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## ***Presidential Ponderings***

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As I was taking my son for our very first stroll of the season, and enjoying some much needed sunshine, the reality of the new beginnings this season brings hit me as I spotted tulips breaking the soil and reaching toward the sky. It was a refreshing sight, especially considering the day before I awoke to find a light blanket of snow covering the ground.

New beginnings are everywhere including MWSQA! Thanks to our active membership and our nomination director, Matt Hansen, we completed a successful election early in the year and now have two new directors, a new treasurer, and new vice president.

I'd like to welcome all of the newly elected board members, including Christina Hamm – Membership Director, Tony Ettwein – Communications Director, Kelly Baird – Treasurer, and Deanna Talerico – Vice President/Planning Committee Chairperson. I'd also like to welcome the new volunteers to our planning committee; our annual meetings are heavily reliant on these individuals to ensure its success.

As we say hello to some new faces, we unfortunately say good-bye to the out-going board members. I would like to thank them all for graciously dedicating their time and energy to MWSQA; the success of this chapter is truly reflective of the leadership they have provided during their tenure. Our departing board members include; Matt Foster – Membership Director, Jennifer Beech – Communications Director, Wendi Goodwin – Treasurer, and of course Barb Stephenson – our past president who so diligently provided her guidance over these last 3 years.

The MWSQA Chapter ended 2009 in very good financial condition even with some extra expenditures made in 2009 in a conscious effort to give back to our members during the annual meeting in Cleveland. The future continues to look bright for the MWSQA Chapter and we are very pleased to be able to provide our support for the 2009 national SQA meeting which will be held in Cincinnati, OH in April.

Once again MWSQA offered a \$2000 scholarship to a member to apply to the cost of attending the SQA annual meeting in April. Congratulations to Lori Goodrich of WIL Research who is this year's recipient of the SQA scholarship! If you did not take the opportunity to apply this year, be sure to look for scholarship opportunities next January.

The planning committee is charging ahead to put details in place around our 2010 annual meeting under the leadership of newly elected Vice President Deanna Talerico as well as MWSQA members from our 2010 Titanium Sponsor company Jill Nabors and Chris Hughes of ABC Laboratories. This year our annual meeting will bring us to Columbia, Missouri on July 27 and 28. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## MWSQA 2010 Annual Meeting

**Save the Date!** The Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society of Quality Assurance (MWSQA) Annual meeting will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Columbia, Missouri. Our Titanium host for this years meeting is ABC Laboratories. As always we are aimed at offering an array of training and sessions to provide our members a variety of learning opportunities. The Conference will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia with additional details to follow. Our website will be updated regularly to reflect the planning of this meeting. The MWSQA website can be found at: [www.mwsqa.org](http://www.mwsqa.org).

If you or your companies are interested in financially contributing to the meeting by sponsoring breaks, meals or other activities please contact a Deanna Talerico at [Deanna.Talerico@crl.com](mailto:Deanna.Talerico@crl.com).



## MWSQA 2010 Annual Meeting - CALL FOR SPEAKERS!

The planning committee for the 2010 Annual Meeting is looking for speakers to present sessions or 4 hour workshops at the meeting to be held in Columbia, Missouri on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. This is a terrific opportunity to share your knowledge and gain visibility among your colleagues. We very much try to focus on touching on a wide variety of topics and areas of expertise so membership involvement and participation is a must! Also keep in mind that the registration fees for speakers are waived for the meeting. If you are interested or have additional questions please contact Deanna Talerico at [Deanna.Talerico@crl.com](mailto:Deanna.Talerico@crl.com).



## 2010 MWSQA Membership Initiative

Christina Hamm, Cellular Technology Limited  
Membership Director, MWSQA

To increase enrollment in MWSQA thereby increasing exposure of our organization, I would like to ask all current MWSQA members to recruit new members, specifically members in your state or region. See distribution details below:

<b>State</b>	<b>Number of MWSQA Members as of February 10, 2010</b>
Illinois	25
Indiana	42
Iowa	3
Kansas	7
Kentucky	1
Michigan	51
Minnesota	8
Missouri	19
Ohio	89
Pennsylvania	1
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	66
<b>Total:</b>	<b>312</b>

Not only does MWSQA offer great networking opportunities, it offers education and guidance for those individuals just starting out in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Thank you for your support!



### ***Note from your Editor***

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are springing into a new year during challenging times. If you have any stories of how some of these challenges have touched your career and how you have triumphed over them it would be helpful to everyone if you would share your experiences. We are always open to a wide variety of professional topics so please don't hesitate to submit an article. We'd love to hear from you!

Thank you,  
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