

## Message from the Chair Section 1510



### Greetings from ASQ Southeast Florida Section 1510!

There was a good crowd gathered at the dinner meeting presentation on October 9th, at Tropical Acres Steakhouse in Fort Lauderdale. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal and had the opportunity to network with their peers. The winner of the door prize, a Crock-Pot® 4-Quart Express Crock Multi-Cooker, was Pauline Villiers, a student from FAU. Congratulations Pauline!

The highlight of the evening was the excellent presentation by Dr. Thomas Agrait from Lean Enterprise Consulting, Ft. Lauderdale. His topic was “Human Error – The Talkatory: Managing Risks of Organizational Accidents to Improve Performance.” Thank Dr. Agrait for an interesting and well-presented topic.

Our next meeting will be at Tropical Acres Steakhouse in Ft. Lauderdale on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker is John Fay, Director of Corporate Development at Abacode. In his presentation we will hear about the ground-level approach and activity in cybersecurity. He will speak about some real-life examples and how cybersecurity can be actualized to safeguard company data and infrastructure. Hope to see all of you there.

The recipients of the two \$2,000.00 Orlando Acevedo Quality Scholarship Program for 2018 are: Keenan Kramer and Megan Horwitz. Congratulations to Keenan and Megan!!

Section 1510 continues to offer several refresher courses for the ASQ certification exams and also a one-day seminar in Internal Auditing for Quality Systems. Payment is not required until there is a minimum of five students already registered. You will be notified when the course is offered for you to submit payment as soon as possible so your books will be available the first day of classes. You may take the refresher courses with the intent to successfully pass the ASQ certification exam or to just refresh and further your knowledge on the subject; in both previous instances recertification units (RUs) are earned. Please check our Newsletter, Website, and/or LinkedIn for details.

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### ASQ 1510 for Year 2019

**Are you interested in joining the board of ASQ Section 1510?**

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# ASQ 1510 Dinner Meeting

## When

Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

## Speaker

John Fay, Director of Corporate Development,  
Abacode-Cybersecurity Experts

## At

Tropical Acres Restaurant,  
2500 Griffin Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

## Topic

Cybersecurity Risks, Threats, and Protection

## Price

ASQ 1510 Members \$15 and ASQ Student Members \$5  
(Non-members and late registrants \$30)

## Menu Choice

Prime Rib or Sea Bass or Pasta Primavera

## Registration/Networking:

Networking 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: 7:20 p.m.

To register go to [www.asqsefla.org](http://www.asqsefla.org) - Upcoming Events-

## Speaker: John Fay, Director of Corporate Development, Abacode-Cybersecurity Experts

John educates business leaders on the critical topic of cybersecurity, by applying high level concepts and basic best practices. He has over 25 years of experience managing large and small organizations, and their cybersecurity needs, in both the Business to Business world, as well as the Business to Consumer arena. Different than most Cybersecurity providers, Abacode's approach to risk is from the view of business strategy first and cyber-technologies second. This methodology ensures the Company's technical (and non-technical) leadership are able to make strategic decisions that positively impact the entire organization. Abacode's vision is to change the fundamental way cybersecurity is implemented for organizations throughout the world.

## Presentation Topic: Cybersecurity Risks, Threats, and Protection

How effective are your Cybersecurity initiatives? Are you insulated against the potential costs of a cyber-attack or breach? Would the cost of a breach be purely financial, or might the survival of your company be threatened? This session will help you begin to answer these questions. There will be discussion of the risks and threats of Cybersecurity gaps in your systems, and how those gaps could affect the business. The presentation will show how to build a culture of continuous learning and security advancement to help you engineer a compliant, smart, and cost-conscious ecosystem to rely on; looking to proactive growth rather than reactive repairs. Understand how to minimize the risks and potential costs of a cybersecurity breach. Invite your CFO, CIO, and Compliance Manager colleagues to this informative discussion important to company leaders at all levels.

## PRICING FOR SECTION 1510 MEMBERS

**\$15.00 PRICING OPTION!** Take advantage of your **Section membership benefits** including meal if:

- You register and pay for the meeting through the PayPal option online prior to **12:00 noon on Sunday, November 11th, 2018**

**OR**

- You register and mail your check postmarked no later than **Saturday, November 10th, 2018** to: ASQ Section 1510 P.O BOX 823855, Pembroke Pines, FL 33082-3855

**NOTICE:** Starting with our 1/10/2017 Dinner meeting, ASQ 1510 member pricing is \$15 per person, ASQ Student Member pricing is \$5, and non-member/late pricing is \$30. (you may send an alternate if you find after registering that you cannot attend, but we must pay venue for each registrant regardless of whether you show up, so registration fee is non-refundable)"



## Section 1510

# ASQ Certification Refresher Classes

To participate in an ASQ refresher class, please sign up on the web page at [www.asqsefla.org](http://www.asqsefla.org). You do not need to be a member of ASQ to participate in a class. RU's are earned for class participation. If you have a question regarding registration or class site, call Amarilis Acosta, Education Chair, at 305-298-3721 or email [amarilis13@bellsouth.net](mailto:amarilis13@bellsouth.net) please sign up at least three weeks before the scheduled class start to assure you have the textbook at first session. Any classes that do not register a minimum of five students will be cancelled. For Certification Exams dates and locations, please visit the ASQ Certification website at [www.asq.org](http://www.asq.org). All classes are refresher classes.

**\*Includes textbooks & materials**

Class	Class Name	CEU's	Fee	When	Time	Place	Instructor
IA	Internal Auditing for Quality Systems	1	\$275*	August	8:30 am to 5:00 pm One Day Seminar	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA
CQT	Certified Quality Technician	2.7	\$400*	January, August	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 9 sessions	TBD	TBD
CMQ/OE	Manager of Quality / Organizational Excellence	2.7	\$450*	January, July	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 9 sessions	Dade	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CQE	Certified Quality Engineer	3	\$450*	March, September	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB Herve Cantave CQE
CSQE	Certified Software Engineer	2.4	\$375*	March, September	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Mercedes Massana CSQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CBA
CQA	Certified Quality Auditor	2.4	\$375*	March, September	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CQIA	Certified Quality Improvement Associate	2.4	\$375*	March, September	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB
CQI	Certified Quality Inspector	2.4	\$375*	January, July	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	Broward	TBD
CRE	Certified Reliability Engineer	3	\$350*	January August	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CSSBB	Six Sigma Black Belt	3	\$450*	January,	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA
				August	10 sessions		Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CSSGB	Six Sigma Green Belt Refresher	2.7	\$450*	April,	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA
				September	9 sessions		Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CSSGB	Six Sigma Green Belt Certification	6	\$2500*	March,	8:30 am to 5:00 pm	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA
				September	9 sessions		Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CBA	Certified Biomedical Auditor	2.4	\$375*	January	8 sessions	Cordis	TBD
				August			



## Job Opportunities

### *Process Improvement Lead I*

**Location:** Weston, Florida, US, 33331

**Company:** Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

#### **Job Description**

**Summary:** Under limited supervision, responsible for establishing, leading and executing assigned continuous process improvement initiatives, acting as a liaison between operational and technical teams to identify, analyze and translate business needs into high quality process improvement solutions. Assists with establishing business cases and ROIs, consulting with the business in order to propose recommendations for senior management approval.

#### **Essential Job Function:**

- Participates on cross-functional teams tasked with solving business issues which require operational and/or technical solution providing subject matter insight with regards to operational process, policies/regulatory changes, and/or system functionality.
- Analyzes, documents and maps operational processes through workflows. Capture pertinent process step details so that opportunities for process improvements, benchmarks, key performance indicators, current metrics, and target objectives can be defined.
- Utilizes Six Sigma / DMAIC and related techniques to define improvement opportunities where deemed appropriate.
- Contributes in strategic meetings to review, evaluate, and/or propose new business opportunities through the implementation/enhancement of operational and/or technical solutions, which are intended to improve customer relationships and operating efficiencies while reducing costs.
- Creates and drives improvement plans to completion.
- Develops, maintains, and provides process expertise in order to deliver knowledge transfer to cross-functional operational and technical areas for skill development.
- Carries out responsibilities according to the organization's policies and procedures, best practices, as well as in accordance with state, federal, and local laws, including applicable safety rules and regulations.

Performs other duties as assigned by Management.

#### **Qualifications**

**Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering or related field from an accredited college or university, and two (2) to five (5) years in Continuous Process Improvement and Data Analysis experience.

**Physical Requirements and Working Conditions:** Incumbents in this class are subject to extended periods of sitting, standing and walking, vision to monitor, moderate noise levels. Work is performed in an office environment.

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## Testing for Certification Exams is now Computer Based

- ⇒ Candidates will take ASQ Certification exams at a Prometric testing facility where the test is administered via computer in a Prometric proctored, secure environment.
- ⇒ The application approval through ASQ will not change. After being approved by ASQ Certification, customers will be able to schedule their exams at the nearest Prometric Testing Center.
- ⇒ Benefits include: increase in annual exam administrations from 2 to 6, availability of days to take exam from 4 to 102, convenience of retesting from 6 months to 2, increased number of testing locations, faster test results!

Visit the Website: [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com) for additional information.

## ASQ Student Branch

**Website:** [asqnova](http://asqnova.com)

- Holds meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month
- Planning speakers, tours, and networking events
- Site includes resumes and student bios as well as “tools” for student enrichment/development.
- South Florida businesses looking to fill quality positions may post announcements .

***Dr. Steve Kramer - Student Branch Counselor***

***April Ripley – Student Branch Chair (2018-19)***

***New officers elected to Student Branch for 2018-9:***

***Jonathan Pfiesser - Chair***

***Bismarck Amaya - Vice-Chair***

***Suzanne Afchain - Sec/Treasure***

***Shanique Mais -Event Coordinator***



Our section's group is active on [LinkedIn](#), the best-known online professional networking channel.



Then press

Join

- Join today. Stay in the know. Take part in sharing, networking, discussions, polls, and a lot more.
- Find us by typing 'ASQ 1510' under Group Search.
- It's that easy.
- Please contact Mercedes Massana Section 1510, for more information at [mercedes.massana@gmail.com](mailto:mercedes.massana@gmail.com)



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