

Atlanta Quality Assurance Association (AQAA)



Points to review:

- Why consider a professional organization
- Our meetings
- Presenters and Topics
- Benefits and Value of Membership
- Where we're going
- History of our organization

Why a Professional Organization?

- Professional organizations allow an individual to expand skill sets valuable to an employer:

Interpersonal Development	Industry Updates
Current events	Functional skill sets
Local enterprise news	In demand skills
Educational opportunities	Career development/growth
Interaction	Networking



Why a Professional Organization – AQAA?

- The opportunity for hands on learning and demonstrations of tools for the Quality Assurance professional
- The ability to contribute to the definition of our profession and body of knowledge
- Agent of change for the software quality assurance profession
- Congregation of intelligent, like-minded professionals exchanging ideas



The AQAA Chapter Meeting

- Second Tuesday of the month, excluding July and December - typical meeting
 - 6:30-7:00 Networking & Refreshments
 - 7:00 – 7:15 Welcome & Job Announcements
 - 7:15 – 8:15 Presentation
 - 8:15 – Additional announcements upcoming events
 - 8:15 – 8:30 Networking

AQAA Presenters and Topics

Presenter	Topics
Nel Nash-Hooks, CSTE	Introduction to Scrum
J. Hank Rainwater, Celtic Testing	Reduce Development Cost With Test Driven Development
Tim Pelland, QAI	The Top Ten Myths of Certification
Keith Braddock, The JMB Group	QA and the Governance Framework
Roundtable Discussion	Career Development for QA Professionals
Fred Walker	Networking for QA Professionals
Scott Jefferies, Orasi	BPT – Business Process Testing
Keith Warrick	Mastering LinkedIn – Advanced Techniques and Insider Secrets
CIO Roundtable with 5 local CIOs	What Is CIO looking for from their QA organization – trends and how to adapt
Gary Bowers, SmartSoft, Inc.	Software Testing in a Pressure Cooker: Automated vs. manual Testing - Which is Right for You?



Benefits and Value of Membership

- Internationally recognized certification programs
- Leading edge best practices – both technical and personal
- Membership with diversity in professional disciplines, industries, and cultures



Benefits and value of AQAA Membership

- Career development – job postings
- Knowledge – educational opportunities
 - Recertification PDUs
- Reduced training and conference costs
- Network – staying abreast of changes in the Quality Assurance field
- Member drawing for books
- Access to current Quality Assurance Information
- Interaction with industry and field experts having over 700 years of teaching and professional experience
- Membership only site on the AQAA website that includes presentations and papers for the membership

Benefits and Value of AQAA Membership

- QAI based certification study groups
- Determine if quality assurance profession is for you
- Connect with IT Quality Assurance and Software Testing professionals
- QAI – International talent base (over 1850 members)
- QAI – International Chapters (32 US, 5 Canada, 3 Mexico, 1 UK, 3 China, 4 India, 1 Brazil, 1 in Vietnam, 1 in Argentina and soon in Boston, Baton Rouge and Nantong, China)



Where AQAA is going . . .

- Continue to provide world class speakers and presentations to the Atlanta Quality Assurance professionals
- Increase overall awareness of IT quality as a critical success factor in achieving goals throughout all organization levels



AQAA History

Atlanta Quality Assurance was founded in 1984 with the belief that no one company or individual can learn everything that is needed to assure a Quality Environment. AQAA is a not-for-profit organization which is organized to share state-of-the-art Quality Assurance methods, tools, and techniques among its members. Our membership is comprised of professional working primarily in the Information technology industry. The AQAA is a Quality Assurance Institute (QAI) Federation Chapter, part of their global community.



Vision and Mission

To provide local interaction among member organizations in the Atlanta area, to mutually support each other and to supplement the exchange of information about Quality Assurance, Software Testing, and Total Quality Management.