

Six Sigma Forum Chair Progress Report

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Welcome from the chair,

It is hard to believe that a quarter of my two-year term as chair has passed. There has been so much happening with the Six Sigma Forum (SSF). The year began with another successful Lean and Six Sigma Conference in Phoenix at the end of February where, based on feedback from past attendees, we sponsored three advanced topics geared toward the advancement of Six Sigma.

Now we are already looking forward to next year's conference, which will be held Feb. 27-28 in Phoenix. To ensure that we bring you the most educational, inspiring conference yet, there are currently 40 volunteers reviewing speaker proposals. Don't miss out on early bird rates — [sign-up to be notified when registration is open](#) for the [2017 Lean and Six Sigma Conference](#).

World Conference on Quality and Improvement Recap

The Six Sigma Forum celebrated the 70th anniversary of ASQ at the World Conference for Quality and Improvement (WCQI) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 16-18. More than 400 attendees stopped by our booth to introduce themselves as forum members, or get to know more about the SSF.

Some attendees were so eager to participate in the forum that they signed up on the spot, bringing our membership to nearly 10,000! I would like to welcome all of our new members, and if you are interested in filing out a member profile, or would like to learn more about your fellow members, [please visit our website](#).

Speaking of fellow members, it was an honor to celebrate our new ASQ Fellows: Rachel Delisle, past SSF chair; and Chad Smith, SSF voice of the customer chair, with everyone at WCQI. In total, we have five Fellows on the SSF advisory council and 88 in the forum.

Announcing the First Six Sigma Forum Award

As SSF Chair I am proud to announce the Six Sigma Forum Award for the Advancement of Six Sigma. This award is meant to recognize outstanding achievements, efforts and contributions from quality professionals who have furthered the body of knowledge and practice of the Six Sigma methodology. Specifically, this award will recognize individuals who have continued the expansion and use of Six Sigma to drive breakthrough improvements.

[The application deadline is Sep. 1, 2016.](#)

Best Regards,

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