



Board of Directors Meeting This Week

The ASQ Office of the President and Board of Directors met at ASQ headquarters in Milwaukee November 11-13 for a quarterly business meeting. Look for relevant information discussed in these meetings to be available via the meeting notes that will be posted on the [ASQ Web site](#) in the next few weeks.

K-12 Schools Receive ASQ Education Team Excellence Award

Three K-12 schools are the recipients of this year's Gold, Silver, and Bronze Team Excellence for Education awards. The awards, which showcase the nation's most outstanding improvement efforts, were presented at the 17th Annual National Quality Education Conference (NQEC) in Jacksonville, Fla., October 25-27, 2009. For more information, [read the news release](#).

"Father of Systems Thinking" Has Passed Away

Dr. Russell Ackoff, considered to be the father of systems thinking, passed away October 29 at the age of 90. A resident of Haverford, Pa., Ackoff was the former chairman of statistics and operations research at the University of Pennsylvania's business school. To learn more, [read this tribute](#) to Ackoff from ASQ member Steve Brant.