



The Healthcare Division Chair's Progress Report: Good Things Come in Threes

As always, I welcome your feedback [via e-mail](#) or phone (248-709-6669). Thanks in advance.

1. [Quality Institute for Healthcare \(QIHC\)](#)

As chair of the ASQ Healthcare Division (HCD), I'd like to personally invite you to attend the 2011 QIHC, which will be held May 16-18 in Pittsburgh. QIHC is held in conjunction with ASQ's World Conference on Quality and Improvement.

This year, there are more than 70 educational sessions and workshops, several world-class speakers and the opportunity to network with thousands of ASQ members. The theme of the 2011 conference is "First Do No Harm, Then Make No Waste." Those who [register](#) for QIHC before April 15 will be entered to win an Apple iPad.

Many thanks for this wonderful event are due to HCD members Dan Rand, Bill Hackett and Ricardo Leano, as well as Ray Zielke, ASQ healthcare market manager.

Additionally, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, the HCD will hold its annual meeting at the conference venue (specific room details are to come). We'd love for you to drop by and participate in the governance and programming for your division. Thanks to Carla Konzel and Graciela Perez, this year, as in the past, there will also be an HCD booth in the exhibit hall. Please stop by and visit!

2. HCD nominations

As noted in my March 3 e-mail to HCD members, this year we are asking for HCD members to consider nominating one or more members to be candidates in the upcoming HCD elections for chair-elect, secretary and treasurer. These positions will run Jan. 1, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2013.

The details about what you need to do if you are interested in nominating someone are included in that e-mail. If you no longer have that message, please [e-mail me](#), and I will be happy to resend it to you.

Please read this material carefully. If after reading the material you wish to submit a nominating petition (using the form contained in the e-mail), please note that it must be received by April 10 to be considered. If you are going to submit it via e-mail, please send it to the [HCD Secretary Pierce Story](#).

If you are going to surface mail or overnight mail it, send it to:

Pierce Story
c/o Cynthia Nazario, ASQ Community Development Administrator
P.O. Box 3005
Milwaukee, WI 53201-3005



Please do not hesitate to [e-mail me](#) with any questions you might have about the process.

3. Committees and task groups

This time I mean it! Thanks to the work of Cheri Graham-Clark, HCD member and website co-chair, and Cynthia Nazario, ASQ community development administrator, we have finally gotten to the point of being able to give you three important pieces of information that we understand you need to make a decision about which of the many HCD activities you want to become involved in.

1. What committees and task groups are there? Who are the leaders of each committee and task group? What are their backgrounds? What are they doing now? (This information will soon be available at <http://asq.org/health/about/leadership-health.html>.)
2. What is required of a member of an HCD committee or task group? For example, what are the time, work and travel commitments? (This information will soon be available at <http://asq.org/health/about/operations-and-initiatives>.)
3. What will the committee or task group be doing? What is its business plan? (This information will soon be available at <http://asq.org/health/about/operations-and-initiatives>.)

I am asking each of you to humor me and visit both of these web addresses, read the material and make a choice. In doing so, you can ensure the division's health and sustainability by strengthening its infrastructure and providing depth and succession for its operations.

See you at QIHC!

—Warm regards,
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