



Baltimore Section 0502 American Society for Quality Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

- Time:** 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. Registration
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Tutorial (ASQ Recertification - 0.3 RUs)
6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner and Networking
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Program (ASQ Recertification - 0.3 RUs)
- Tutorial:** “ASQ Re-certification Process”
Joan Richter CQA, CQPA - Recertification Coordinator, ASQ Baltimore.
- Program:** “The Society, the Region, and the Section”
Eric Whichard, ASQ Region 05 Regional Director (RD).
- Location:** Snyder’s Willow Grove Restaurant, 841 N Hammonds Ferry Rd, Linthicum, MD (410-789-8244 www.snyderswillowgrove.com) Exit 8 off of the Baltimore Beltway / 695, then right.
- Cost** Advance registration is required for dinner. No charge without dinner. See RSVP below.
Cost \$15 -- Cash or checks written to ASQ Baltimore accepted. No credit/debit cards accepted.

RSVP: Register electronically via the ASQ-Baltimore Section web page <http://www.asqbaltimore.org/>
Click on *Events » Reservations* – or via voice mail at **410-347-1453**. Please register no later than 3 days prior to the meeting. Cancel if unable to attend, otherwise **you may be billed**. Indicate if you will **not** be having dinner. In the event of **inclement weather**, call voice mail for meeting status.

About the Program:

J. Eric Whichard, ASQ Region 05 Regional Director (RD), will present an overview of the current state of the Society, the Region, and the Section, including objectives and plans, initiatives and programs, performance metrics, and composition (demographics). Please join us and take this opportunity to learn more about your Society, Region, and Section, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Eric is a member and Past Chair of the Baltimore Section. He has also been one of the region's Deputy Regional Directors (DRDs). As Regional Director he meets periodically with directors of the other 18 North America geographic regions (collectively the Section Affairs Council -- the SAC), directors of the Divisions (the DAC), Society officers and members of the Board of Directors, and other representatives of the Society. The SAC also meets monthly (by phone conference). In these contexts, Eric represents the Region, its Sections, their leaders and members as strategic and operational matters relating to all levels of the organization are reviewed, discussed, and decided. In order to be an effective representative, the RD needs to keep Section leaders / members in the loop, and receive their reaction, feedback, etc. Eric's presentation (including Q&A) is designed to be an opportunity for just such two-way communication. Please plan to attend, and provide him the benefit of YOUR input.

About the Tutorial:

Covering the Certification journal, changes in the submission process, questions answered and problems with the process will be covered.

About the Program Speaker:

With a BS (Chemistry) and an MBA, Eric Whichard has 25+ years of experience in chemical manufacturing and related services, including quality information management in an IT context. He holds ASQ Quality Engineer (CQE), Quality Manager (CMQ/OE), and Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB) certifications, and has considerable experience conducting classes and workshops relating to quality.

About the Tutorial Speaker:

Joan Richter CQA, CQPA is currently Section Chair, Education and Recertification Coordinator for ASQ Baltimore.

Directions: From 695 South (Glen Burnie) take Exit 8. Make a right off the exit ramp, a right at the traffic light onto Nursery Land, and a right at the traffic light onto N. Hammonds Ferry Rd. Snyder's will be on your immediate right just past the next traffic light. **From 695 North** (Towson) take Exit 8. At the end of the exit ramp make a right onto N. Hammonds Ferry Rd. Snyder's will be immediately on your right.

The ASQ Baltimore website has a brand new look !

<http://www.asqbaltimore.org> has been re-designed as an information portal to provide updated information to the membership. New features are being implemented regularly. Come see the new site.

Wanted: Jobseekers and Employers with Jobs - New website

Check out the new Jobseekers website – Now focused more on Career Management:

www.asqbaltimore.org/jobseekers/

Dates / Meetings of Local Interest

- ASQ Baltimore Board Meeting. Come join us and see how your Section is managed. Volunteer opportunities available (please contact a Board Member). (Mar 16; Apr 20)
- ASQ Baltimore Dinner Meeting (Apr 13). All meetings this year are planned to be held at Snyder's. If you have another location that is equivalent to Snyder's (i.e., North or Northeast of the city), please contact a Board Member.
- ASQ Breakfast Meeting. If your company is interested in sponsoring a breakfast meeting, please contact a Board Member, or use the website.
- Check out the **Calendar of Events** page on the new ASQ Baltimore website for information on other upcoming local events.

Section Board positions are currently open for **Advisors** and there are a number of committees available that could use your assistance. Come to one of our upcoming board meetings (see the website for the meeting calendar). See how your Section is run, and participate in its operation. Contact any section officer or committee chair or see the website for dates, directions, etc.

