

ASQ NEWS

Congressman Kennedy to ASQ on Healthcare Reform: "This is your moment!"

At an ASQ forum on healthcare information technology on Capitol Hill, **Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) invited ASQ's involvement in discussions about healthcare reform legislation**-particularly in the ensuing work at the federal agency level. [Read more.](#)

REMINDER! ASQ Seeks Input on New Social Responsibility Standard

ASQ, the U.S. secretariat of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) that is contributing to the development of an International Standard, *ISO 26000: Guidance on Social Responsibility*, is making the Draft International Standard (DIS) available on [the Web site](#). You are encouraged to review the document and provide feedback on the draft standard at standards@asq.org by December 14, 2009. [Read more.](#)

Leader to Leader Institute Profiles ASQ

The September edition of the Leader to Leader Institute's *Leading Today* features ASQ. Offering an introduction to ASQ's social responsibility efforts, the newsletter highlights [TheSRO](#), [Quality for Life™](#), and [Community Good Works](#). The Leader to Leader Institute provides resources, products, and experiences to help social sector organizations achieve excellence in performance and community building. Visit www.leadertoleader.org to access the September edition (as of September 24, the August issue is still listed) of *Leading Today* or to sign up to receive future newsletters.

ASQ Board of Directors Seeks Candidates

The ASQ Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that it will accept applications for officers and directors through October 25, 2009. The following positions will be filled:

- One president-elect, to serve a progressive three-year term (president-elect to president to chair).
- One treasurer, to serve a one-year term.
- Two directors from members at-large, each to serve a two-year term.

Interested parties are encouraged to review the [requirements for nomination, additional reference documents, and instructions](#) (<http://www.asq.org/members/leadership/elections/doc/nomination-memo-0909.doc>). **The application deadline is October 25, 2009.**

Register, Learn, Provide Feedback-and SAVE!

A unique one-day virtual course will be piloted October 13. "Basic Sales Skills for Consultants" aims to help participants, "understand, communicate, and answer questions about the marketable skills you bring to the prospective client." By the end of the course participants will understand how to design and implement a basic sales plan/strategy and other techniques to be an effective consultant. The first 10members to register for the course and agree to provide feedback about this pilot will save \$125 on the member price (\$450). To learn more, contact [Lisa Stanek](#). To register for the course, visit the [ASQ Learning Institute™](#) and type "Basic Sales Skills for Consultants" in the search box.