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# ASQ Section 0511 Meeting

Program: Food Safety in the US: Are we doing enough?

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Arrangements Chair

Section Business:

Jeff Parnes, Section 0511 Chair

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# Agenda

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- Section Business
  - Recertification
  - Volunteering Opportunities
  - Upcoming Events
- This Month in Quality
  - Upcoming conferences of note
- Program
  - Food Safety in the US: Are we doing enough?  
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# Section Business

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# RU Changes

- Instructor was 0.15 RU per hour and is now 0.1 RU per hour (now claimed under “Continuing Education” activity).
- Meetings/Events was 0.5 RU per meeting or workshop and is now 1.0 RU per day for conferences/workshops. Seminars and meetings are 0.1 RU per hour.
- Publishing: Book editors used to receive 1.0 RU per book and now receive 4.0 RUs per book.
- Professional Development, including certification, continuing education, publishing/reviewing, and meetings/events no longer have a maximum RU limit.
- Committees had a maximum RU limit of 8.0 RUs and now is 4.5 RUs.
- Committees were 2.0 RUs per committee, per year for elected officers and are now 1.5 RUs per year.
  - Member leaders are still 1.5 RUs per year.



# Earning RU

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- Muzaffar Zaffar is our Section Recertification Chair; please contact him if you need help in obtaining additional RU as part of your recertification plan.
- Muzaffar can be reached at:  
[recertification25@asq0511.org](mailto:recertification25@asq0511.org)
- RU can be earned through service to the Section, including serving on the SLC, presenting a program, and ad hoc tasks.
- RU for SLC service is currently capped at 4.5 per 3-year recertification period.



# Section Volunteer Openings (more)

- Ranger Outing Lead
  - Edwin Videla



- Assistant Streaming Lead Currently, Jeff Parnes is our only Section volunteer who is familiar with all aspects of our streaming technology. This volunteer would:
  - Assist with setup, operation, and breakdown of our streaming equipment.
  - Lead our streaming when Jeff cannot attend a meeting.

# Upcoming Meetings

- Early 2025
  - March 2025, Food Safety in the US coming up next!
  - April 2025, Project Rolodex to Robot: A deep dive into automating the patient scheduling function at a home healthcare agency by Section 0511 member Aneil Nayak, CSSBB, PMP
  - May 2025, Edwin and I are looking into a Ranger Outing to a local organization
  - June 2025, a speaker on document location/configuration management, title TBD
  - July 2025, Ranger Outing

If you have a 30- to 45-minute presentation, we'd love to hear from you! We still have at least one open month in 2025.



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# This Month in Quality

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# This Month in Quality Progress

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- Maria can't be here tonight but has promised QP highlights for the last couple of months for next month's Section meeting!

# Other Quality News

- The 2024 ASQ Audit Division Conference slides are available now in myASQ in the Audit Division section
- World Conference on Quality and Improvement (WCQI) is on May 4-7, 2025, in Denver, CO
  - Registration is now open; standard pricing runs until May 3, 2025.
  - Theme: Take Quality to New Heights!
  - Maria Habib will be attending, and will be providing us with a program of highlights later this year
- The 2025 ASQ Audit Division Conference will be held in Reno, NV on September 10 and 11, 2025.
  - Details to come on the Audit Division myASQ page.



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**Section Program:**  
**Food Safety in the US:**  
**Are we doing enough?**

**Presented by Edwin Videla**



# Edwin Videla

- Pharmaceutical Chemist, University of Chile
- MBA Project Management, University of Texas
- Certified Food Safety and Quality Auditor (CFSQA)
- 15 years of experience in Quality Control/Assurance in Pharmaceutical and Food Industries
- ASQ Section 0511 Northern Virginia member since 2023
- Has joined our Section's SLC and is our 2025 Arrangements Chair.

