



1099 Miscellaneous Income Reporting Due January 11

Did you know that payments made during the calendar year by sections and divisions to non-corporate U.S. citizens for professional services may be considered taxable income that ASQ needs to report? Section and division treasurers must report these payments using a 1099 Miscellaneous Income Form to ASQ Financial Management by January 11, 2010.

For more information and a report form template, please see [Finance](#) resources in the Member Leader Community of Practice. Completed forms can be submitted to finmgteam@asq.org. Please indicate 1099 Reporting in the subject line.

ASQ Headquarters Uses WebEx - And You Can Too!

Your section now qualifies for discounts on WebEx products such as webinars, e-learning, and collaboration. If you sign up for an agreement with WebEx, your section will pay the same per-minute rate as ASQ headquarters for all WebEx usage. Contact [Rich Esseltine](#) at WebEx for specific details.

Tips for Crafting a Successful Fellow Nomination

The Society Examining Committee has written a number of short articles-that will be in *Friday Fast Facts* in the coming weeks-explaining common pitfalls that cause non-acceptance of Fellow nominations. You can read the first article in the series by logging into the ASQ Web site and [clicking here](#). Contact [Karen Prosser](#) for additional information.

Think Tank Offers Insight Into Social Responsibility

ASQ held a Social Responsibility Think Tank November 16-17, 2009, that brought together thought leaders to discuss how creating sustainable and measureable change can impact bottom-line results. Three key outcomes-including measuring results-were identified. For more information, [read the news release](#).

Helping Doctors Make Better Decisions - A Quality for Life™ Story

Healthcare workers rely on timely data to make informed decisions about patient treatment. ASQ member Duke Okes volunteered his skills at CareSpark, a nonprofit regional health information organization in Kingsport, Tenn. CareSpark has been working to build a collaborative information system that enables patients and healthcare workers to make better informed decisions by leveraging electronic medical records. [Click here to learn more](#).



Also, be sure to visit the [Member Leader Community of Practice](#) and take advantage of a special member leader Quality for Life toolkit! Use the kit to recognize your members-and highlight the positive impact quality has on the lives of others.

New Resources for Healthcare Professionals!

ASQ will be offering a new course, *Leading Lean Teams in Healthcare*, which will teach participants how to use lean to improve workflow to reduce medical errors and decrease potentially harmful delays in patient care. Taking place February 2 - April 13, 2010, the course will be offered in a blended format that includes instructor-led virtual sessions, face-to-face classroom training, one-on-one coaching, and a copy of *A Lean Guide to Transforming Healthcare*. For more information, [read the news release](#).

In addition, recent studies estimate U.S. healthcare system waste at \$600-\$800 billion annually. ASQ recently conducted an online poll of 120 members in the healthcare profession that showed solving payment problems and restructuring malpractice lawsuits/tort reform top the list of areas that would help to eliminate this waste. For more information, [read the news release](#).