

Quality Times

RI ASQ Newsletter

Letter from the chair

The year of 2024 is now in the past. It has been a difficult year for RIASQ Section 0107. Although your Leadership Committee continuously brainstormed to launch attractive ways of delivering high quality educational courses, they struggled to start. We also were shocked to see a decline in attendance at our monthly dinner meetings. However, the Young Professional team continued to gain momentum and started “Coffee Talks” and “Book Discussion.” Collectively, the Committee is working to change its approach on the offering of educational courses to meet the needs and enthusiasm of our membership locally and for other quality professionals nationwide. In 2025, you will also see a new organizational structure to energize dinner meetings and bring more member value to the Section.



I finished my 4th term as Section Chair at the end of 2024. Shannon Flanagan will be your new Section Chair. Shannon brings a wealth of quality leadership and innovation to the Section. She started the Young Professionals group to drive enthusiasm and involvement for the younger generations entering into the quality profession. The development and support from the young folks ensure that RIASQ Section 0107 maintains vitality for years to come. Under her guidance, the Section looks forward to bringing more value to the membership.

Remember to check out the [RIASQ.org](https://riasmq.org) website and visit us on LinkedIn.

The RIASQ Leadership Committee hopes that you finished off the year safe and healthy with your families.

See you soon...

Dean Chapman

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Upcoming Dinner Meetings

5:30 Registration and networking

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Events/Speaker

January 16, 2025

Location: Twelve Acres, Smithfield

Speaker: Kate Creegan

Topic: Using AI tools to augment your training program

February 20, 2025

Location: Riviera, East Providence

Speaker: Mike Spaziano and Jan Hennecke

Topic: Using Cobots in Manufacturing

March 20, 2025

Location: Davenport's, East Providence

Speaker: Denise Robitaille

Topic: ISO 9001 Impending Changes

April 17, 2025

Plant tour of Tyco

Dinner at Brass Monkey, Providence

Honoring Jane Pilz

It is with heavy hearts, disbelief, and sorrow that we saw the passing in early December of our long time Leadership Committee member, Jane Pilz, resulting from a long term illness. For greater than 15 years, Jane served the Section on numerous assignments; her most noteworthy position being our "Arrangements Chairperson." Her regular attendance to dinner meetings with her husband Steve will be missed by all of us. Rest in peace Jane. You will forever be in the hearts and minds of RIASQ Section 0107.



Young Professionals End of Year Recap

The Young Professionals Committee was launched in November 2023 but really hit its stride in 2024! During the year we saw our committee grow from 7 to 10 members and launched many activities focused at supporting our less experienced members and guests of RIASQ:

- "So you're an ASQ member. Now what?" webinar in April
- Monthly Coffee Talks: a casual opportunity for people of all experience levels to ask questions, answer questions, and share stories on a specific topic each month. Coffee Talk is facilitated by a different YP committee member and held at noon on the 2nd Friday of each month
- Fall Networking Social at Proclamation Ale
- Quarterly Book Discussions: held in the evenings and facilitated by a YP committee member, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for to read a great career-related book and discuss it with other Quality professionals in a fun virtual environment. Books featured were:
 - "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team" by Patrick Lencioni
 - "The Goal" by Eliyahu Goldratt

In 2025, the committee will be led by Em McKenna and Trevor O'Reilly. The team is gearing up for another exciting year continuing to build on the success of 2024 and launching some exciting new opportunities.

If you'd like to be a part of the Young Professionals planning committee, we'd love to have you! Just reach out to em.mckenna@getinge.com or trevor.oreilly@getinge.com for more information.



Check us out on LinkedIn

2025 Leadership Committees

The RIASQ 2025 Leadership team is excited about the upcoming year and slate of activities and educational opportunities we're working on to provide value to you, our members.

We are always looking for fresh faces to join the various committees and provide input into our offerings. If you're interested in volunteering your time (a little or a lot) in any capacity (even if it's not listed below), please reach out to shannon.flanagan@getinge.com for more information.

Chair	Shannon Flanagan	
Vice-Chair	David Sullivan	
Fellow At-Large	Tony DeMarinis	
Treasurer	Dean Chapman	
Nominating	Dean Chapman	
Scholarship	OPEN	
Secretary	Joe Malachowski	
Outreach	Chair	Chris Cinieri
	Social media/myASQ	David Sullivan
	Newsletter	Shannon Flanagan
	Community Connections	Trevor O'Reilly
	Welcome Team	Jennifer Ramirez
Program Planning	Chair	Shannon Flanagan
	Dinner Meetings	Nelson Lam
	Webinars	Trevor O'Reilly
	Networking	Em McKenna
	Venues	John Skory
Voice of the Customer	Tony DeMarinis	
Membership	Chris Cinieri	
Education	Chair	Bob Imbruglio
	Member	Sandy Davignon
	Member	Al Sidaras
Young Professionals Co-Leaders	Trevor O'Reilly and Em McKenna	

Fellow Membership

Fellow Membership is an honor bestowed by other ASQ Members.

A Fellow represents the upper echelon of the quality profession and serves as the backbone of the Society.

In addition to peer recognition, ASQ Fellows receive additional member benefits.

Requirements:

- Fellows must be nominated by their section, forum/division, region director, or the elected chair or president of a country unit recognized by the ASQ Board of Directors.
- A Fellow member must be a Senior member for at minimum the past five consecutive calendar years.

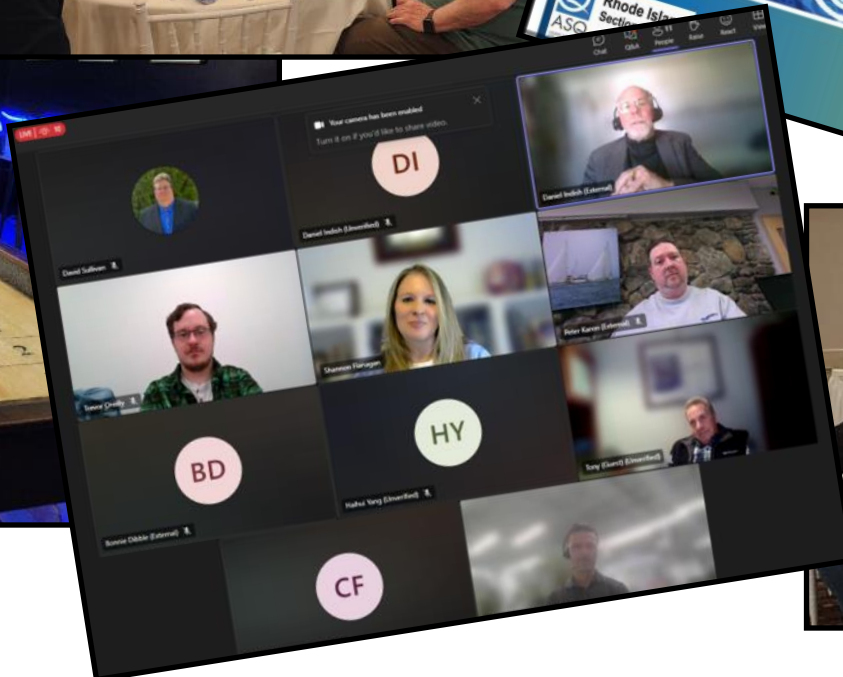
Additional requirements can be found here: [ASQ Fellows Info](#)

Learn more about the nomination process by contacting Tony DeMarinis.

Fall 2024 Events in Pictures



"Quality is more important than quantity. One home run is much better than two doubles." - Steve Jobs





Mission Statement

To achieve World Class Leadership in customer satisfaction, we will continually strive to create, promote, and stimulate interest in quality technology and information. Our organization will foster continuous improvement, mutual respect, and individual growth of all members and economic viability of the RIASQ section.

Recertification Unit Opportunities

- Instructors (0.1 RU/hour) Are you ready to teach a course?

- Committees (1.5 RU/year) We have several committees with openings!

- Dinner Meetings (0.1 RU/hour) Join us the 3rd Thursday of most months.

- Young Professionals Events (0.1 RU/hour) Participate in any of our many different events.



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Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities

Businesses and individuals can now show their support by advertising in the RIASQ newsletter or emails. Reach over 200 quality professionals in the Rhode Island area for a reasonable rate based on size and placement.

Type & Placement	Issues	1	2*	4*	9*
Email or Newsletter Banner Approx. 2 x 8"	Top	\$35	60	110	225
	Bottom	\$25	45	90	200
	Both	\$50	90	175	350
Quarterly Newsletter Sidebar 2 x10" Approx. 8 x 10"	Left Bar	\$60	110	200	NA
	Right Bar	\$65	120	220	
	Full Pg	\$150	250	450	
Business Card Approx. 2 x 3.5"	Avail. Space	\$20	35	70	150
Company Logo 1 x 1"	Bottom	\$15	25	50	125

Or become an RIASQ Sponsor!



Bronze Sponsor Benefits: \$200

- Name and level listed on newsletter sponsor page.
- Company Logo placement on all Communications, Jun-May
- 2 reserve seats at Speaker's table for dinner meeting of choice
- 10% discount for RIASQ Education classes or seminars



Silver Sponsor Benefits: \$500

- Bronze benefits above PLUS:
- Company Logo and Banner displayed at all activities
- 2 Complimentary Registrations for dinner meeting of choice



Gold Sponsor Benefits: \$1000

- Bronze and Silver benefits above PLUS:
- Complimentary Exhibit Table at all RIASQ events



Platinum Sponsor Benefits: \$1500

- Bronze, Silver & Gold benefits above PLUS:
- One free seat in RIASQ Education Class or Seminar

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