

## Message from the Chair



I'm excited to contribute to the success of Section 1409. Our Section was founded April 11, 1958. Yes, our section has been providing value to our members for over 60 years. Currently, our section has 230 members mostly living in Oklahoma, but we also have members from Texas, Missouri, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Indiana. As the new chair I want to give you some background about myself. I was born in New Mexico and raised in Moscow, Idaho but currently a Hawaiian resident. My wife and I spend time in Maui, Hawaii and Bartlesville Oklahoma where we care of my wife's mother. I'm an Electrical Engineer with master's degrees and advanced studies in

Organizational Management and Applied Statistics. I'm a numbers guy..... I was fortunate enough to work at great companies like Texas Instruments and Boeing where I applied my engineering and statistical skills. In 2017, I retired as the Quality/Reliability Engineering Manager at Schweitzer Engineering in Pullman, Washington. My staff of 32 engineers, analysts and technicians were responsible for supplier quality, product quality and reliability testing, and maintaining corporate quality and reliability metrics. It was challenging but fun. I also have my CQE and CQM/OE certifications. Our section recently completed elections and our sections officers are listed below. I hope you have the opportunity to meet our member leaders in the future.

Position	2019
Section Chair	Don Blair
Auditing/Education Chair	Tin Teale
Arrangements Chair	Bart Pickens
Secretary	Sarah Seaman
Treasurer	John Andoe
Membership Chair	James Volinic
Nominations Chair	Gregory Hill
Voice of the Customer	Jarred Johnson
Publicity Chair	Michael Wasserman
Newsletter Editor	Larry Miller

The ASQ Section chairs meet monthly to discuss membership, presentations, training, tours and other activities our professional members will find valuable. The ASQ is here for your benefit. Please contact me at [ChairASQ1409@gmail.com](mailto:ChairASQ1409@gmail.com) with ideas for members meetings.

We have member meeting the second Tuesday of January through May and September through November. We take June through August off for summer break. With our section membership primarily living in Tulsa area we try to make meetings convenient by meeting at Tulsa Tech. We typically have presenters at meetings, but we are diving in web-based meetings giving us more speakers with many topics such as career development, quality culture, statistics and quality standards you will find valuable.

I'd like to see as many members as possible attend our meetings. Of course, you earn education units for recertification. I encourage you to contribute to Section 1409 growth by volunteering to speak at meetings, teach a class or other activities to help you grow personally and professionally.

Kind Regards,

Don Blair, Tulsa Section 1409 chair

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*Upcoming events:*

February Section 1409-member meeting February 12, 2019

March Section 1409-member meeting March 12, 2019

April Section 1409-member meeting April 9, 2019

May Section 1409-member meeting May 14, 2019

(member meetings are at 5:30pm on Tulsa Tech campus in building G room G203)

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**Prizes from our last meeting:**



Two 64GB Flash Drives an LED Lantern and an LED Headlight

Prizes given at every member meeting.

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**ASQ resources:** Which division do you belong? Below is the link to the page showing all the ASQ divisions.

[http://asq.org/communities-networking/topic-industry.html?WT.mc\\_id=VU1009](http://asq.org/communities-networking/topic-industry.html?WT.mc_id=VU1009)

Find out about upcoming events, presentations webinars for the following divisions:

Audit, Automotive, Aviation Space & Defense Division, Biomedical, Chemical Process Industries, Customer-Supplier, Design and Construction, Education, Electronics and Communications, Energy and Environmental, Food Drug and Cosmetic, Government, Healthcare, Human Development & Leadership, Innovation, Inspection, Lean Enterprise, Measurement Quality, Quality Management, Reliability, Service Quality, Six Sigma, Software, Statistics, Team and Workplace Excellence Divisions

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**ASQ Back to Basics:** I believe it is valuable to refresh your quality tool box with techniques and methods you don't always use. How about the following:

The importance of good design for the supply chain

<http://asq.org/quality-progress/2018/11/back-to-basics/blueprint-for-success.html>

Asking the right questions

<http://asq.org/quality-progress/2018/10/back-to-basics/the-right-questions.html>

How to attain and sustain a quality culture

<http://asq.org/quality-progress/2018/07/back-to-basics/back-to-basics/mission-critical.html>

Stay tuned for more ASQ society and section updates. Please contact me with feedback and suggestions.

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