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## ***Presidential Ponderings***

Timothy Valley, Covance, Inc.  
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It was probably the blowing snow and cold that made me want to whip up a batch of red chicken chili. The dish isn't all that spicy, just enough to warm the core and put a smile on one's face. As I moved through the kitchen collecting ingredients and chopping onions and garlic my wife commented on the amount of grey hair I know I have. Doesn't she know Christmas is right around the corner, and I have a direct line to Santa?

Well Christmas is right around the corner and 2009 is quickly coming to an end. With that comes the end of my tenure as President of MWSQA. My thoughts inevitably go to the friends, colleagues and world class professionals who make up the MWSQA planning committee and Board of Directors. Their hard work and commitment throughout the year cannot be over stated.

The highlight of 2009 was the annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. This world class event provided an affordable option for our regional membership without sacrificing cutting edge compliance information, world class training, and networking opportunities (Evening event at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame). None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of two individuals; Darcie Verdon, MWSQA Vice President, and Jennifer Beech, Communications Director.

As I look toward 2010, I see a bright future. The planning is already under way for the 2010 annual meeting which is being sponsored by ABC labs. With Darcie guiding the Board, and a soon-to-be-elected new Vice President running the planning committee I expect another win for MWSQA!!!

As Past President I've committed myself to updating our chapter procedures and ensuring our membership has access to these documents.

Finally I'd like to wish everyone the Happiest of Holiday Seasons, and a Healthy and Prosperous New year!

Time for that call to Santa.  
Tim

## Midwest Regional Chapter Society of Quality Assurance



### MWSQA OFFERS 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND SQA MEETING

The purpose of this award is to help defray the registration and travel costs (a total of up to \$2,000) for a **MWSQA** member to attend the SQA meeting.

Potential recipients must meet the following requirements:

- **MWSQA** member with 2010 dues paid
- Be able to attend the 2010 SQA meeting April 25-30 in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA.
- Submit the following:
  - A letter describing why you would like to attend the meeting and what you hope to gain from participating.
  - Curriculum Vitae to include current contact information and all past involvement in SQA/MWSQA (e.g., meeting attendance, committee participation, speaker, office held, etc.).
- After attending the meeting, submit an article to be published in a future MWSQA Newsletter and posted to the MWSQA website regarding experiences and knowledge gained from attending the meeting.

Letters can be sent via fax, e-mail or US mail, but must be received by **February 20, 2010** in order to be considered. The Board of Directors will vote to select the winner. The winner will be announced early-March, 2010.

*Please submit your materials to:*

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Notes: MWSQA BOD members and prior scholarship recipients are not eligible. Winning applicant must pay for expenses and receive reimbursement after attending the meeting. Receipts are required and reimbursement will be made as soon as possible following submittal of receipts. MWSQA will reimburse the winning applicant up to a total of \$2,000. The winning applicant is responsible for any expenses exceeding \$2,000. Winnings are subject to applicable taxes.



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

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you've probably noticed by now the end of the year is fast upon us. Have you let another year go by without submitting an article to the MWSQA newsletter? Take heart, here's your chance for a *New Years Resolution* – *you can submit an article to the MWSQA newsletter!* Think how good it will look on your resume. We are interested in almost anything that interests you in the regulatory industry. You don't have to be an authority to write an article, you just need to have an idea, opinion, experience or question to share.

If you have other ideas of features or changes you'd like to see in the newsletter please share them –it's really *your* newsletter!

Thank you,  
Paula

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