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## ***Presidential Ponderings***

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The current debate on healthcare reform has been interesting to say the least. Varied political groups as well as economic classes have either become alienated from one another or bed fellows during the debate. One comment I heard yesterday made me think of my life and my responsibilities with MWSQA as we move forward. That comment was something in order of “this debate will frame the 2010 election.” Election!

We find ourselves in mid-October and soon will have several openings on the MWSQA Board of Directors. Leaving us this year will be Jennifer Beech (Communication Director), Wendi Godwin (Treasurer), and Matt Foster (Membership director). We will also have an opening for Vice president as Darcie Verdon assumes the role of MWSQA president. I would like to thank all four of these people, especially Wendi, Matt and Jennifer as they conclude their tenure in the treasurer and director’s positions.

Though replacing these individuals will be difficult, the tremendous talent available in the MWSQA membership is up to the task. If you’re interested please review the Directors or Vice President Position description on the MWSQA website. Please contact Matt Hansen (Nomination Director) if you would like to be included on the ballot. I encourage all interested parties to participate. Our membership and the society only become stronger when greater diversity and ideas make their way into the leadership.

Take care, and stay warm. Fall appears to be shorter than normal.  
Tim



## **Rock 'n Roll in Cleveland – July 2009**

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The 2009 Annual MWSQA meeting came to a successful close on 22 July 2009 after a flurry of activities over the 2 day event. Cleveland Ohio set the stage for the meeting, and it was a terrific opportunity to see a beautiful city, network with other QA professionals, and obtain some valuable knowledge.

The planning committee is very appreciative to all who participated in or presented at the meeting, your continued support keeps this chapter strong and made this information sharing opportunity a huge success. THANK YOU! In addition the planning committee would like to thank our many sponsors. The financial support received this year was astounding considering the economic environment we have been faced with and it did not go unnoticed. The sponsors for this years meeting included; Ricerca Biosciences LLC, Analytical Bio-Chemistry Laboratories, Amadeus – a division of DECIMAL, Cellular Technology Limited, ChanTest Corporation, Monsanto, Pfizer Inc, WIL Research Laboratories LLC, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Leifheit & Company Inc., Charles River Laboratories Inc., Fischer Scientific, Airgas Great Lakes, Specialty Operations Solutions Inc., MPI Research, and ChemGlass. This meeting would not be possible without our members continued participation or the generosity of the above mentioned sponsors.

The meeting informally kicked off Monday evening with an event sponsored by MPI Research celebrating 30 years of the GLPs. It provided a terrific opportunity for people to network and become reacquainted and it set the stage for the days that followed which were full of energy and enthusiasm.

The meeting formally began early Tuesday with 3 workshops whose topics included problem-based GLP training, cGMPs for the medical industry, and bioanalytical GLP compliance learning. The afternoon continued with a welcome address from the MWSQA President, Tim Valley, who reflected on the planning committee and board of director efforts over the past year. Chris Coburn provided the keynote address, as Executive Director of Cleveland Clinic Innovations group, including insight into the activities that occur at the Cleveland Clinic and the benefits of a 'thinking outside the box' approach. Debbie Green provided the SQA update. The day closed with an interactive and enigmatic presentation from Kim Quaintance of the FDA on review issues that have the potential to lead to inspections.

Shortly after the presentations Tuesday, participants flocked to one of Cleveland's most intriguing venues, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. We were wined and dined and had the opportunity to spend the remainder of the evening touring the seven floors of exhibits and memorabilia.

Wednesday morning the sessions began, 17 in all, with topics covering an array of regulated activities including import/transport permits for animal products, an overview of IMPACT, guidance for hosting regulatory inspections, and computer validation. An additional thank you goes out to Tim Valley and Kathy Newland for taking on a session for another presenter with just hours notice, and Sue Batdorf for holding an additional GCP forum for interested participants. Your flexibility and willingness to take on these sessions were above and beyond.

Finally, a very special thank you to Jennifer Beech for her dedication and enthusiasm in acting as an ambassador on behalf of the Planning Committee and arranging the venues for both the meeting and the evening event. Both were amazing!

Thank you all for your on-going support of MWSQA. Once again thank you and congratulations to the Vendors, Sponsors, Planning Committee and attendees on a successful 2009 Annual Meeting.



### ***Note from your Editor***

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It's hard to believe the year is flowing past so quickly. How about staying ahead of the current and submitting an article for this *your* newsletter! It's as good as we make it together. Have you ever had an opinion about anything in quality assurance? Is there something that makes your job easier, or harder? We'd like to hear about it.

Thank you,  
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