

## ASQ Austin Section 1414 Mid-Year 2015 Activities Update

Having just gone past the halfway point for the year, it is an appropriate time to give you our midyear update. Our section membership has remained steady around 450 members. Manufacturing and Service Industry Sectors make up 71% of our membership

Total Members	Associate	Full	Senior	Fellow	Org/Site	Student
447	25	207	158	4	4	49

Industry Sector	Member Count
Education	11
Government	16
Healthcare	18
Manufacturing	174
Service	145
Unclassified	83
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>447</b>

Our balance sheet is strong and we are operating in alignment with our budget, however we want to make sure we are spending our resources in ways that create value for you

During the first half of the year we accomplished the following:

- Held Webinars on Patient Safety and Executive Presence
- Meetings
  - Toured Malcolm Baldrige Winners Freese & Nicholls, an infrastructure engineering firm
  - Toured the Dell Command Center
  - Heard about the Good Will Baldrige Journey
  - Heard Yvonne Howze Speak on Leadership
  - Held a Joint meeting with APICS enlarging our sphere of influence and your networking opportunities
- In the way of Community Service we raised \$210 for the Capital Area foodbank from Webinar fees
- Registered 29 People for ACC ASQ certification prep classes
  - Our new on-line cert prep classes are proving popular
  - Our classes are the most economical way to prepare for your certification

- Held our Spring Social dinner where many of you brought your spouse and friends to enjoy a relaxed networking opportunity and recognize some of the Section Leadership who received awards for their service.
- ASQ Re-certs : (2015 Total as of July 7: 22)

Month	Count of Month/Year forwarded to ASQ
5/1/2014	4
6/1/2014	7
7/1/2014	5
8/1/2014	1
9/1/2014	1
10/1/2014	1
11/1/2014	7
12/1/2014	8
<b>Total 2014 (May-Dec)</b>	<b>34</b>
1/1/2015	7
2/1/2015	5
3/1/2015	2
4/1/2015	1
5/1/2015	1
6/1/2015	3
7/1/2015*	3
<b>Total 2015 to date</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>56</b>

I am really looking forward to the events coming up in the second half of f 2015:

- Presentations on The Kata (Managing people for Improvement)
- Our Fall all day Education event: covering ISO changes, Career Development and Malcolm Baldrige journeys. This is great way to accumulate RU's for maintaining your certifications, there will be something for everyone.
- More Webinars
- Community service project followed by social hour (RU's will be given)
- Our Annual Dinner , another great social and networking opportunity
- Officer nominations and elections are coming up in September and October after which the 2015 and 2016 leadership teams will put together the business plan for 2016

Our balance sheet is strong with assets of just over \$12,000 and we are operating in alignment with our budget, however we want to make sure we are spending our resources in ways that create value for you

What you are telling us in your feedback, and your event attendance:

You want Recertification units so you can maintain your certifications.

You want exposure to the latest quality concepts.

You want a chance to network with your peers from other companies.

You like plant and business tours that offer a way to see how other people do things.

The officers of your section are deeply committed to deliver more value to you for your membership dollar but we need your help to plan and organize events and make sure the day to day activities are necessary to maintain the section get done. Please consider how you want to use your time and talents to help move ASQ Section 1414 forward as the Global Voice of Quality in Austin.

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