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**Mid West Society of Quality Assurance Newsletter**  
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Please submit articles for the next newsletter by **October 15, 2006** to [editor@mwsqa.org](mailto:editor@mwsqa.org)



## ***Presidential Ponderings***

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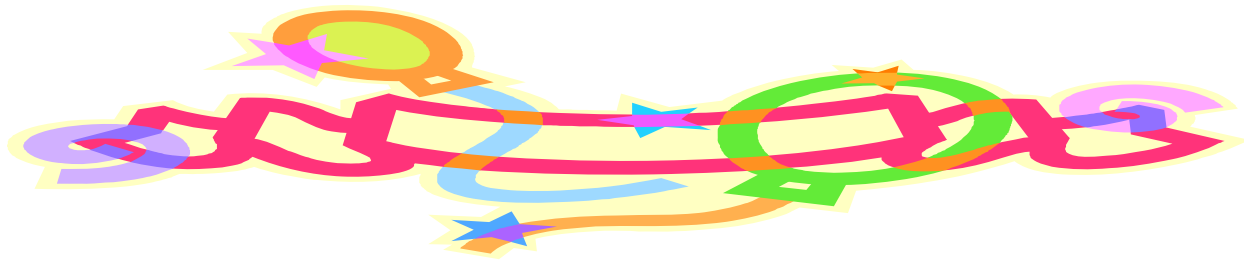
Welcome to Summer at the MWSQA! As a child growing up in the Midwest I can remember climbing trees and having green crab apple fights with my brothers and sisters on cool mornings, and reading mystery books under large green trees in the back yard on hot afternoons. We have officially passed the mid-point of the year and are into that part of the year when we try to find the large green trees in the back yard. OK so I still climb trees and have green crab apple fights except now it is with grand children instead of siblings. The point is that some traditions, like green crab apple fighting, need to be passed down while others, like Chapter Procedures and Position Descriptions, need to be written down. The Board of Directors has been working hard at revising both Chapter Procedures and Position Descriptions and the Communication Chair has been coordinating getting the updated documents posted to the MWSQA website ([mwsqa.org](http://mwsqa.org)).

With July comes the summer heat and unpredictable weather, as well as the predictable request from the MWSQA Board of Directors for individuals interested in working on the Nominating Committee and running for office. I would like to send out an invitation for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. This group identifies candidates for the ballot and assists with the election process. If you are interested or know of any MWSQA members who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee please see the newsletter article from the Nominating Committee Chair and contact Dee Talerico at [nomination\\_director@mwsqa.org](mailto:nomination_director@mwsqa.org) or (419) 647-4196 for more information.

The Planning Committee has been hard at work putting together a fantastic meeting to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MWSQA. Please make sure you keep checking the MWSQA [website](http://mwsqa.org) for updates on the meeting agenda and watch for meeting registration information coming out soon.

Do you have any questions or issues you would like to bring to the Board of Directors' attention? Please feel free to contact us through the links on the MWSQA [website](http://mwsqa.org) and we will get back to you to let you know that we received your message and what action we will be taking (e.g., discussion at the next board meeting).

The Board has scheduled out monthly meetings for 2006 to conduct chapter business, as well as several WebEx Board Conferences to work on updating Chapter Procedures and Position Descriptions. We plan on sharing periodic updates from these meetings and of our activities through the newsletter and [website](http://mwsqa.org).



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## **MWSQA Celebrates 15-Year Anniversary**

**November 13-17, 2006**

**You Don't Want to Miss This One!**

Angela K Steed  
Eli Lilly

The Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society of Quality Assurance's (MWSQA) 15-year anniversary is quickly approaching. It's almost time to celebrate our chapter's history with an anniversary meeting scheduled for **November 13-14, 2006 in Indianapolis**, Indiana at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel. Eli Lilly and Company will host the anniversary meeting. The MWSQA Planning Committee is still working hard to confirm speakers, exhibitors, meeting sponsors and finish last-minute details.

On Monday morning, November 13, the RQAP-GLP exam will be offered. The exam requires an additional fee and the deadline to register is September 25. In addition to the exam, several interesting training sessions are scheduled. Sessions such as Medical Device Introduction and Combination Products Training, CVIC Training, an Effective Presentation and Training Assessment course, and a course on GMP Regulations for GLP Auditors will occur.

On Monday afternoon and Tuesday, November 13 and 14, an exciting agenda has been created with topics such as "Quality is Good Science," "GMPs for Investigational Drug Substances and Products," "Successful Contracting," "Business Continuity," "Impact of Sarbanes-Oxley on the GxP Regulated Industry," and "Red Apple II Conference Update." There is truly something for everyone at this anniversary meeting.

As a reminder, the SQA quarterly meeting will also be held in Indianapolis in conjunction with the MWSQA 15-year anniversary meeting on November 14-17. The quarterly meeting will include CVIC, Regulatory Forum, and Specialty Section Meetings.

Please contact a member of the MWSQA planning committee or Brian Mitchell at (317) 655-9258 ([mitchell\\_brian\\_l@lilly.com](mailto:mitchell_brian_l@lilly.com)) or Andrea Steed at (317) 655-9131 ([aksteed@lilly.com](mailto:aksteed@lilly.com)) if you have any questions. Also, stay tuned for future communications and make sure to check MWSQA's website ([www.mwsqa.org](http://www.mwsqa.org)) for updates.



### **Calling all Active Members of MWSQA**

Deanna M. Talerico  
Charles Rivers Laboratories

Soon it will be that time of year again when we need to select new officers for MWSQA. The MWSQA Nominating Committee invites all Active members to volunteer to be considered for an elected position with MWSQA.

Positions to be filled this year include:

Vice-President (3-year term)

Secretary (2-year term)

Director (2-year term)

Serving in this capacity is an excellent way to meet other members; develop and strengthen your leadership abilities; sharpen your problem-solving skills; use your creative talents; earn recognition and respect from your employer, clients and professional colleagues; and give back to MWSQA, your professional society.

To learn more about these opportunities, please view the responsibilities posted on the MWSQA website at [MWSQA.org](http://MWSQA.org) or feel free to contact any of the current office holders by sending them an email through the website as well.

Also, if you are interested in participating on the nominating committee, please notify Ms. Deanna M. Talerico by phone at 419-647-4196 or by email at [deanna.talerico@us.crl.com](mailto:deanna.talerico@us.crl.com).

To submit your name or propose someone else to the Nominating Committee for consideration as a candidate for elected office, please contact Ms.

Deanna M. Talerico, Chair of the Nominating Committee by telephone (419-647-4196) or email ([deanna.talerico@us.crl.com](mailto:deanna.talerico@us.crl.com)).

Thank you for your support of your professional society.

Thanks,

Dee



## 2006 Membership Update

Steve Drzick, B.A., RQAP-GLP  
MPI Research

Exciting times are upon us in 2006. The officers and directors of the MWSQA would like to extend thanks and appreciation to those of you who have chosen to become a part of the MWSQA Membership Scrolls. I would personally like to thank Sherry Garrett, the past Membership Director, for her help in making my transition very smooth, and relatively painless (any pain caused was completely due to me, on such trivial things as remembering to save my files after updating).

Now that I have sufficiently remedied that minor inconvenience, I can let the MWSQA know that our current membership is up to 186 QA Professionals, and we are still only in July! We expect to have our membership swell with the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in November, and not only because of the great food that will be available, although I'm quite certain I will pack on a couple of ounces. On the contrary, our membership will grow because each and every one of you is passionate about what you do. We understand what it means to be a Quality Assurance Professional, and we just cannot help but to sweep up other non-members up with our dedication and pride in a job well done.

From the most experienced "salty veteran," to the newest auditor just getting started, and everyone in between, we at the MWSA welcome all. Ours is a great network, a fantastic group, and I for one am gushing with excitement and anticipation for what the future may hold. To those of you who are already members, thank you again for your support. To those of you who think that the MWSQA is just the perfect Professional Chapter to join, you may do so at any time. Here's to a great 15 years, and many more yet to come!

For membership forms and information, please visit the MWSQA Website, at [www.mwsqa.org](http://www.mwsqa.org).



## **MWSQA Website – Check it out!**

Celeste Rose, RQAP-GLP,  
MWSQA Communications Director

The MidWest Regional Chapter of the Society of Quality Assurance web address is [www.mwsqa.org](http://www.mwsqa.org).

What information is posted on the website?



The MWSQA website home page contains information about:

- Upcoming and past MWSQA conferences
- Latest chapter news
- Links to current and past issues of the newsletter
- Email links to all of the MWSQA officers
- Membership application and renewal information
- And other topics of interest.

Want to find out more about the **MWSQA 15-Year Anniversary**? A tentative agenda for the conference will be posted on the website.



The website also has a link the MWSQA calendar of events for the year.

Other web pages on the site contain information about the MWSQA mission, vision, goals, history, descriptions of all Board of Directors and committee positions as well as the chapter procedures for the various positions, committees, activities, and duties.

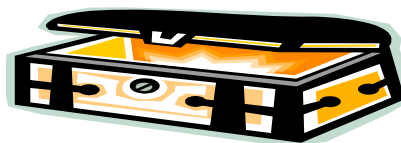
The website also has a page for posting of classified ads. If you are looking to fill a QA-related position, then what better source than a website and newsletter dedicated to the Quality Assurance Professional?! The MWSQA website ads are economical and effective and target the specific recruiting audience! The fee is only \$25 for 60 days on the website and an additional \$25 to post an ad in the newsletter. If you are looking for a new job, check out the QA positions posted on the website for jobs in the Midwest region.



Finally, the website has a QA links page with hyperlinks to other quality assurance organizations, including SQA and other regional chapters. Links to regulatory authority websites and other industry-related organizations can also be found on the QA link page.

What would you like to see on the MidWest SQA website? What information or resources do you think would be valuable? Remember the [www.mwsqa.org](http://www.mwsqa.org) website is our member website. If you have any suggestions or recommendations that you would like to share for additions or improvements to the website, I encourage you to send them to me at [crose@rosetechconsulting.com](mailto:crose@rosetechconsulting.com).

Take a moment to visit the MWSQA website at [www.mwsqa.org](http://www.mwsqa.org) TODAY!



# Society of Quality Assurance Chapter Midwest Regional

Krista Richardson  
Charles River Labs

## Running Total for year ending 12/31/2006

### Revenue

Contributions, gifts, grants, etc..	0.00
Program service revenue, including govt fees and contracts	0.00
Training fees	0.00
Membership meeting fees	0.00
Membership dues and assessments	3,660.00
Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	0.00
Dividends & Interest from securities	0.00
Other investment income	0.00
Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory	0.00
Gain or (loss) from sales of inventory	0.00
Special events and activities (attach list)	10,900.00
Other revenue	75.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>14,635.00</b>

### Expense

	0.00
Grants and allocations	0.00
Specific assistance to individuals	0.00
Benefits paid to or for members	0.00
Accounting fees	0.00
Legal fees	0.00
Supplies	14.18
Telephone	0.00
Postage & shipping	92.34
Equipment rental and maintenance	0.00
Printing and publications	0.00
Travel	0.00
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	300.00
Interest	0.00
Depreciation, depletion, etc.(attach schedule)	0.00
Other expenses:	0.00
Administrative	316.25
Advertising	0.00
Awards and Meeting Scholarships	0.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00
Election expenses	0.00
Website/Internet	344.88
Other	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,067.65</b>

**Net Revenue (Expense)** 13,567.35

**Cash Balance --- Beginning of the Year** 11,796.20

**Plus Net Revenue or minus Net Expense** 13,567.35

**Cash Balance --- End of the Year** 25,363.55

# ? ? ? Who's Who? ? ? ?

Our 'mystery guest' last issue was Jon Krueger. There were no correct guesses this time so no one won a year's free membership in MWSQA. 'Thank you' John. This feature will be discontinued due to lack of mystery guests.

Look forward to a crossword puzzle or some other brain teaser in future issues. (Original submissions welcome!)

## Note from Your Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

You are the ones who make this newsletter what it is. Articles look good on your resume, but that's because they look good here in our newsletter. Please keep them coming!

At Your Service,

Paula N. Wehmeyer  
Bioanalytical Systems, Inc. (BASi)

## Thank You to All Who Contribute to Our Newsletter!!!

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