualify.

And of course, you still have the option of submitting your recertification journal and application to me (address below). Please make sure to complete the log pages and include them with your signed and dated application. My goal is to review applications within one week. I will contact you with the results upon completion of my review.

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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

## Certification Tests

CQT, CQI, CRE, CBA, CHA, CMQ/OE, SSBB, MBB, SSYB, CSQP	
Testing Windows:	Application Deadline
September 1 - October 15, 2016	August 22, 2016* *Online applications only. Paper application deadline Passed.
January 6 - 22, 2017	Passed
March 3 - 19, 2017	Passed
May 5 - 21, 2017	7-Apr-17
July 7 - 23, 2017	9-Jun-17
September 1 - 17, 2017	4-Aug-17
November 3 - 19, 2017	6-Oct-17
CQA, CQE, CQIA, CSQE, CSSGB, CQPA, CCT, CPGP	
Testing Windows:	Application Deadline
December 1 - 17, 2016	Passed
February 3 - 19, 2017	Passed
April 7 - 23, 2017	Passed
June 2 - 18, 2017	Passed
August 4 - 20, 2017	7-Jul-17
October 6 - 22, 2017	8-Sep-17
December 1 - 17, 2017	3-Nov-17

### Exam Dates

Please check exam dates & deadlines carefully. ASQ will make no exceptions.

All deadlines are at 11:59 p.m. (Central) on the date specified.

See specific certification program webpages on the ASQ web site for additional Special Administration dates where applicable.

### Computer-Based Testing Dates

ASQ certification examinations are delivered by ASQ's testing partner, Prometric. The examination scheduling instructions in your eligibility letter will direct you to a section of Prometric's website, where you can select and schedule your examination date and location.

### Mission Statement

Illiana Section 1213—ASQ is dedicated to advancing the principles and practices of quality control for the benefit of its members, the Society, local business and industry, the education sector, and the community.



## VOICE OF THE CUSTOMER

Your feedback is important! The Illiana section encourages you to provide feedback about the general meetings, the newsletter, and written or electronic communications. The board members want to know how they can improve and what they are doing right. Email them your ideas or suggestions.

## March Dinner Meeting

**Tuesday, March 21st, 2017**

5:45-5:55 p.m.: Plan on arriving at this time frame (no later than 5:55 PM)

6:00 p.m.: Presentation begins promptly, followed by the Tour (~1-1.5 hours)

7:30 – 7:45 p.m.: Dinner (See below for location)

**Dinner Location: Roxana's – An American-Mediterranean Grille**

*(Tentative – depending the total number of the final headcounts)*

234 W 81st Ave

Merrillville, IN 46410

(219) 525-5190

**Cost:** Free

**Please register by end of business day on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at**

**<http://asq-illiana.org/reservations/>**

**Plant Tour Location: Modern Forge Indiana (MFI)**

8757 Colorado St, Merrillville, IN 46410

**Tour Requirement:** Space is limited to 20 people.

**You must pre-register by noon on Monday, March 20th, 2017. No walk-ins will be allowed for the tour.**

**Important Note:** if you are not a US Permanent Resident (Green Card Holder) or US Citizen, please indicate in the Comments section of the registration page, when registering for the tour. MFI needs to know in advance, as there is a question on the Safety and Confidentiality Questionnaire Form that you will be required to fill out.

**Where to park:** Park in the Front lot and enter in the employee entrance on the south side of the building. This is where you will meet a guide who will direct you to the room where the presentation will take place. Guests must wear the following PPE equipment: Hard hats, hearing protection, and safety glasses (All will be provided by MFI). Closed or steel-toed shoes, and shirts or a jacket that covers their arms. All guests must fill out and submit the Safety and Confidentiality Agreement prior to the tour.



## 2016-2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DATE	CONTACT	TOPIC	LOCATION	SPEAKER
9/20/2016	Coline Amaury	Deming Principles for Management - The Basis of Lean	Heroes West Sports Grill 1530 Commerce Lane Joliet, IL 60431	Francisco Pulgar-Vidal
10/18/2016	Coline Amaury	How to implement Organizational Change Effectively	True BBQ & Whiskey Bar 8940 Calumet Ave. Munster, IN 46321 (219) 836-2122	Dr. John N. Kalaras, Ph.D.
11/15/2016	Coline Amaury	For Me, Effective Application of FMEAs	Theo's Steak and Seafood 9144 Indianapolis Boulevard Highland, IN 46322 (219) 838-8000	Laura Clymore Ellman
12/13/2016	Daniel Mateja	Business Meeting	Parmesans Station 18001 80th Avenue Tinley Park, IL 60477 TBD	Board Members
1/20/2017	Catherine Sandin	2017 ASQ Illiana Quality Conference: "LEAN and other Quality Tools"	Prairie State College Chicago Heights, IL	Various
2/21/2017	Coline Amaury	Inventory is Evil: Another way to manage your supply chain using statistics	Chef Klaus' Bier Stube 20827 LaGrange Road Frankfort, IL 60423	Kevin R. Kensinger
3/21/2017	Coline Amaury	Plant Tour & Dinner to Follow	Modern Forge Indiana Merrillville, IN	TBD
4/18/2017	Coline Amaury	Lean Hospital Success Stories	Chef Klaus' Bier Stube 20827 LaGrange Road Frankfort, IL 60423	Keith H. Poole
5/16/2017	Coline Amaury	TBD	TBD	MJ Brenne



# MISSION Q ASQ Section 1206 Bulletin April 2017

## April Spring Seminar

April 18, 2017

### MiniTab: Basic to Advanced Capability

**Presenter:** Bruce Bader, ASQ Section 1206 Education Chair

Ever wonder if you are fully utilizing your Mini-tab program? Or are you one of those who are afraid to begin to use Mini-tab? If you are in either of those situations or something in between we have a solution for you. The ASQ section 1206 Spring Conference in April will be a time to understand Mini-tab and its capabilities. A very Hands-on seminar it will help new comer and experienced person alike. We will cover basics in understanding data, evaluating data, and using data to make sound predictions.

You will need to bring your own computer with Mini-tab installed on it. Note: if you are using a network you must specifically ask to have it down loaded, temporarily, to your computer. Completely new to Mini-tab; you can down load a one-month free use of the program; go to the following site.

<http://www.minitab.com/en-us/products/minitab/free-trial/>

The first 20 people who sign up will be entered into a drawing for the book *Statistics for Six Sigma Green Belts, with Mini-tab and JMP* by Levine. A “cook book” introduction for using Mini-tab or JMP to solve six sigma problems, it includes references and screen shots of Mini-tab and JMP.

#### **About the Instructor**

Bruce Bader is a consultant with over 40 years of experience working in paper, plastics, polymers and paint Industries holding various engineering and management positions; using Mini-tab for the last 10 years. Assisting non-profit organizations in the application of statistics is another of his roles. He is a six sigma master black belt and holds an ASQ certification as a Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence.

He has presented at local and national ASQ conferences. He has taught courses at graduate school and industry in statistics. These courses have been for beginners and advanced students.

Bruce has written articles for *Quality Progress*, *The Journal for Quality and Participation*, and other publications. His most recent paper for *Engineering Science and Technology, an International Journal* uses Mini-tab to develop a binary logistic regression analysis in the paper industry.

He is a candidate for a PhD in quality management systems at Indiana State University. He earned an MBA from Northern Kentucky University and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Grove City College. Through the University of Tennessee, he did additional graduate work in statistical process controls.

#### **Location:**

#### **Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center**

800 Eisenhower Dr, Kimberly, WI

#### **Schedule**

**7:30a – 8:00a: Arrival & Registration**

**8:00a – 3:00p: Training**

**Lunch and Breaks will be provided**

**Pricing: Member \$70; Non-member \$90**

Registration Deadline is 12:00 noon, Friday, April 14, 2017.

Sign up on our website – [www.asqsection1206.org](http://www.asqsection1206.org).

- What will we be doing? We will be practicing solving problems using Mini-tab so you must have it on your computer to participate in class.
- Will the problems all be manufacturing? No, in fact, none will be manufacturing but the problem will relate to both manufacturing and service providers.
- What if I do not have Mini-tab on my computer? Go to mini-tab site. The direct link is here....  
[http://www.minitab.com/en-us/products/minitab/free-trial/?WT.srch=1&WT.mc\\_id=SE4196&utm\\_source=bing&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Search3>US%20-%20English%20-%20Brand&utm\\_term=minitab%20free%20trial&utm\\_content=MSS>MSS%20-%20Download/Trial%20-%20E](http://www.minitab.com/en-us/products/minitab/free-trial/?WT.srch=1&WT.mc_id=SE4196&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Search3>US%20-%20English%20-%20Brand&utm_term=minitab%20free%20trial&utm_content=MSS>MSS%20-%20Download/Trial%20-%20E)  
They will give you a free 30-day trial. Just down load it sometime after March 18th.
- What if I have Mini-tab on a corporate computer and it cannot be unless connected to the corporate network? A temporary individual license can be obtained. Check with your IT department and they will arrange it. OR you can bring a personal computer with a free 30-day trial on it.
- Will the course be too hard (or too easy)? I will be in contact with those who register by April 5th with a list of options and their choices will determine what is presented in the course. Because it will be student directed the course will cover what you want.

Other questions: contact [Bbader@sycamores.indstate.edu](mailto:Bbader@sycamores.indstate.edu)

## Directions to Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center

**From I-41 South** – Merge onto I-41/US-41 N, Take exit 134 to merge onto US-10 E/WI-441 N, Take the County Rd Ce/College Ave exit, Turn right onto County Rd CE E/E College Ave, At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Eisenhower Drive.

**From I-41 North** – Merge onto I-41/US-41 S, Take exit 145 for WI-441 S, Continue onto WI-441 S, Take the College Ave exit toward County Road CE, Use any lane to turn left onto E College Ave, At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Eisenhower Drive.

