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MAY 13, 2008 MEETING

AQAA Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month, or as published. The meeting format is as follows:

- 6:30 p.m. Networking & Refreshments
- 7:00 p.m. Presentation
- 8:15 p.m. Meet with the Officers
- Location: MDI (See below for directions)

BAKING QUALITY IN (AND HOW QA CAN DO THEIR PART)

Synopsis:

Quality Assurance teams are often expected to ensure that no defects exist in the final software solution. However, most test team members know full well that high quality is usually a result of several factors beyond the control of the traditional QA organization. In this presentation, we'll review and discuss key factors in true solution quality and how they assist the Quality Assurance organization in doing their part effectively and predictably.

Presenter: Michael B. Nearman

Mike is a Principal at AGSI, a leading consultancy in helping organizations close the performance gap between their goals and their daily process execution. Mike has over three decades of experience in delivering high risk and complex business automation solutions and shrink-wrapped software products. He has led software development and engineering at such companies as United Airlines, CSX Technology, Peachtree Software, KnowledgeWare and Openware Technologies. In more than a decade of consulting, he has performed IT process improvement programs at all maturity levels using state-of-the-art models and best practices. He works with executives, managers and practitioners enabling them to increase both the quality and the predictability of their work while aligning it with true business need.

MEETING LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS: MDI

MDI is located at 35 Technology Parkway South, Suite 150, Norcross, GA 30092. From Interstate 285 take the GA-141 North exit toward Cumming/Dahlonega. Merge right onto Peachtree Industrial Blvd., NW. Turn left onto Technology Pkwy South. MDI will be on your left in the office complex. This is about 5 miles from I-285.

PURPOSE/MISSION OF AQAA

To provide local interaction among organization members 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. We host ten meetings per year. The meetings vary in format and usually include presentations by industry professionals.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 10, 2008 (Location: TBD)

If you have recommendations for speakers, please contact vicepresident@aqaa.org.



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AQAA ANNUAL CORPORATE SPONSORS

We have three corporate sponsors this year. For details on becoming an annual or monthly corporate sponsor please see <http://www.aqaa.org/sponsors.html>.



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2008 AQAA OFFICERS

The officers for 2008 are as follows. You can meet with the officers after each monthly meeting starting at about 8:30 pm.

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WHY BELONG TO AQAA?



If you have a stake in Software Quality as an IT Manager, Software Tester, Software Quality Professional, or Software Developer, we invite you to take a look at what AQAA has to offer. The Atlanta Quality Assurance Association (AQAA) 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 professionals working primarily in the information technology industry. AQAA is a Quality Assurance Institute (QAI) Federation Chapter.

<http://www.qaiworldwide.org/qai.html>

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Is your membership information current? You can help us do a better job of keeping in touch with you by making sure the information we have is correct. Please let us know anytime something changes, like your place of employment, e-mail address or phone number.

AQAA memberships are currently available for both individuals and Corporations with varying numbers of seats. The membership term runs from the date the application is accepted through the same date the following year. See below for individual membership or corporate membership forms. AQAA participation earns CPE credits toward CSQA and CSTE designation.

AQAA accepts credit cards via PayPal on the website. You can pay for new memberships or renew online, then either mail the application or bring it to the next meeting (we do request a completed membership application for renewals). We still accept checks at the meeting and in the mail so you also have that option. Please see <http://www.aqaa.org/memberships.html>.

If you have any questions about Membership please contact memberships@aqaa.org.

Type	Description	Price
Individual	Memberships purchased at the same time from a single corporation or person. These are individual memberships purchased for one individual and stay with the individual for the membership term.	\$60 each
Corporate	A corporation may purchase "seats" which allows them to send a finite number of people to an AQAA meeting, although different people may attend from month to month.	\$60 each
Student	This membership is available to any full time student.	\$25 each



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POSITION OPPORTUNITIES

AQAA recognizes a need for employment in the Atlanta area and receives notifications of job opportunities in the Atlanta market place. If you are a member who is seeking employment, contact the AQAA Director of Public Relations for specific opportunities at publicrelations@aqaa.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CSQAs AND CSTE

The Common Body of Knowledge (CBOK) for CSQA and CSTE was updated in 2006. Some new domain areas have been changed and others have been dropped. CPE recertification points received after January 1, 2006 must align with these new domain areas. An outline that includes information new domain areas is available on the Software Certification website, <http://www.softwarecertifications.org/>. We recommend that you review this outline as you



make your future training plans to assure that your CPE credits can be applied to your recertification. For complete exam information, please visit <http://www.softwarecertifications.org/>.

WEBSITES – EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION

The following table lists some websites of interest for education, training, and software testing information:

Name	URL
AQAA – Atlanta Quality Assurance Association	http://www.aqaa.org
ASQ – American Society for Quality	http://www.asq.org
ASQ Atlanta Section	http://www.ASQatlanta.org
ASQ Recertification	http://www.asq.org/certification/recertification/
Baldrige Award at NIST	http://www.quality.nist.gov
Customer Supplier Division	http://www.asqcsd.org
Georgia Oglethorpe Award	http://www.georgiaoglethorpe.org
IEEE Atlanta Section	http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/atlanta
IIE – Institute of Industrial Engineers	http://www.iienet.org
IIST – International Institute for Software Testing	http://www.iist.org/
ISO – International Organization for Standardization	http://www.iso.ch
Liberty Management Systems (Corporate Sponsor)	http://www.libertymanagementsystems.com/
MDI – Management Decisions, Inc. (Corporate Sponsor)	www.mdigroup.com
MSQA – Master of Science Quality Assurance	http://www.msqa.edu
NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology	http://www.nist.gov/
QAI – Quality Assurance Institute	http://www.qaiworldwide.org/qai.html
Quality Leadership Awards	www.qualityleadershipawards.com
RAB – Registrar Accreditation Board	http://www.rabnet.com
SPSU Center for Quality Excellence	http://www.cqe.spsu.edu
The Intersect Group (Corporate Sponsor)	http://www.theintersectgroup.com/



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2008 SQE CONFERENCES

Software Quality Engineering introduces three of the best must-attend conferences of 2008.

Better Software Conference & EXPO 2008 Development Lifecycle Practices <http://www.sqe.com/BetterSoftwareConf/>

June 9-12, 2008
Las Vegas, NV

Conference Description:

Learn about the latest tools, trends, and issues related to agile development approaches, plan-driven development, process improvement, measurement, and much more. Discover new software management techniques to better manage your projects and teams. Find out what others are doing to build security and reliability into their software and ways to reduce risks and lower the lifecycle costs of software. Join your peers and some of the top experts in software engineering at the Better Software Conference & EXPO to take you and your team up to the next level.

The Venetian Hotel
3355 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas, NV 89109

STARWEST 2008 Software Testing Analysis & Review <http://www.sqe.com/StarWest/>

Sept 29-Oct 3, 2008
Anaheim, CA

Conference Description:

Providing the largest and most advanced testing forum, STAR delivers the latest trends, technologies, and strategies in the industry today. Learn about new products, timely issues, and cutting-edge solutions from the best experts in the business. Now in its sixteenth year, STAR gives you the opportunity to network with colleagues, solution providers, and industry experts. Find answers to your questions about test management, automation, SOA testing, model-based testing, and many of the other hot-topics in the industry.

The Disneyland Hotel
1150 Magic Way
Anaheim, CA 92802

Agile Development Practices 2008 <http://www.sqe.com/agiledevpractices/>

Nov 10-13, 2008
Orlando, FL

Conference Description:

The Agile Development Practices conference is for anyone investigating or implementing agile development practices, processes, technologies, and leadership principles.

Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
9939 Universal Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32819