



# Alaska Section 0608 American Society for Quality Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- Study group under way
- February 10 – at Chugachmuit (off Bragaw) – Lean Six Sigma
- March 10 – Work Out by SGS at Energy Center
- April 14 – at SGS – Lean 5S and Error Proofing
- May 12 – Iditarod – Process Improvement
- June, July, August we go dark

## 2010-2011 Meetings

Meetings are held at the BP Energy Center – except when we have a field trip planned



**Our next meeting will be at Chugachmiut** to see the way they have developed processes (using Lean Six Sigma) to help their business and their clients. Join us on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at their location – **1840 South Bragaw**. 5:30 to 6:00 is a light dinner and networking time, 6:00 to 6:30 is Section business, 6:30 to 7:45 is the presentation and tour time.

## The Alaska Section Goals

One of our first priorities as officers was to establish a mission and vision statement for our section.

### Vision:

- ◆ To obtain and deliver world class quality practices.

### Mission:

- ◆ To provide quality improvement through education, certification, goal setting, sustainability, and ethics.

Everything we planned for this year is based on these premises.

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*If you are interested in becoming a member, attending training classes, or requesting a specific type of training please contact Tom Sheffrey.*

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## New Members - Thank you for joining!

We had an influx of new members join our Section since November of last year - 11 in total (20 since July). Here they are:

**Oleg Bukhtiyarov (he is our web developer)**  
**Kristina Bowen**  
**Christopher Ford**  
**Heather Hall (she is our March presenter)**  
**Shera Hickman**  
**Trey Hodge**  
**Kevin Joiner (he is in the CMQ/OE Study Group)**  
**Neil Moran (Neil came to our January meeting)**  
**Rikki Stillman**  
**Cynthia Wallesz**  
**Greg Wegner, PMP**

If you are on this list – come to the February meeting for a free dinner and a book of your choice! Please RSVP

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### Educational Opportunities

.....lots! We have begun a study group for CMQ/OE which will test out on March 5. Shortly there after we will begin a CQA study group that will test out on June 4. Also, we are designing a Performance Score Card Seminar to be held this spring as well.

More to come in future newsletters.

If you would like to know more contact [Tom.Sheffrey@BP.com](mailto:Tom.Sheffrey@BP.com)

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The Survey results have been analyzed (thank you Steve Wang for doing this) and discussed. Come to the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and find out the changes we will be making - at your suggestion!

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## Carla's Corner - Articles in Review

Carla has the month off but she will be back in March with a steaming review on Work Out – this coincides with the presentation on Work Out with SGS. Amazing how that works!

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### 2010-2011

#### Officers:

- Chairman – Peter Lang / Lang Consulting
- Chairman Elect – Tom Sheffrey / Fircroft at BP
- Vice Chairman – Sherri Trask / SOA DEC
- Treasurer - Alan Muise/Holy Spirit Center
- Secretary – Teresa Lang / Lang Consulting

#### Committee Leads:

- Arrangements – Joe Furrer / USAF Retired
  - Auditing - Robby Robinson / Friendship in Serving Humanity (FISH)
  - Certification – Anna Cline / CH2MHILL
  - Database – Anna Cline / CH2MHILL
  - Education – Dr. Steve Wang / University of Alaska Anchorage
  - Education Co-Chair – Mike Engblom-Bradley / State of Alaska
  - Examining – Steve Wang
  - Historian – Robby Robinson / Friendship in Serving Humanity (FISH)
  - Immediate Past Chairman – Robert Bowlus / BP
  - Internet Liaison – Carla Williams / AES
  - Membership – Robert Bowlus / BP
  - Newsletter Editor – Tom Sheffrey / Fircroft at BP
  - Nominating – Larry Blachut / CH2MHILL
  - Program – open
  - Publicity – Teresa Lang / Lang Consulting
  - Recertification – Anna Cline / CH2MHILL
  - QMP – Maureen Pedigo / Blood Bank of AK
  - Student Branch – open
  - Webmaster – Urban Enkvist / CTG
  - Community Liaison – Dick La Fevor / Crossroads Leadership
  - Community Liaison – Shaune O'Neil / Public Works, Mat Su Borough
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