



AITP PITTSBURGH HIGHLIGHTS



Quality Assurance Everyone wants it, but how do you get it?

We all strive to achieve quality in our work. At least, that's what we're expected to do.

But it's usually just a word. The actual definition of quality is pretty subjective and we're left to figure out for ourselves how to deliver something we think is quality.

Does that sound like a tough way to develop your career?

Enter Six Sigma, a discipline for achieving quality.

If you have heard about Six-Sigma but aren't sure of what it is, then this presentation will help to answer some of the questions you might have about Six-Sigma. Many large companies are using this process to save money, manage their companies and develop new products. It was applied originally to manufacturing processes. It then was applied to other areas in organizations like accounting with even greater success. It can be applied to other areas like software development. It isn't as easy as accounting, however. It has even been applied to processes like your golf game. This presentation will offer some ideas about how to use Six Sigma to improve your golf game and maybe even software development.

Bill Rushmore will be our speaker and has been teaching Six Sigma for some time.

The March Dinner Meeting will be the first at our new location. We will be at the Slovak Catholic Sokol at 2912 East Carson St. It is located just east of the Hot Metal Bridge. There's plenty of free parking on the east side of the building and you can enter through the glass doors in the parking lot.

We have also moved our meeting night to the third Monday of the month, so this meeting will be on March 21. The registration table will open at 5:30pm.

We're also going to give away a copy of Microsoft Office 2003 Professional to one of our attendees. All Attendees will receive a raffle ticket when they arrive.

Bring your colleagues to help us kick off our new location. It promises to be a great evening.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dennis Coglianese



Ok. The cat's out of the bag.

Our new location is on the South Side. We had some much controversy over whether we should hold our meeting west of the city (Terrace Room) or east (Holiday Inn East) we decided to go south instead.

We're really excited about this new location and believe it will be easy for our members to get to. It is a nice new facility that offers us a great atmosphere for our meetings.

We had to change our meeting night to accommodate the schedules already in place. I want to remind everyone that we will now meet on the third Monday of the month.

We're also going to start having monthly meetings again. We already have plans for April and May, so get that third Monday onto your calendars.

We're also going to have a drawing for a great prize most months. This month, it will be a copy of Microsoft Office 2003 Professional. This is thanks to Culminus who is now assisting AITP chapters nationally.

I hope you will make attending our meetings a habit. We think we have a great line-up for this year. I'm looking forward to seeing you on March 21 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Dennis J. Coglianese

Board of Directors Elections

We held our annual BOD elections at our February Dinner meeting. Since there were no nominations from the floor, a motion to cast single vote for the slate submitted by the nominating committee was passed. Here is the 2005 Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Officers

President—Dennis Coglianese
 Vice President—Debbie Tresnan
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Patricia McMurray

Directors

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Quality Assurance Event Registration

March 21, 2005

Slovak Catholic Sokol
2912 East Carson St
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
412-488-7188

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Registration, Social Hour and Dinner
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Presentation

Price	Pre-Register	At Door
Members	\$ 24.00	\$ 29.00
Guests	\$ 27.00	\$ 32.00
Students	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00

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You may register on the web by visiting <http://www.aitp-pgh.org/register.htm>
***** Must be received by March 17, 2005 for Pre-Register Price *****

Please be sure to include the number of attendees, names,
company names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Please note: *When registering online, we treat it as a confirmed registration. As such, if you do not cancel your reservation by March 17, 2005 you will be billed for the meeting.*

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ABOUT AITP

AITP offers direct contact with other professionals in the field through regular meetings on a local level. Sharing in the benefits of new ideas and experiences that can be acquired in no other way. AITP means belonging to a group of like-minded individuals joined together for the purpose of advancing their knowledge and skills, their careers and their profession.

Pittsburgh AITP is involved in activities and programs of all types. Members can contribute to program development and execution as well as participate in all membership activities. We present programs to the public, as well as, specialized workshops for our members. AITP is also actively involved in many charitable ventures including : The Pittsburgh Food Bank, Children's Hospital Free Care.

Membership in the Pittsburgh Chapter of AITP provides you with an excellent opportunity to meet new friends in the data processing community. Many new contacts can be made to enhance your career.

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