



ASQ Board of Directors Approves Dues Increase

To maintain and increase member value, the ASQ Board of Directors has approved a 4 percent dues increase, or \$6, on the Full member category. This is the first time in two years that a dues increase was approved; it will go into effect with membership renewals beginning July 1, 2010. In regards to communication, members will see articles this spring in *ASQ Weekly* and *Quality Progress* (QP) related to the dues increase. This will precede renewal communications for the largest group of renewing members, which begins in April. [Click here](#) for a list of talking points regarding this decision.

New Member Retention Tools!

Creating an effective member welcome program can go a long way to retaining new members. Member leaders Aimee Siegler, David Levy, and Gary Gehring are featured in a new webinar that offers ideas and advice in creating and maintaining a member welcome program. This 20-minute webinar is perfect viewing for committee meetings and for generating new improvement ideas. [View the webinar](#). Also, ASQ members are facing more challenges in renewing their membership this year than ever before. When you talk with members in these situations, your commitment to quality can help to inspire them to continue their membership. This [member value talking points document](#) can be a reference for your conversation with members facing renewal challenges.

ASQ Board of Directors Participates in Governance Workshop

With its dedication to continuous improvement, the ASQ Board of Directors spent a significant portion of its November 12 meeting in Milwaukee reviewing the results of a board performance assessment, discussing types and theories of boards, and beginning to map improvement opportunities and actions-all to better lead and serve the Society and the quality community globally. [Click here to learn more](#).

2010-11 Candidates for Office Selected

The ASQ Nominating Committee has announced the 2010-11 membership year candidates for president-elect, treasurer, and two directors. For more information, visit <http://www.asq.org/members/leadership/elections/2010-11-candidates.html>.

Positive News for the Quality Profession - 2009 ASQ Salary Survey

During these challenging economic times, here is positive news that you can share with member units. According to ASQ's Annual Salary Survey-published in the December issue of *Quality Progress* -the average quality job salary went up 3 percent from 2008 to 2009. Moreover, as in past surveys, the results show that respondents' salaries increase as their experience in the quality field increases. [Read the official news release](#).

What's in Store for Manufacturing in 2010?

As we inch toward the New Year, we'd like to gauge how manufacturers view their 2010 economic climate. Please complete this [brief survey](#).

Vice President Biden Attends Baldrige Ceremony

Vice President of the United States Joseph Biden congratulated winners of the 2008 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in a December 2 ceremony. The 2009 Baldrige Award recipients will be announced December 7. For more information, [click here](#).