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Rochester Section 0204

ASQ Message from the Chair November 2021

Our vision is to be a recognized authority and champion for quality in the Greater Rochester area.

Our mission is to advance individual and organizational excellence in the Greater Rochester Community through education and training in quality principles and technologies, and to promote quality professionalism by members

I am truly looking forward to the day when we are done with this Covid 19 pandemic! Despite it all, we are continuing to rejuvenate the section!!! We had a great spring, and we are not yet done with 2021. We have a great team of true quality professional leaders setting up for an even better 2022!!!

While we are disappointed for having to cancel the conference due to the pandemic, we are offering two virtual events planned for the remainder of the year, providing opportunities to earn CRU credits. Please check the website for registration and connectivity information. www.asqrs.org

- November 17, 2021,
“Factory Without Roof”, Qualities and Challenges in Agriculture
By Michael Kincaid
- *December 15, 2021,*
“Quality Engineering with Excel Pivot Tables and Minitab”
By Eric Alden.

Our Rochester Section is very fortunate to have established an endowment from dividends from past investments. We are using this endowment to support our vision and mission by subsidizing member costs in variety of ways, providing scholarships, and, for the first time, supporting S.T.E.M programs in the Rochester area. We are very encouraged that this excitement will be contagious and that our membership will grow!



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Our officers for 2022 are:

- **Chair –W. Frasier Pruitt**

Frazier is currently a senior engineer and quality assurance supervisor at Southco Inc. At Southco he manages automotive, aerospace, and environmental quality systems in addition to leading a team responsible for Quality Assurance.

- **Treasurer – Melissa Manny**

- Melissa has more than 14 years working in Quality with 12 of those years focused on supplier quality and the balance focused on internal quality and auditing ISO 9001. She most recently began working with Corning - Tropel as a Quality Engineer.

- **Secretary - Michael Kincaid**

Michael is a Supply Chain and Value Add Manager at Headwater Food Hub, New York State's largest regional food distributor and a leading voice in the conversation on developing resilient local food systems.

The section is still looking for a Membership Committee Chair, and a Communications Committee Chair. If you, or someone you know is looking to expand their quality professionalism, getting involved with ASQ Rochester is a great group to be with!

Recap from Spring 2021

We hosted two virtual meetings with great presentations from Ed Biernat on Bullet Proofing your Supply Chain and Hiloni Bhavsar on Never Let a Crisis go to Waste. Thank you, Franklin Allen, for developing the methodology to deliver these programs virtually!

We offered a Python for Quality Professionals course aimed at our data professionals seeking to enhance their skills. Thank you, Paul Yacci, for a superb job developing and delivering this valuable program!



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This year we are excited to offer grant support to S.T.E.M (Science. Technology. Engineering and Math) for school programs. The communication has gone out, and we are looking forward for the applications to arrive. Thank you, Ted Skomsky and your team for initiating this program!

We are also offering our traditional scholarship programs to students in their college years. See the website for application information. James Bongard has graciously offered his expertise once again in continuing this program.

Our website has made significant strides in maintaining its accuracy, relevancy, and ease of navigation. Thank you, Bakir Bibezić for all your efforts!

An Impromptu Networking Session was held in June during a short-lived respite from the pandemic. It was great to finally meet many new and regular faces again in person at Jeremiah's Tavern.

Now for the disappointing news. Our long-anticipated conference will have to be cancelled this year again due to Covid 19 resurgence guidelines from our National Organization. Rasa Clair and her committee have done an outstanding job selecting the venue, soliciting speakers, and organizing the agenda. Thank you to all on the conference committee who had everything ready to go! Stay tuned for more information as there is talk of potential virtual learning sessions as an alternative.

Many thanks also to Lori Cohen, Frazier Pruitt, and Virginia Carr for their crucial roles in keeping our organization running smoothly!

Stay tuned for upcoming information on events! Please join us, we have a great team going, and there is always room for more!

And most importantly, Stay Safe!!!

Thank you so much!

Eric Alden