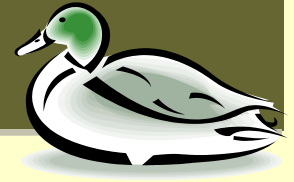


QAAC NEWSLETTER



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QAAC Events

Happy New Year every one! QAAC is ready to kick off 2011 with a February meeting. The topic is "Metrics: A Path to Success" presented by Kim Mahoney, CSQA. Please watch the QAAC website for the final date.

If you are interested in speaking at an upcoming meeting or seminar, please submit a bio and abstract of your topic to Director of Education, Kiran Pyneni through the QAAC website.

Mark your calendar and watch the QAAC website (www.qaac.org) for more details.

2011 -2012 Board Members

Each fall QAAC elects a new board. Positions include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, membership, education, programs & logistics, communications, charter and one member-at-large.

Several board members are returning again this year, but some are transitioning off. If you are interested in a position, please contact Deepak Sharma, current president, via the QAAC website for additional details.

Would you like to join the board of QAAC? The remaining open positions are Secretary and Director of Membership. Additionally, there is always a need for helping hands, please consider volunteering for a committee.

And don't forget, QAAC board members receive additional certification hours.

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Welcome New Board Members

QAAC would like to welcome two new board members. Joining the board are Stacy Owen as Director of Communication and Robert M. Young as Member at Large.

Stacy Owen is a SQA professional with over 10 years experience in various QA roles and methodologies. Currently, she is the consulting QA Manager for United Technologies. Stacy has advanced certifications in QTP & SilkTest and is experienced with many other industry standard software tools. Some of software systems she has experience in are compensation, human resource, and metric and measurement software. Her most significant achievement is leading a team to produce a zero defect software product using spiral methodology.

Robert M. Young is a software performance engineer with over 5 years experience in Software Quality Assurance. Robert is currently in the role of Systems Performance engineer at Wellpoint Inc. His performance engineering career started at MassMutual. He started in software as production resource analysis where he proactively monitored all revenue generating systems in MassMutual's Data Center before becoming a software performance engineer. He is well versed in the HP Quality tools, such as Performance Center, Quality Center, and Sitescope. As an IT professional, he is continuously looking to expand his knowledge in the quality assurance field.

The 2011 QAAC Membership enrollment is now open.

We hope you are ready to join or renew your QAAC membership for the 2011 calendar year.

It's a \$12.00 fee for 2011 membership. Meeting fees are \$10.00 per QAAC meeting.

Season Passes Available in January:

A QAAC Season Pass is being offered once again for \$50.00 that will cover the cost of all regular evening QAAC meetings in 2011. Joint meetings and seminars are not covered by the Season Pass.

Benefits

Members receive advance announcements of QAAC programs, Continuing Professional Education Units (CPE's) for re-certification, newsletters and more! Follow QAAC website via [Linkedin](#)

If you live in the CT Area and are a proponent of software quality practices, consider becoming a member of QAAC.

Who joins QAAC in 2011?

- Quality Assurance Professionals
- Automation Testing Specialists
- Agilists
- Project Managers
- Process Facilitators
- Methodologists
- Quality Planners
- Measurement Specialists
- IT Architects

About the founder of QAAC

Did you know that QAAC was founded by David L. Brown in Hartford, CT? Or that it was the first Quality Assurance Organization in New England?

A little effort and Yankee ingenuity started the QAAC Organization. Please continue on to our website (www.qaac.org) to read the about the founding father and the history of QAAC.

We hope that you join us this year continuing to develop, learn and teach about software quality assurance in the spirit of our founder.

Newsletter Submissions

Have you read an interesting book lately? Or maybe attended an interesting training session? Or how about that new tool you picked up and love/loathe and want to let everyone know about? Here is your chance – submit an article to the QAAC Newsletter! Not sure you can write an article by yourself? That's okay... we can help!

If you are interested in contributing to the next QAAC newsletter, please send your submission via the [QAAC Website](#).

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