

ASQ Rochester - January 2022 Newsletter

Our vision is to be a recognized authority and champion for quality in the Greater Rochester area.

Our mission is to advance individual and organizational excellence in the Greater Rochester Community through education and training in quality principles and technologies, and to promote quality professionalism by members.

Message from the Chair

By W. Frazier Pruitt

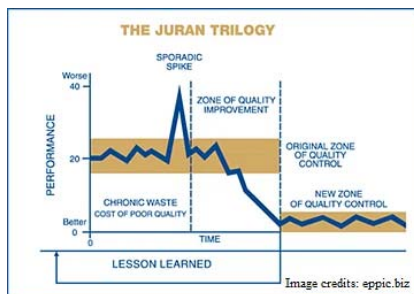
The past year...

Well, we made it to 2022. It has been a long two years for the world and it seems turmoil is not quite finished but I see hope. I have seen what ASQ Rochester has done last year and I know the future is bright.

Last year was a great year for ASQ Rochester. We call it a 'reestablishing' year, but really we even did more, including stabilizing and consolidating future income sources, offering our first courses in Python data science for quality, and partnering with local youth STEM programs. I would argue that we are achieving our mission better than we have for some time.

What is next...

This brings us to what is next. Forgive me, but I can't help but to show you an old classic image of the Juran Trilogy.



Last year we worked hard in the 'Zone of Quality Improvement' and really made some great improvements. The next step in the process is to standardize and control to keep the gains. This is our goal for 2022. We are going to make these systems work smoothly and near effortlessly. This will have two benefits. First it

will mean that we can provide our members and community with the benefits that they need, and expect, reliably in the future. The second is that it will free up our volunteers to pursue new, exciting ideas that align with their passions.

What does this mean for you?

This means that there is no better time to get involved with ASQ Rochester. I have heard reasons not to be involved but I think that most are misguided. It truly is a great place to strengthen leadership skills and give back to the community.

Young Quality Professionals: You may feel that you don't have the knowledge to contribute but that is not true. If you are reading this newsletter you have committed to careers and self-improvement and I bet you already have skills worth sharing. Plus there are two huge benefits to volunteering with ASQ Rochester. First is networking; getting to know the quality leaders and showing them your competence. This will go a long way to helping your career. The second is practicing and demonstrating your leadership skill which I have always found to be a key in quality. You have leadership skills and we can help you find, exercise and showcase them.

Established Professionals: If over the years you feel like ASQ Rochester has not provided value to you it may be a case of "you get out what you put into it." I don't say this trivially or to reflect blame but because I felt the same way. Now being involved I get more than certifications from ASQ, I really feel connected to the Rochester Quality community. And I love the network, the chances to write and speak, and knowing that my efforts are making Rochester a better place for quality and living.

Call to action: No matter where you are on your career journey, now is the time to try getting involved. If this will be your first time getting involved, you will not be alone. The year is just starting so we have lots of new folks excited to start getting involved. Also feel free to bring a friend, you don't have to be a paying ASQ member to be involved with ASQ Rochester, but there are advantages to ASQ membership. If you feel like something is drawing you in but don't want to commit to anything, that is fine, and I would encourage you to give me a call. My cell number is 585-280-1937 and my email is wfrazierpruitt@gmail.com. Please reach out!

All the best,

Frazier

2021 in Review

It was an incredible year of rebuilding and we introduced some amazing new offerings from ASQ Rochester. Below are some of the highlights.

Philanthropy

We continued our scholarship program. Congratulations to Camryn Grizer who was awarded \$2,000 to help continue her education.

We launched a new grant program to support local youth STEM programs. The response from quality applicants was so great that we gave away \$6,000 to support our local youth. The Winners are:

- Victor Central School Snap Circuits
- Rochester City School District FIRST Robotics
- Our Lady of Mercy FIRST Robotics
- Honeoye 4H FIRST Robotics
- Churchville-Chili FIRST Robotics
- Seneca Falls FIRST Robotics

In the second half of the year we supported GRQC (Greater Rochester Quality Council) in their “Day of Quality” event. We sponsored refreshments at celebration events and a member of ASQ volunteered to facilitate one of the improvement events with local non-profits. Special thanks to Lori Cohen for her amazing work on a great local program.

Education Programing

Early in the year we partnered with DataCicada to commission a “Python for Quality” course that ran over three evenings. The program was well attended and highly regarded by the attendees for the tailored, hands-on programing and personal support during the course. Thank you Paul Yacci.

Lastly, but not to be understated, we continued to offer virtual programming throughout the year including Reliability Statistics courses, Quality in Agriculture, and many other great programs. Thank you Franklin Allen for finding all the great speakers.

Volunteer Recognition

The amazing year would not have been possible without our great volunteers. We would like to recognize our Chairs for all of their dedication and hard work:

- Lori Cohen – Secretary
- Virginia Carr – Treasurer
- W. Frazier Pruitt – Chair Elect
- Franklin Allen – Program Committee Chair
- James Bongard – Scholarship Chair

- Rasa Clair – Conference Committee Chair
- Ted Skomsky – STEM Committee Chair
- Paul Yacci – Data Science Committee Chair
- Melissa Manny – Leadership Committee
- Ed Grizer – Historian and Leadership Committee
- Michael Kincaid – Leadership and Conference Committee
- Eric Schaeffer – Conference Committee

Among our great volunteers there are a few that stand out for long term contributions to the section. Folks like these are why Rochester ASQ has such a long and prominent place in Rochester and the global ASQ community.

Distinguished Service Awards

To recognize members who make significant contributions to the section, we established a new award to commemorate Ivan Enstrom and David Schreiber.

The inaugural recipients of the Ivan Enstrom and David Schreiber award are:

- Edison Grizer
- Frank Battaglia

Congratulations gentlemen!

We have also christened a new award in honor of Mason E. Wescott. Wescott, a long time and influential leader of Rochester ASQ, is the namesake of the highest honor awarded by ASQ Rochester.

Congratulations Vincent Vezza, on being the inaugural recipient of this prestigious award for enduring support of ASQ Rochester. It is noticed, appreciated, and it is an honor to work with you.

Looking Forward to 2022

Finally looking into the new year we welcome Officers for 2022; Chair, W. Frazier Pruitt; Secretary, Michael Kincaid; and Treasurer, Melissa Manney.

Anyone looking for professional development, or just RUs, should mark the calendar for February 23 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Therese Costich has a great presentation planned. Therese is the author of *Excelling on a Digital Transformation Journey: A Field Guide to Help You Define Your Success*, published by Quality Press.

We look forward to another great year in 2022 and hope you will choose to attend some events, take the next step in your career, and join our Leadership to make a positive impact in your community.