EDUCATION CORNER

Education is the transmission of civilization. ARIEL AND WILL DURANT

ASQ Certification

In my last column, I told you that I sat for the Six Sigma Green Belt Certification. I am happy to say that I passed my exam and was awarded the ASQ Six Sigma Green Belt Certification. My company, which does not have an active Six Sigma program or support clients with Six Sigma consultants, was nonetheless pleased at my accomplishment. I have become more of an asset to them as I could be bid on future proposals that called for Six Sigma skills. In addition, I would improve the company’s ability to win proposals not calling specifically for Six-Sigma skills as the Green Belt certification would make me appear as a stronger candidate. I encourage every member of Section 0511 to become active in ASQ’s certification program. ASQ certifications are a discriminator that will help you when seeking employment or solidify your position in your current company.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:

Education Volunteer: – In the past, the Section 0511 Education Chair has been concerned with providing training for section members who are trying to prepare for a certification exam. The section would like to expand our education role by moving into the Quality Education arena. We are looking for people who work in the Education field (any level, public/private, teacher or administrator) who would like to assist the section in providing liaison to local schools, setting up and running an Education Special Interest Group, etc. Qualified candidates should have a certification in one of the following areas: CMQ/OE, Quality Auditor, Six Sigma Black Belt, or Quality Improvement Associate. The level of participation is entirely voluntary. As always, participation as a committee member earns recertification points. Please contact the Education chair at education09@asq0511.org

Certification Exam Preparation Course Instructors: The section is looking to expand its certification exam preparation course selection. If you would like to be a lead instructor for a new offering or be an assistant instructor in an existing offering, please contact the education chair at education09@asq0511.org

Instructor qualifications include a certification in the BOK you desire to instruct, several years of on the job
experience in that field, and experience as an instructor/teacher. Instructors receive recertification units for teaching as well as a small stipend.

**Venues for Certification Course:**
Section 0511 is constantly looking for a classroom facility to conduct our Certification Preparation Courses in. If you are planning to take one of our courses and have a facility that you provide for the course, please contact the specific instructor or the education chair at education09@asq0511.org

**ASQ Learning Institute:**
If you have not had an opportunity to view what the Learning Institute has to offer, below is a page that is copied from the ASQ web site that shows you what the Institute has to offer:

**My Learning**
It’s all about you. Create your learning plan. Track your progress. Make adjustments. You can do it all from right here.

- **Track your training history.** Here’s your entire history of learning events - including courses taken outside of the Learning Institute.
- **Work on your learning plan.** Plan your training over an extended period of time. Includes scheduled courses, courses in progress, and future courses you would like to take.

- **Plan your quality career.** Identify gaps in your knowledge and choose the appropriate training to get from where you are to where you want to be.

**Add CEUs you’ve earned outside of the Learning Institute.** Include additional CEUs and classes you’ve taken outside of the Learning Institute to create your comprehensive learning profile.

**Check out what the Learning Institute has to offer you at:**
http://www.asq.org/learninginstitute/