

Atlanta Quality Assurance Association (AQAA)

Introducing Atlanta Quality Assurance Association

- 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 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

8:30 – 9:00 Board Meeting (everyone is welcome)



Presenters and Topics

Presenter/Company	Topic
Rod Eckard of Dale Carnegie	Interpersonal Competence: Enhance Teamwork
Avi Verma of Fiserv	Security Testing for Web Applications
J. Hank Rainwater of Celtic Testing	QA to the Rescue
Brian Spek and Ken Ahrens of iTKO	Achieving Enterprise-Strength Quality in Today's SOA
Dawn Wilson of Kforce and Anson Dewolf of AQAA	Members Helping Members: The QA Professional's Guide to Demonstrating Value in Today's Economy
Karyn Volk of Orasi Software	Requirements and Quality Assurance
Yesh Dattatreya of MDI	QA Maturity Assessment: A Framework

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 Membership

- Career development – job postings
- Knowledge – educational opportunities
 - Recertification PDUs
- Reduced training and conferences costs
- Network – staying abreast of changes in the Quality Assurance field
- Member drawing for books
- Interaction with industry and field experts having over 700 years of teaching and professional experience



Benefits and Value of Membership

- Access to current Quality Assurance information
- 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 1,850 members)
- QAI - International Chapters (32 US, 5 Canada, 2 Mexico, 1 UK, 3 China, 3 India, 1 Brazil and soon 1 in Vietnam)



Where AQAA is going...

- Continue to provide world class speakers and presentations to the Atlanta Quality Assurance professionals
- Enhance benefits to members by providing members only site on website
- Increase overall awareness of IT quality as a critical success factor in achieving goals throughout all organization levels



AQAA History

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. 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.

