Carolina High Country Section
ASQ — The Global Voice of Quality™

Empowering Carolina High Country members with value-added quality training, connections, and resources to achieve success in our global community.

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SPECIAL INTEREST:

Did You Know?

Section 1103 was founded in 1958?

Section 1103 is home to more than 150 quality professionals!

World Quality Day 2018 is Thurs., Nov. 8

Welcome to the November 2018 Newsletter for Section 1103 "Carolina High Country"

We are back in motion, the scenic splendor of Fall upon us, and new programs for you. Over the course of the business year, we offer our members several (9 monthly) opportunities to meet and benefit from an interesting program and networking. Read on…

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November Program:

Plant Tour--Smartrac Fletcher, NC

RSVP Please

ASQ section members are encouraged to attend this special opportunity to visit a local global leader in digitizing products.

Please Click to RSVP:

What: Carolina High Country ASQ Section 1103 Monthly Meeting & Plant Tour at Smartrac in Fletcher

When: Monday, November 12, 2018. 6:00 p.m. networking and sign-in, 6:30 p.m. cater meal, 7:00 p.m. business meeting followed by plant tour

Where: Smartrac – 267 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher NC 28793

Directions: Google the address or pull up on your GPS.

Activity: Plant tour and light meal (should count for 1.5 RUs)

ASQ section members are encouraged to attend this special event plant tour. This meeting will include a light meal compliments of Section 1103. That's correct, the 1103 Board has approved a motion to cover the costs of attending member's meal.

About our host plant--Smartrac

Smartrac is the global leader in unique and scalable solutions that enable businesses to digitize products, complement their product offerings with digital services, and connect them to the Internet of Things. Backed by an extensive patent and applications portfolio for technology, equipment and production of contactless components and related processes, Smartrac has been able to set standards in several fields of the RFID industry.

Smartrac constantly strengthens its business by launching new, innovative solutions and adapting operations and logistics to the latest market requirements and standards on a global scale. These fundamental capabilities are supported through adjacent customer services such as product design and personalization, logistics, as well as post sales and manufacturing services. The company's success is driven by continuous improvement, flexibility and responsiveness to customer needs.
Smartrac is uniquely positioned to develop and provide high quality solutions that enable a digital signature linked to any physical object, including industrial assets, consumer goods, and many more. The Fletcher location produces ~60 million RFID transponders annually, and the plant tour attendees will have the opportunity to see this first-hand.

2019 Nominations

Below is a brief description of each position that was open for nominations last month. Each of these positions is for a one-year term which will run from Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019.

Chair
The Chair provides leadership and oversight to the member unit, prepares meeting agendas, and is the presiding section officer.

Vice Chair
The Vice Chair performs duties as directed by the Chair in support of the organization's mission and goals. This position does not succeed to the position of Chair following the end of the first term.

Secretary
The Secretary documents member unit business and maintain the records. This position serves as the official correspondent of the member unit.

Treasurer
The Treasurer oversees funds, maintains accurate financial records, and reports on financial condition as directed by the Society bylaws and policies and procedures.

Regular members are voting members of the Society: Full, Senior, Fellow, Honorary, and primary contact of Site/Enterprise/School/District memberships.

For more information, please contact Jerusha Myrick, Nominating Committee Chair, at jerusha@lpcutting.com or +1 (828) 712-4773.

Chairman's Corner … Section News Brief

You may be asking, what have the section leaders been thinking and doing, to provide our members what the section mission statement commits us to. Quite a lot indeed, and here's a news brief. I am happy to announce that James will be taking the lead as Chairman of 1103 going forward, and with many new faces bringing new blood to the Leadership Team.

- Business Plan for FY 2019 established
- Four principal objectives; eight strategies to achieve
    1. Membership—increase, and offer 9 monthly programs and newsletters
    2. Achieve "Section in Good Standing" status
    3. Gift of Quality = Scholarship fund
    4. Hold 2019 nominating election
- Budget for FY 2019 established and submitted to HQ
- Programs in place for October thru rest of year, and some for 2019
- Motion passed at recent September section meeting to make a $7500 contribution into the existing Scholarship Fund. Treasurer processing this.
- Follow-ups on several prospective new members transferring to WNC; some of whom have expressed interest in being a part of our section leadership team. Great!

Gary Scalise

Quality Jobs:

Job openings can be posted here. Do you know of a need for good quality talent? Or are you that quality talent that is looking for a job or advancement in your career?

Contact the ASQ Section 1103 Secretary, Amitav Das: adas852987@aol.com

There are also some quality job openings at Continental:

Continental Fletcher:
Quality Engineer (APQP)

Continental Morganton:
Quality Technician (Analysis 3rd Shift)
Quality Assurance Specialist
Quality Inspector (Failure Analysis) /Site 1/MKC1 Area/2 Positions
Supervisor, Quality Assurance

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2018 - 2019 ASQ Carolina High Country Section 1103 New Officers:

Further, with only one candidate for each of the elected positions, those officers will be considered elected by acclamation at our November meeting.

Elected Officers:

Section Chair: James Troeger
PAR (Vice) Chair: Tom Berstene
Secretary: Amitav Das
Treasurer: Ellen Xu

Appointed Officers:

Membership Chair: Jerusha Myrick
Programs Chair: Patrick Johnson
Internet Liaison: Russell Watts
Certification Chair: Mary Mariut
Re-Certification Chair: Larry Bradley
Audit Chair: Rob Hughes
Newsletter Editor: Gary Scalise
Nominating Committee Chair: Joel Harder

Reminder from Larry on Recertification:

Meeting attendance now earns more RUs per meeting. Below is a summary of changes to the 2018 RU Journal Guidelines:

- Based upon the new 2018 RU journal guidelines, meetings will now offer our members the opportunity to earn **.5 RU** per meeting. Also along the new guidelines a workshop will provide an additional **.5 RU** credit. In the past, the RU for both of these was .3 RU each.

- The Maximum RU credit allowed toward meeting and workshops is now **11.0 RU**. In the past the total allowed was 9.0 RU.

- Serving on Committees has been changed as well. Total allowed RU has been increased to **8 RUs** maximum instead of 6.0 RU.

- Proctoring for test has changed to maximum allowed to **7.0 RUs** over 3 years instead of 5 RU.

- A new category has been added, ASQ membership will allow **.5 RU** per year for a total of **1.5 RU** allowed over 3 years. There is no partial credit allowed, it must be one full year of membership to be eligible for the .5 RU yearly.

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I WANT TO...

SCHEDULE
MY TEST

LOCATE
A TEST CENTER

RESCHEDULE/CANCEL
MY TEST

CONFIRM
MY TEST

IMPORTANT NOTES

You can reschedule or cancel your exam at any time, as long as you do so more than five full calendar days before your scheduled exam appointment. However, because of limited seating capacity at Prometric Testing Centers, rescheduling and cancellations will result in a fee of $70 US. Please read the FAQ document for further details.

If you cancel within five business days prior to your exam you will forfeit your entire exam fee. To apply for a future exam after cancelling, you must submit a new application and pay full costs.

Information about ASQ

ASQ Certification Information - Learn more about the tests offered by Prometric by visiting the ASQ Web site.

Biomedical Auditor - CBA

Calibration Technician - CCT

HACCP Auditor - CHA

Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence - CMQ/OE

Master Black Belt - CMBB

Pharmaceutical GMP Professional - CPGP

Quality Auditor - CQA

Quality Engineer - CQE

Quality Improvement Associate - CQIA

Quality Inspector - CQI

Quality Process Analyst - CQPA

Quality Technician - CQT

Reliability Engineer - CRE

Six Sigma Black Belt - CSSBB

Six Sigma Green Belt - CSSGB

Six Sigma Yellow Belt - CSSYB

Software Quality Engineer - CSQE

Supplier Quality Professional– CSQP

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Certification Information:

Next Application Deadline: November 2, 2018 Testing Window: December 1-17, 2018	
Six Sigma / Process Improvement	Certified Six Sigma Green Belt Certified Quality Improvement Associate Certified Quality Process Analyst
Auditing	Certified Quality Auditor
Technical / Inspection	Certified Calibration Technician
Engineering	Certified Quality Engineer Certified Software Quality Engineer
Pharmaceutical	Certified Pharmaceutical GMP Professional
Next Application Deadline: December 7, 2018 Testing Window: January 4-20, 2019	
Six Sigma / Process Improvement	Certified Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certified Six Sigma Black Belt Certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt
Auditing	Certified Biomedical Auditor Certified HACCP (Food Safety) Auditor
Technical / Inspection	Certified Quality Technician Certified Quality Inspector
Engineer	Certified Reliability Engineer
Manager / Supply Chain	Certified Manager of Quality Certified Supplier Quality Professional
ASQ is dedicated to getting you quicker results, giving more flexibility with testing dates, all in a secure proctored environment. As a result, ASQ has made the switch to computer-based testing. Learn more.	**ASQ Full Members save $150 on the certification application! Not a member? Join today and receive exclusive discounts, access to career development resources, networking opportunities and more.**

Certification Information Continued:

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.

https://asq.org/cert/resource/pdf/certification/ASQ-Journey-Infographic-WEB-READY.pdf

8 Step Guide to ASQ Certification

https://asq.org/cert/fees

You may also contact for more information Mary, mruymariut@yahoo.com

(A) 1608: Asheville - College Place		Availability
31 COLLEGE PLACE		Get Directions
DOPPLER BLDG		(~14mi)
SUITE 107		
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801		
(B) 2114: Greenville - Villa Road		Availability
37 Villa Road		Get Directions
Suite 309		(~38mi)
Greenville, SC 29615		

Certification Information Continued:

ASQ Certification posts only the pass lists and not those who took each exam.

Please visit https://asq.org/cert/pass-lists

Re-Certification Information

Questions on Re-certification email: larryb@manualww.com

Please send your re-certification packet to email: larryb@manualww.com or mail it to the following address:

Larry Bradley
98 Edge Water Lane
Mills River NC 28759

Another Option is to submit your Journal to ASQ direct: https://asq.org/cert/recertification

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER … Share one brilliant idea.
Contact the ASQ Section 1103 Secretary, Amitav Das: adas852987@aol.com

Invitation to Join LinkedIn Group:

Easiest way to get to our mini-page, go to http://www.ashevilleasq.com

Alternatively, our mini-site's direct URL is: http://asq.org/sections/mini-sites/1103/

The URL for our LinkedIn group is https://www.linkedin.com/groups/5158119

*** NOTE *** Meeting cancellations are posted on website by 2:00 pm on meeting day.