



ASQ Rochester March 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Chair:

Hello to ASQ Rochester!!!

In December, our regional director appointed our section's leadership committee to revitalize our section. Eric Alden: Chair, Virginia Carr: Treasurer, and Lori Cohen: Secretary.

We have been working hard pulling many great individuals together, and I am proud to say that this year's 2021 programs and activities are coming together!

It is hard to believe we are already in March! It has been a most incredibly unusual year. We need to take a moment of silence to respect those whom we have lost and be so grateful of the many that have recovered. I am going to focus on the positive and give thanks to all the quality professionals involved in all aspects of our lives! Vaccines have been developed and validated; many employees have learned how to successfully work remotely; supply chains have been restored and food supplies have been maintained. Excitingly, NASA and JPL successfully placed a new rover on Mars!!! I am optimistic that life will become normal again and that the lost jobs will return!!!

I am proud to say that our leadership team has been working hard and are ready to announce this year's initiatives!

- **Conference:** We are optimistic that restrictions on public gatherings will be gradually loosened in time for a conference in October! Rasa Clair is the conference chair and is in progress building the team!
- **Virtual Program Meetings:** In the spring Franklin Allen is planning several virtual program events to keep our section engaged and to offer RU recertification credits.
- **Networking:** Once restrictions on public gatherings relax, Frank Battaglia will be involved with casual networking events, and plant tours. Keep checking the website for updates.
- **Data Analytics:** New this year is the introduction of the Data Analytics Committee led by Paul Yacci. This committee will be involved with networking with other Data Analytic groups in the area. Most importantly, it brings a focus on helping our members build and maintain expertise in data skills. We are planning an introduction to Python workshop. Additional programs



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targeting Quality Professionals with best practices on Excel and statistical packages are being formulated!

- Scholarships and S.T.E.M: James Bongard will continue his leadership of the Scholarship Committee. ASQ Rochester has historically offered scholarships to college students.

New this year, we are looking to initiate programs to support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math programs in the middle and high schools. Ted Skomsky will help formulate this initiative.

- Website: Much work is going into ensuring our website effectively communicates to our section. Maria Lynch has been working closely with our website host to clean up our database and mailing lists.

Please share the website with your colleagues in quality and encourage them to register for ASQ Rochester latest information on upcoming events and programs!

- Leadership Succession Planning: We are working to keep our leadership fresh and vigorous! We are already looking to identify leaders for the 2022 year.
 - Frazier Pruitt has agreed to serve as Vice Chair candidate. Congratulations to Frazier for having an article on IoT published in the February 2021 issue of Quality Progress!
 - Melissa Manney has agreed to serve as Treasurer candidate.
 - We are still looking for a secretary.

Official elections will be held in the fall.

Message from the Conference Committee, Rasa Clair:

Dear ASQ Members,

We are very excited to announce that yearly Conference at RIT Inn & Conference Center is back and scheduled for October 21st, 2021.

Newly created team is in process of creating sensational program for this fall. Please mark your calendars. We are looking forward seeing you in person.

Call for papers will follow.

Best regards- Rasa



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Message from the Virtual Program Committee, Franklin Allen:

Hello ASQ Rochester members & friends:

We are planning for an exciting year with our Virtual Program Meetings! As you know, we had to pivot virtually from our dinner meetings, but we will still have the same energy, education and fun, but from the comfort of your homes. We intend on bringing topics that are current, timely and thought-provoking. We will kick off our line-up with a very informative talk from Ed Biernat on March 23rd; a session not to be missed! Each session will give you sound takeaways that you can use in your work or in your personal life. You will even have the opportunity to collect RU recertification credits. Please make your calendar and we will announce the topic and time very shortly. We're looking forward to seeing you and reconnecting in our new environment!

Franklin

Message from the Data Analytics Committee, Paul Yacci:

Hello Everyone - looking forward to connecting on Data Science and Analytics topics this year. On 3/11 ROC Data Science (<https://www.meetup.com/ROC-Data-Science/>) will be hosting Matt Eisner from Optimax (<https://www.optimaxsi.com/>) who is using Machine Learning techniques in a custom lens manufacturing process. If you, or anyone you know is interested in presenting on a topic related to data/quality the group is always looking for new speakers. The Python workshop (4/7,4/14 and 4/21) will focus on getting up and running with Python for analysis. This will be hands on and targeted towards users who have previously programmed in some capacity. Please reach out with any thoughts and questions. I look forward to connecting!

Paul

Message from the Scholarship Committee, James Bonguard:

Hello everyone! We will be running the scholarship program again this year for eligible college students. Keep checking with website for updates and application information. Additionally this year Ted Skomsky will be exploring opportunities to use some of our scholarship funds to offer S.T.E.M grants to support to local middle and high school Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math initiatives. We are looking for committee members to join us in this exciting new adventure!



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James and Ted

We are always looking for more individuals to share the benefits of actively participating in ASQ Rochester! Please feel free to reach out and contact us!

It is going to be an exciting and fun year!!!

“It’s coming together!!!”

Eric Alden