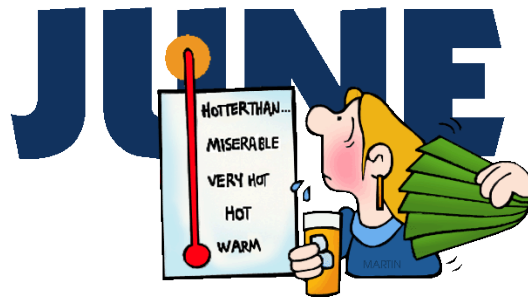




## The Healthcare Division Chair's Progress Report: JUNE 2013

by Joe Fortuna



### **I. HCD Nominations/Elections**

This year the Healthcare Division will once again need to elect three officers: Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their terms will run from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Bill Dunwoody, our current Chair-elect, will become Chair on January 1, 2014. We have formed a Nomination Committee and it is being chaired by Jim Levett, our past Chair.

Around July 15, we will be mailing every HCD full member in good standing and announcement of the process and an invitation to "self-nominate" themselves for an office. The process will require obtaining the signatures of 10 other HCD members (in writing or via email) and submitting them on a petition form to the HCD Secretary, Pierce Story, for validation. That mailing can be found at [EMAIL TO HCD MEMBERS ABOUT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS](#)

The Nominating Committee will then meet and consider the self-nominations and others to develop a slate. That slate plus the names of those who have submitted validated nomination petition forms will then be sent in the early fall to all of the HCD members eligible to vote. We will then submit the names of the winners to ASQ by November 15.

Be on the lookout for the mailing about this in mid-July. If you do not receive it by July 20, please let me know!!

### **II. HCD Sponsorship of HCD Member Proposals For WCQI 2014:**

As you may have heard, the ASQ call for papers for WCQI 2014 in Dallas has been issued, with an August 2, 2013 deadline. In case you missed it, here is a link to the details: [CALL FOR WCQI 2014 PROPOSALS](#)

What you may not know is that the HCD now has a policy under which the Division can provide support for travel and lodging to up to three presenters per year at WCQI or other ASQ national conferences. In case you are interested, that policy can be found on our website at [POLICY ON HCD SPONSORSHIP OF WCQI PROPOSALS](#).

The purpose of this email is to encourage you to submit your abstract to the WCQI Committee and to make you aware that if your presentation is accepted, there may be financial support for your trip and lodging. We have already had 3 or 4 submissions and are looking for more!!



If you do decide to submit, and you would like the HCD to consider supporting your travel, please let us know as soon as you can so that we know you are interested. We would also like to receive a copy of your abstract when you let us know of your intent to submit and interest in receiving support. Both your email requesting support and your abstract should be sent to me, Joe Fortuna, at [jaf@prism1.org](mailto:jaf@prism1.org) with copies to our Education Committee Chair, Dan Rand [[drand@winona.edu](mailto:drand@winona.edu)] and to Linda Milanowski, HCD's ASQ Community Development Coordinator [[lmilanowski@asq.org](mailto:lmilanowski@asq.org)].

Also, please let us know as soon as you have heard about your acceptance so we can make an expeditious decision on support of your travel.

Please contact either me or Dan Rand at any time if you have any questions.

### **III. The HCD Webinars Are Moving In the Right Direction**

Thanks to the suggestion of TPC and HCD member, Laura Kinney, the HCD has notified all of the WCQI 2013 healthcare presentation applicants that we would welcome their presentations/abstracts for consideration as HCD Webinar presentations. If your healthcare-oriented proposal to WCQI 2013 was not accepted and you would like to present it as an HCD Webinar, please contact Dan Rand [[drand@winona.edu](mailto:drand@winona.edu)] as soon as possible!! Already several of you have done so, which has greatly enriched the content of our Webinar Series!!

### **IV. The Number of Sectional Healthcare Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Is still Growing**

Thanks to the leadership of Hamilton Plaza, our Sectional SIG Chair, the number of Sectional Healthcare SIGs is still growing! We now have approved Healthcare SIGs in Atlanta, Boston, and NYC and applications in progress from Philadelphia, Houston, and Hawaii. Information on the activity of these regional SIGs can be found on our website at [REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SIG ACTIVITY](#). Please contact Hamilton if your Section would like to start a healthcare SIG [[hamiltonplaza@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonplaza@gmail.com)].

### **V. Here Are Some New Opportunities To Get Involved in the HCD!**

#### **A. CRITICAL NEED!!!**

We desperately need help with the HCD website!! If you have any experience using website software, and want to help out the Division and our Website Chairs (Linh Dye and Cheri Graham-Clark) please contact me as soon as possible [[jaf@prism1.org](mailto:jaf@prism1.org)]!!!!

**B. The Healthcare Quality Certification Exam Task Group:** The Chair of the rejuvenated HCD Certification Exam Task Group, Ken Devane, is looking for a few HCD members to assist in bringing this long-term "HCD Dream" to reality. While it won't be easy, the result will be well worth it and will provide great value to our members. It is not too late to get in on this activity at the ground floor. If you are interested in joining Ken on this journey, please let me know ASAP ([jaf@prism1.org](mailto:jaf@prism1.org)).

**C. Long Term Care Special Interest Group:** The Chair of this new, industry-based special interest group, Sally McClatchey, is looking for leaders and members to join her in researching and implementing state-of-the-art quality and process-improvement methodologies and cultures in the long term care industry. If you are in this field and/or have an interest in long term care, please let me know so we can connect you with Sally!

**D. Task Group on The Value of Non-Clinical PI/QI Improvement Professionals In Healthcare:** Rod Munro is just getting this group up and running and would welcome the



support and assistance of all those who have tried to break through the "Clinical-Only Glass Ceiling" in healthcare. The intent is to make sure that healthcare has sustainable access to the "A Team" in tackling the problems of efficiency, quality and culture change. If interested, let me know right away!

**vi. HELP IS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED FOR SEVERAL OTHER HCD COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES!! PLEASE CONSIDER PITCHING IN IN ONE OF THESE AREAS. I GUARANTEE YOU WILL GET AS MUCH OR MORE THAN YOU GIVE!!**



Several of our HCD Committees and Task Groups urgently need your help! It is a great networking opportunity from which you can really benefit. Among the most critical manpower needs we have are the following:

- A. **MEMBERSHIP/VOC COMMITTEE:** PLEASE CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP LEAD, PAUL GRIZZELL (paul.grizzell@corevaluespartners.com) OR OUR VOC CHAIR, GARY KOLLM (garyak22@yahoo.com) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES.
- B. **HBOK Competency Project:** If interested please contact Sue Peiffer at [SPeiffer@shec.hshs.org](mailto:SPeiffer@shec.hshs.org)
- C. **THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.** If interested, please contact Dan Rand at [DRand@winona.edu](mailto:DRand@winona.edu) or Kathryn Seifert at [kathryn.m.seifert@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.m.seifert@gmail.com)
- D. **THE NIGHTINGALE AWARD COMMITTEE.** If interested, please contact Grace Paranzino at [parangk@kellyservices.com](mailto:parangk@kellyservices.com)
- E. **E-NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD:** Please consider signing up to help out. You contact Megan at [MSchmidt@asq.org](mailto:MSchmidt@asq.org) or Pierce Story at [pbstory@capacitystrategies.com](mailto:pbstory@capacitystrategies.com).

**HAVE A GREAT JUNE!!!**

WARM REGARDS,

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