



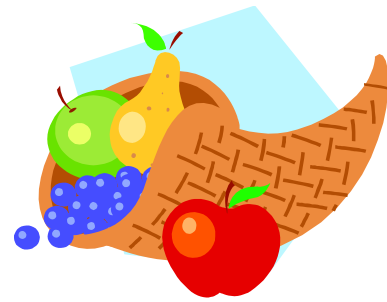
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Please submit articles for the next newsletter by **February 15, 2006** to editor@mwsqa.org



Presidential Ponderings

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Happy Harvest Season to all!

I can't believe that the year is sliding down into that colorful time of year that announces the stark shades of black, gray, and white of winter. But rest assured we at the Board of Directors are in the process of reaping a harvest of good things for the membership in preparation of the coming year. In addition to the Planning Committee's hard work on the 15th anniversary meeting in November, we have been working on another milestone in the history of the MWSQA.

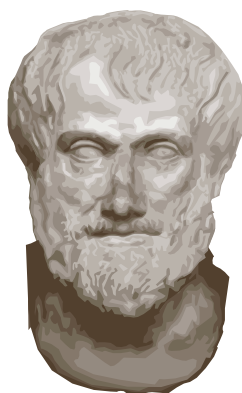
As some of you may have already read in the SQA QA™ *Quality Matters* Q3 2006 issue, over the past few months the MWSQA Board of Directors, has been in discussions with the SQA Board of Directors regarding a proposal from the SQA Board of Directors to provide administrative support for the chapters. This support would include such things as financial support, membership maintenance and development, and website postings. As Elliott Graham indicated in her article in the Q3 QA™ *Quality Matters*, taking advantage of this opportunity would allow the regional chapter Boards to focus more time and energy on program development as well as working on our goals of education, networking, and outreach to our constituents. This proposal also presents a reduction in risks that could impact liability and assets.

After careful review, the MWSQA Board of Directors has decided that the benefits and advantages offered made it a win-win decision for the MWSQA to accept this proposal.

As we move ahead with the transition, the MWSQA Membership Committee will still be available for providing updates to the members as needed. One of the first changes you will notice is that your MWSQA membership invoices will be sent to you from SQA. Membership dues will now be distributed through SQA headquarters. Watch your invoices for details on payment options.

Stay tuned to the MWSQA website and your email boxes for further updates on these transitions as they occur! And, as always, if at any time you have any questions regarding the transition or any other MWSQA activities please feel free to contact any of the MWSQA Board members through the contacts on the website mwsqa.org.

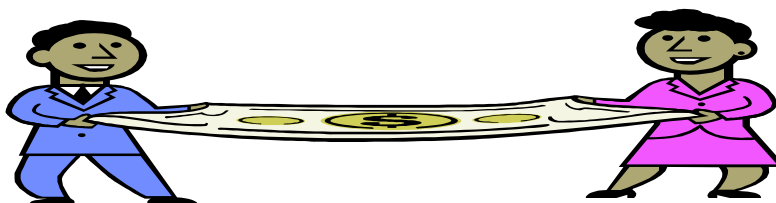




History of MWSQA

Carol Thompson
Eli Lilly
Historical Chair - MWSQA

You don't have to be a math wizard to realize the MWSQA hasn't been around long-only 15 years. On July 8, 1991 thirty-five quality assurance professionals met in Spencerville, Ohio in preparation for the Midwest Regional Chapter of SQA. Dues started as five dollars. Today there are over two hundred members and the dues are only twenty dollars (still a bargain). There was not a newsletter at first, but within a couple of years (August 1993) the first newsletter was started. To read these facts and more about the history of MWSQA, please view the new MWSQA poster at the 15th Anniversary Meeting held in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Treasurer's Report

Krista Richardson
Charles River Laboratories

Society of Quality Assurance Chapter ___ Midwest Regional

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	3,840.00
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)	15,300.00
Other revenue	75.00
Total Revenue	19,215.00
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	2,652.81
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
Total Expense	3,420.46
Net Revenue (Expense)	15,794.54
Cash Balance --- Beginning of the Year	11,796.20
Plus Net Revenue or minus Net Expense	15,794.54
Cash Balance --- End of the Year	27,590.74



Note from Your Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We really need you to write an article for your newsletter. Everyone has valuable insights and significant expertise in some area. We all have good questions to bring up to open a debate. Please write about something or suggest topics you'd like to see discussed. We need you in order to succeed. It's not too early to include an article for the MWSQA newsletter in your list of resolutions for 2007.

Delights of the season,

Paula

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

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