



**ASQ East Bay Section**  
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## Chair's Corner

### Section Members attend ASQ World Conference on Quality and Improvement

Treasurer and Communications Chair, Jeanne Vargas and Dawn Plaskon attended the ASQ World Conference in May. Dawn was impressed with key note speakers including:

- Howard Behar, Former President, Starbucks North America and Starbucks International
- Jerry Greenfield, Co-Founder of Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc.
- Wally Amos, Founder, Famous Amos Cookie Company

Social Networking was in full force at the conference – there were several bloggers and Dawn also participated. Jeanne brought back important news on how sections will align to ASQ National goals and strategy in 2009/2010.

Jeanne and Dawn represented our section at ASQ's annual Leadership Institute, which is held the Saturday before the conference. On Saturday evening, Jeanne and Dawn accepted the Total Quality Award and the QMP Silver Excellence award on behalf of our section. Kudos to our section leadership and entire section for meeting the criteria to earn the recognition.

### LinkedIn

[ASQ - SF/Bay Area Network - Sections 0604, 0613, 0618](#)

We have some 125 members and continue to grow. Meet fellow quality professionals and share your ideas. We also post event announcements and you can start or join a discussion here.

### ASQ Board Members take office July 1:

We are excited about next year's ASQ East Bay board members who come to the section ready for continued success- planning for next year's activities will start this summer and we look forward to a great season under the leadership of our new Chair- Wai Wong. Wai can be reached at [chair@asqeastbay.org](mailto:chair@asqeastbay.org)

#### See 2009/2010 board below:

Chair- elect- Mike Spencer  
Secretary- Arlene Kadrich  
Treasurer- Jeanne Vargas  
Audit Chair- Jeff Langstaff  
Certification/Recertification- Jim Kohnen  
Communications Chair- Dawn Plaskon  
Education Chair- Blaine Glandt  
Membership Chair- Darrell Belt  
Program Chair- Mike Ahmadi

In addition we have several Director's-at-large, many of whom are new to the board this year. These volunteers will support the various committee chairs and may start new endeavors. We look forward to their new perspectives and zeal!

Mike Bouchard  
Terrish Floyd  
Stuart Gillespie  
Geoff Lee  
Jennifer Brandenburg  
Bikash Chatterjee  
Kate Raymond





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### Programs announcement:

We recently obtained the presentation slides from Michael Warncke- Six Sigma Master Black Belt from Bayer- our speaker this past May. Check them out on our website: [asqeastbay.org](http://www.asqeastbay.org). The May dinner event was very successful and we look forward to having Michael return in the future to share with us tips about another project at Bayer/update on Bayer's Six Sigma training program.

Look for notification in August of our first 2009/2010 season dinner event to be held in September at Scott's Seafood Restaurant. Bikash Chatterjee will be the speaker.

**San Francisco section** hosts movie night on July 16th- for more information, check out [upcoming events calendar](#).

ASQ Quality Conference in San Jose - "Road to Quality Excellence: Best Practice Trails" October 23, 2009. Click on <http://www.asq-silicon-valley.org> for more information!

### 2008/2009 season ends but is not forgotten...

How quickly the year passed- there was the summer break when we started planning in 2008 and then our first program- a social networking event with sake tasting in Berkeley plus China Supply Chain expert Brad Feuling- an auspicious beginning.

The theme for 2008/2009 was *"Make the Connection..."*

As I write my final newsletter as Chair, I am pleased to note there are 125 members in the ASQ- SF/Bay Area LinkedIn Group. In learning about the power that networking has for us personally and professionally, we have become more sophisticated as a team in understanding how to best connect with our ASQ members. We wanted to reach out to you in varied ways to find the best way to connect with you both virtually and face-to-face. We know that we live in a special area- where working in Berkeley this year may in turn lead you to explore work with another company in Hayward next year, while continuing to live in San Ramon.

So, just as you are flexible with your commute, we seek to be flexible with our activities. This year we have made great strides in providing more offerings in more places.

Over the past year, we shared an events calendar with San Francisco and Silicon Valley sections, held an "All About Networking" social event with our sister chapters and continue to grow our website to keep our section members informed and aware of what's going on in the ASQ SF/Bay Area.

We held joint programs with the local chapter of ISM at Spenger's, and with Abbott in Alameda.

I am pleased we had such teamwork develop around the planning of events and our standardization of our event planning and execution process. What's more we now have members on the Program committee who enthusiastically endorse blogging and tweeting so those who are busy, busy, busy, but well connected can stay up to date on the latest and greatest activities from ASQ.

There are many internal workings on the ASQ East Bay board- meetings, planning, and executing are all part of what must go on behind the scenes. I would like to thank each member of this year's board for their enthusiasm, willingness to get things done and interest in staying connected! **Gary Martin, Dawn Plaskon, Jeanne Vargas, Geoff Langstaff, Jennifer Brandenburg, Darrell Belt, Jim Kohnen, Mike Spencer, Blaine Glandt Arlene Kadrich, Greg Farley, Wai Wong, Mike Ahmadi, Bikash Chatterjee, Juliet Carrara and Brain Wada.**

### Enjoy the summer!

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