

QUALITY CONNECTIONS



South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association to Once again Host “South Jersey Engineering Societies Night”

For the past four years, the South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association (SJMCA) has invited professional engineering societies (ASME, IIE, ASHRAE, etc.) to attend an event intended to provide networking opportunities between the various groups. In previous years the event was held at Rowan University, the Battleship New Jersey and last year at Scotland Run Golf Club. The event has always been one of the highlights of our calendar year.

This year (on **April 19, 2006**) the meeting will again be held at Scotland Run Golf Club in Williamstown, NJ. See page 4 for the time, presentation topic and driving instructions.

Come join your colleagues and make new acquaintances. Scotland Run Golf Club has a reputation for good food and the price is right – **FREE**, courtesy of SJMCA.

Election of Section Officers

In December and January, the Section solicited nominations for Section Officers. Having received none from the membership, the Executive Committee met in early March to elect the Section Officers for the 2006-2007 year. Those elected are as follows:

- Chairperson – Francois Thery
- Chair Elect – Royce Gaudet
- Secretary – Dorothy Smolen
- Treasurer – To be Determined

The new officers will take office on July 1st and serve until June 30th, 2007.

The remaining positions on the Section Executive Committee (refer to page 5 of the newsletter for a complete listing) are appointed by the four elected officers. If you are interested in filling one of those positions please communicate your interest to anyone listed on page 5.

Governor's Award for Performance Excellence To Be Presented at QNJ Annual Conference

(Tom Ligas, Executive Director QNJ)

The Governor's Award for Performance Excellence will be presented to three organizations at Quality New Jersey's 17th Annual Conference on May 16, 2006 by either Governor Jon Corzine or Gary Rose, Head of the Governor's Office of Economic Growth and Chair of the Governor's Economic Council. This award, which uses the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award criteria, recognizes organizations that have demonstrated successful results through the deployment of a comprehensive integrated quality framework.

The recipients of the 2005 Governor's Award for Performance Excellence are Reimbursement Services Inc., Jersey Shore University Medical Center and Virtua Health. All three will receive the Bronze Level Governor's Award.

Reimbursement Services Inc. is an employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm headquartered in Mt. Laurel with 73 employees and serving small and mid-size companies throughout New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Northern Delaware and Manhattan, New York.

Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune is a division of Meridian Hospitals Corporation, within Meridian Health. It is a university affiliate of The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's (UMDNJ) Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. JSUMC has about 2,900 employees and provides inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency care and community care.

Virtua Health is a non-profit healthcare delivery system, headquartered in Marlton. It is the result of a 1998 merger between Memorial Health Alliance and West Jersey Health System, which have been serving South Jersey for more than a century. Virtua Health has hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, out-patient services, long-term care and sub-acute rehabilitation facilities, and a medically-based fitness center.

Quality New Jersey will also recognize two organizations for taking another step along their Quality journey via Baldrige-based assessments – Raritan Valley Community College and Cablevision NJ Field Operations.

At the conference, the First Annual Best Practices in Business Award will be presented to RCI Vacation Network Group for their "Topgrading: Building Capabilities for Execution" initiative addressing employee talent management. This award was selected from the First Annual Best Practices in Business Conference held February 2, 2006. NJBIZ publisher Chad Beatty welcomed sixty people from a variety of organizations and functions to hear ten presentations designed to share best practices from the business community. The Second Annual Best Practices in Business Conference will be held in February 2007.

A re-presentation of the Second Annual Innovation in State Government Award will also occur at QNJ's Annual Conference. On May 1, 2006 QNJ and the NJ State Department of Personnel will co-presented this Award to the Department of Transportation for their "Best Management Practices in Transportation Security – Partnership Between the Public and Private Sectors" initiative. Special Merit Innovation Awards will also be presented to the NJ Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency for their "NJ Housing Resource Center" initiative and to the NJ Lottery for their "Harnessing The Power Of Cultural Differences For Successful Multi-Cultural Collaboration" initiative.

These awards were selected from the Fourth Annual Best Practices in State Government Workshop held October 19, 2005. State Treasurer John McCormac welcomed 90 attendees from various state government departments. The conference, designed to share best practices among state agencies, to recognize the good work being done in government and to allow for networking opportunities, featured 14 presentations selected from a record 37 submissions. Attendees gave the workshop high marks. "I was happy to say I worked for the State of New Jersey after this conference" said a DOT employee. A Labor & Workforce Development employee remarked "I can say this was the best conference I ever attended".

In October 2006, the Fifth Annual Best Practices in Government Workshop will be open to all government organizations in NJ, including local and federal.

QNJ, a private not-for profit organization, administers the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence and advises organizations of all sizes and in all segments, including business, education, healthcare, government and non-profit, on improving their performance. By participating in QNJ, organizations can share best practices, benchmark other organizations, and receive Baldrige training and discounted consulting services. In addition to identifying improvement opportunities, the Governor's Award process and two other Baldrige-based assessments provide valuable consulting advice for a fraction of what it would cost to obtain it elsewhere. For more information on QNJ, please visit www.qnj.org.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The following new ASQ members have joined the Southern Jersey Section. As part of our Section's policy, the Executive Board would like to invite these new members to join us at the April Section Meeting. You'll have an opportunity to network with your colleagues – and your Dinner is **FREE**.

David Vitt

Larry Stanchina

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Are you trying to fill an opening in your QA/QC group?

*One of the most important services that we can provide to our members is assistance in finding employment, especially in today's economy when a lot of companies are downsizing. If your company is looking for quality professionals, please provide the pertinent information to **Mike McCarroll** at mccarroll@shapesllc.com and we'll post it on our web page at **NO CHARGE**. Although we'll also include the information in our next newsletter, the web page information will be posted almost immediately.*

Check our website <http://home.comcast.net/~asq0508/> for the most current listings.

SOUTH JERSEY ENGINEERING SOCIETIES NIGHT DINNER MEETING

- DATE** **Wednesday April 19, 2006**
- TIME** 6:00 PM Networking
6:30 PM Presentation
7:00 PM Dinner
- LOCATION:** **Scotland Run Golf Club**
Route 322 and Fries Mill Road
Williamstown, NJ
- Driving Instructions: Go to <http://www.scotlandrun.com/directions.htm>
- DINNER** Buffet Dinner
- RESERVATION:** If you plan to attend, please advise Tom Mudge @ 609-720-2539 or tom.mudge@wgint.com by **Friday April 14, 2006**
- COST:** The presentation and dinner are **FREE**.
- SPEAKER:** **Lewis Leitner** – Professor of Management / Psychology at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- TOPIC:** **Leadership for High Performance**
- This presentation is targeted for anyone in a leadership position or aspiring for leadership in business seeking to define, pursue and realize the competitive advantages needed for success.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Examination	Application Deadline	Exam Date
CQE / CQA / CSQE / CQIA / CCT / CQPA	April 7, 2006	June 3, 2006
	October 6, 2006	December 2, 2006
CQT / CHA / Six Sigma Black Belt CBA / CRE / CMI / Quality Manager		
	August 17, 2006	October 20, 2006

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2005 - 2006

A complete listing of the Section's Executive Board for 2005 – 2006 is provided below. Individuals interested in getting involved with Section Leadership activities may contact anyone on the Executive Board. The term of the Executive Board runs until June 30, 2006.

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