

NEQC HISTORY

The first New England Quality Control Conference was held Thursday, January 22, 1948, at the Boston City Club. It was sponsored by the Boston, Hartford, Western Massachusetts, and Southern Connecticut sections of what was then the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) and the Boston Chapter S.A.M. There were four clinics each with four speakers and a luncheon and dinner speaker.

The second conference was held in Boston in conjunction with the second National ASQC conference.

The officers of these early conferences were:

Chairman - Jerry Cassidy
Secretary and Treasurer - R. Shaw Goldthwait

Other pioneers were (according to Mr. Goldthwait's memory):

Dorian Shainan, Warren Purcell, Len Seder, Cliff Kennedy, Ed Harrington, Bob Jones, Bill Carter, Warren Grosjean, Chester Hoffman, Bob Selig, Bill Adam, Charles Hudson, Erv Schiesel, and Forrest Fales

The third annual conference was held in conjunction with the third annual convention of ASQC at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, May 5 and 6, 1949. There were four series with twenty speakers. The afternoon of the 6th was occupied by clinics and round table discussions.

In 1950 the fourth conference was held at the Hotel Kimball, in Springfield, MA. The dates were November 4 and 5. Mr. G. H. Cassady of U. S. Rubber was the chairman. There were twenty sessions and fifty-two exhibitors. The six sections sponsoring were: Boston, Southern Connecticut, New Hampshire, Western Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Hartford.

On Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, 1951, Bridgeport, CT, was the scene of the fifth conference, whose theme was "Yankee Ingenuity in Quality Control." The general chairman was Mr. E. E. Schiesel. There were three series on Friday and four on Saturday.

By 1952 the conference had nine sponsoring sections, Albany, Buzzard's Bay, and Worcester having been added. This sixth conference was held in Worcester, MA, on the 3rd and 4th of October. Mr. A. U. Sternloff was chairman. There were four series with twenty speakers and an educational program.

The New England Quality Control Council was formed on September 3, 1953, at a meeting held in conjunction with the annual banquet of the University of Connecticut Statistical Quality Control Institute.

The Council was created to act as a continuing body between conferences.

The second meeting of the Council was held on November 5, 1953 during the seventh conference at Providence, RI.

The Council officers elected were:

Chairman - Ervin Schiesel
Secretary - Leonard Seder
Treasurer - R. Shaw Goldthwait

At this meeting the Council designated Albany as the site of the eighth conference in 1954 and Hartford was granted permission to host the ninth conference in 1955.

Providence, RI, was the host section for the seventh conference on November 5, 6, and 7, 1953. Mr. C. W. Kennedy was chairman. The program consisted of four tracks with eighteen speakers, an educational program with four instructors and a panel discussion on the subject of Quality Control Administration.

By 1954 the conference had twelve sponsoring sections, the new sections being Burlington, Mid-Hudson, and New Haven. The conference was held in Albany, NY, on October 21, 22, and 23. Mr. R. R. Jones was the general chairman. The program for this, the eighth New England Conference, had four tracks with twenty-two speakers and an educational track. It also featured an all day seminar on the Quality Control Function.

In 1955 the ninth conference was held on November 4, and 5 in Hartford, CT.

The co-chairmen were George Selig and Chester Hoffman. There were four series of five sessions and seminars on Management, Vendor Relations, and Quality Control and Marketing.

In 1956 R. Shaw Goldthwait was elected chairman of the Council. Mr. Carl O. Bauman was elected secretary and Mr. Samuel A. Oliva was elected treasurer. These officers served through 1959.

The host section for the tenth conference was Western Massachusetts. The conference was held in Springfield, MA, on October 4 and 5, 1956, under Chairman C. W. Carter. Records show that there were five hundred twenty registrants.

On October 17 and 18, 1957, Southern Connecticut was the host of the eleventh conference, under the guidance of Chairman Howard Levenson. There were four full tracks, two seminars, and thirty-six speakers.

Fred C. Hartwell was chairman when Pittsfield held the twelfth conference, October 30 and 31, 1958. There were four tracks of eight speakers, an educational series, and a seminar on Quality Control Administration.

On November 5 and 6, 1959, the Rhode Island Section held the thirteenth conference in Providence, RI. Chairman of the event was Alpine M. Cummings, Jr.

At the Council meeting the following officers were elected for 1960-61:

Chairman - R. Shaw Goldthwait
Secretary - Carl W. Nickerson
Treasurer - Douglas A. Slingerland

Mr. Fran Olson was chairman of the fourteenth conference, which was held in Worcester, MA on October 19, 20, and 21, 1960. At the Council meeting R. Shaw Goldthwait, Carl W. Nickerson and Douglas A. Slingerland were re-elected.

Hartford was the scene of the fifteenth conference on October 26 and 27, 1961. Mr. Kenneth Martin, Jr. was conference chairman. Twenty-seven speakers presented a well-balanced program.

The Merrimack Valley Section was admitted to the Council on October 26, 1961. The council officers were re-elected.

The conference returned to Boston, MA on October 24, 25, and 26, 1962, when Mr. Shant Chebookjian headed the sixteenth conference.

Mr. Saul Twicken was chairman of the seventeenth conference, which was held in Poughkeepsie, NY, October 25 and 26, 1963. There were four tracks and a two-day education series on the Design of Experiments and Analysis of Variance.

Upon this, the occasion of his retirement, Mr. R. Shaw Goldthwait was honored for his long service to the Council and conference.

The Council officers for 1963-64 were:
Chairman - Francis Olson
Vice Chairman - Douglas Slingerland
Secretary - John Sigmann
Treasurer - Shant Chebookjian

The Constitution was revised and approved by all twelve sections

The Section Services Committee was established.

The New England Council established an award to "honor R. Shaw Goldthwait for his many years of unselfish devotion to the New England Quality Control Council." This award is now presented annually to the individual who has made a significant contribution in promoting Quality interest and activities in the North East area. Mr. Shant Chebookjian was the first recipient; the award was given to him at the conference dinner.

For the sake of allocating future conferences, the Council designated five zones with the following sections in each zone:

1. Albany and Pittsfield
2. Rhode Island and Worcester
3. Western Massachusetts and Hartford
4. Southern Connecticut, New Haven, Poughkeepsie, and Danbury
5. Boston, New Hampshire, and Merrimack Valley

In 1964, the eighteenth conference was hosted by the Pittsfield section. It was held at Eastover, Lenox, MA. The Administrative Applications Division, ASQC, sponsored part of the program, including an educational series. Mr. Norman W. Cheever was chairman.

The Council officers for 1965-67 were:
Chairman - Donald S. Holmes
Vice Chairman - John A. Sigmann
Secretary - Alexander J. Vincze
Treasurer - Wesley S. Gahaga

The nineteenth conference was held in Providence, RI, on October 13, 14, and 15, 1965. There were four tracks of eight sessions each.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Ellsworth Dertinger in 1965.

The first Section Officer's Training Seminar was held on June 24, 1966. It was attended by seventy-nine officers.

The twentieth conference was under the direction of Chairman Lou Louraine. It was held in Chicopee, MA, sponsored by the Western Massachusetts section, October 19, 20, and 21, 1966. There were four tracks of six sessions, two luncheons, and a banquet.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Francis Olsen in 1966.

The Section Officers' Training Seminar was held in Chicopee, MA, June 23, 1967.

Council Officers for 1967-1969 were:
Chairman - Robert Phelps
Vice Chairman - Wes Gahagan
Secretary - Anthony Scalise
Treasurer - John Sigmann
Immediate Past Chair- Donald S. Holmes

Bridgeport CT was the scene of the twenty-first conference on October 18 through 20, 1967. Chairman Isadore Levine produced a conference with four tracks, six sessions per track and a panel discussion.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Dorian Shainin in 1967.

The Officers' Seminar was held June 14, 1968, at Chicopee Falls, MA. Mr. T. McDermott, ASQC President-elect, was guest speaker. A total of seventy-one section officers representing all thirteen sections attended.

The twenty-second annual New England Quality Control Conference was held October 16, 17, and 18, 1968, at Wentworth-by-the-Sea, Portsmouth, NH. The chairman of the event was Mr. John Pizar. Merrimack Valley was the host section. The program consisted of three groups of six sessions each, a two-and-a-half hour panel session, and a training program of six sessions.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to George Mason in 1968.

The Officers' Training Seminar was held under the chairmanship of Shant Chebookjian, in Chicopee, MA on June 13, 1969.

Council Officers for 1969-1970 were:
Chairman - Wes Gahagan
Vice Chairman - Anthony Scalise
Secretary - John A. Sigmann
(resigned January 1970, replaced by James Flaker)
Treasurer - George Mason
Immediate Past Chair- Robert Phelps

A revised Constitution and By-Laws was approved by the Council's member sections and became effective on July 1, 1969.

The twenty-third conference was held in Albany, NY, October 15, 16, and 17, 1969. Mr. Don Holmes, the original chairman, was unable to complete his duties and was succeeded by Mr. Lew Gamache. But he too was forced to resign and the conference was brought to a successful conclusion under the direction of Mr. Robert Mapes. There were three groups of seven sessions each, an education track of seven sessions, and a panel discussion.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Edward Bauer in 1969.

The Council officers for 1970-71 were:
Chairman - Wesley Gahagan
Vice Chairman - Anthony Scalise
Secretary - James Flaker
Treasurer - George Mason
Immediate Past Chair- Robert Phelps

Naugatuck Valley Section was admitted to the Council.

The Section Officers' Training Seminar was held June 12, 1970, at Chicopee Falls, MA. ASQC president-elect, Russ Medlock, addressed the gathering at lunch.

The host of the twenty-fourth conference was the Worcester Section on October 14-16, 1970. The chairman was Mr. Edward Dudek. The conference theme was "Quality Control Critique." There were seven sessions in each of the three series as well as an educational series.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Warren Purcell in 1970.

The Officers' Training Seminar was held at Chicopee, MA, on June 11, 1971.

The Council elected the following officers, who served 1971-73:

- Chairman - Anthony Scalise
- Vice Chairman - James Flaker
- Secretary - George Mason
- Treasurer - Alexander Vincze
- Immediate Past Chair- Wesley Gahagan

Pine Tree and Thames Valley sections joined the Council in 1971.

The Section Representatives for these years were:

- Albany- Edward L. Bauer
- Boston- Warren J. Field
- Greater Danbury- Walter R. Blonski
- Hartford- Edward M. Stiles
- Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
- Mid-Hudson- Casper J. Rose
- Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
- New Haven- Howard J. Shanley
- Northern New England- James Cooper
- Pittsfield- Peter V. Mancuso
- Rhode Island- Frank Mahoney
- Southern Connecticut- Warren J. Grosjean
- Thames Valley- Edward C. Cook
- Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
- Worcester- Edward P. Dudek

Edward M. Stiles was chairman of the twenty-fifth conference, which was held in Hartford, CT, October 13, 14, and 15, 1971. There were twenty-seven technical sessions and nine sessions devoted to Quality Control Education. The theme of the conference was, "You Make/Buy/Sell/Manage Better Now."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait was given to Isadore Levine in 1971.

The Council officially changed the name from New England Quality Control Council to North East Quality Control Council at the meeting of February 11, 1972, the change having been ratified by the member sections.

The Section Officers' Training Seminar was held at Chicopee, MA, June 9, 1972.

The Bob Selig Award was instituted by the Hartford Section to honor the memory of Bob Selig. The plaque was to be given to the small section which made the best percentage gain in ASQC Berg Competition points. The first presentation was made at the twenty-sixth conference, to the Northern New England Section.

The second quarter century was started by the twenty-sixth conference, sponsored by the New Haven Section, October 18 through 20, 1972, under the guidance of Chairman Anthony Raucci. This conference featured twenty-six technical papers and nine educational sessions. The theme was "Quality, Cost, Consumer, and YOU."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Anthony Scalise in 1972.

The North East Council acquired the Japanese Quality Control Circle Slides in January 1973. They were shown at conferences and Officers' Training Seminars, and were loaned free of charge to member sections and to industrial companies.

At the Officers' Training Seminar the guest speaker was J. B. Van Cronkite, editor of Quality Progress Magazine. The seminar was held June 8, 1973, and had ninety-one attendees from fifteen of the sixteen member sections.

The Council officers for 1973-1975 were:

Chairman - James H. Flaker
Vice Chairman - George F. Mason
Secretary - Alexander J. Vincze
Treasurer - John Pizar
Immediate Past Chair- Anthony Scalise

Tappan Zee Section joined the Council in 1973.

The Section Representatives for these years were:

Albany-Edward L. Bauer
Boston- Richard Aldrich
Greater Danbury- Walter R. Blonski
Hartford- Edward M. Stiles
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Anthony Raucci
Mid-Hudson- Caspar J. Rose
Northern New England- James Cooper
Pine Tree State- Rudolph Woodward
Pittsfield- Peter V. Mancuso
Rhode Island- Robert Monaghan
Southern Connecticut- Edgar W. Dawes
Western Massachusetts- Anthony Scalise
Worcester- Edward P. Dudek
Thames Valley- George B. Lee, Jr.

October 24 - 26, 1973 saw the twenty-seventh conference, sponsored by the Boston section under Chairman Richard E. Aldrich. The theme was "Customer Quality Control - The New Revolution." It featured four tracks of seven speakers and initiated a Management Seminar.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Charles Hudson in 1973.

The Officers' Training Seminar was held in Chicopee, MA, on June 14, 1974. All member sections were represented.

The 1973-1974 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Thames Valley Section.

Mr. Martin Nellhaus was chairman when Albany, NY hosted the twenty-eighth conference on October 16 - 18, 1974. The theme was "The Widening Horizons of Quality Control." There were four series of six speakers, a management seminar of six sessions, and a panel discussion.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Leonard Seder in 1974.

The 1974-1975 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Mid-Hudson Section.

Mr. Blake E. Bailey was chairman when the twenty-ninth conference was held in Norwich, CT on October 22-24, 1975. The theme was "The Humanistic & Social Dimensions of Quality Control."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to James Flaker in 1975.

The 1975-1976 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Greater Danbury Section.

The Council officers for 1976-1977 were:

Chairman- George Mason
Vice Chairman- Alexander Vincze
Treasurer- Edward M. Stiles
Secretary- John Pizar
Immediate past chair- James Flaker

The Section Representatives were:

Albany- Edward L. Bauer
Boston- Richard Aldrich
Greater Danbury- Walter R. Blonski
Hartford- Edward M. Stiles
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
New Haven- Anthony Raucci
Mid-Hudson- Casper J. Rose
Tappan Zee- George R. Paine
North Jersey- James Demetriou
Northern New England- James Cooper
Pine Tree State- Rudolph Woodward
Pittsfield- John A. Dadak
Rhode Island- Robert Monaghan
Southern Connecticut- Isadore Levine
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Edward P. Dudek
Thames Valley- George B. Lee, Jr.

The thirtieth conference chairman was Anthony F. Scalise. The conference was held on October 20-22, 1976 in Enfield, CT. The theme was "Quality's Total Responsibility."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Alexander Vincze in 1976.

The 1976-1977 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Greater Danbury Section.

The Council officers for 1977-1978 were:

Chairman- Alexander Vincze
Vice Chairman- John Pizar
Treasurer- Edward P. Dudek
Secretary- Edward M. Stiles
Immediate Past Chair- George Mason

The Section Representatives were:

Albany- Edward L. Bauer
Boston- Robert A. Gray
Greater Danbury- Walter R. Blonski

Hartford- Edward M. Stiles
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Anthony Raucci
Mid-Hudson- Casper J. Rose
Tappan Zee- George R. Paine
North Jersey- James Demetriou
Northern New England- James Cooper
Pine Tree State- Rudolph Woodward
Pittsfield- John A. Dadak
Rhode Island- Robert Monaghan
Southern Connecticut- Isadore Levine
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- K. Alan Kelley
Thames Valley- George B. Lee, Jr.

Mr. Ralph von Osinski was the chairman for the thirty-first conference, held October 12-14, 1977 in Bedford, NH. The theme was "QC-Through the Looking Glass."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait award was given to Edward Stiles in 1977.

The 1977-1978 Hy Stein Competition Winner was the Boston Section.

The 1977-1978 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Northern New England Section.

The Council officers for 1978-1979 were:

Chairman- Edward M. Stiles
Vice Chairman- Edward P. Dudek
Treasurer- Walter R. Blonski
Secretary- Richard E. Aldrich
Immediate Past Chair- Alexander Vincze

The Section Representatives were:

Albany- Edward L. Bauer
Boston- Robert A. Gray
Greater Danbury- Walter R. Blonski
Hartford- Edward M. Stiles
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Roger G. Langevin
Mid-Hudson- Casper J. Rose
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Anthony Raucci
Northern New England- James Cooper
North Jersey- Joseph R. Bartolomeo
Pine Tree State- Rudolph Woodward
Pittsfield- John A. Dadek
Rhode Island- Robert Monaghan
Southern Connecticut- Peter Santangelo
Tappan Zee- Joel B. Sandberg
Thames Valley- George B. Lee, Jr.
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Edward P. Dudek

Peter J. Santangelo was the chairman for the thirty-second conference, held on October 18-20, 1978 in Grossinger, NY. The theme was "Quality Control Encounters."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Charles Rubin in 1978.

The 1978-1979 Hy Stein Competition Winner was the Merrimack Valley Section.

The 1978-1979 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Greater Danbury Section.

The 1978-1979 Al Vincze Memorial Award Winner was the Pine Tree State Section.

The Council officers for 1979-1980 were:

Chairman- Edward M. Stiles
Vice Chairman- Edward P. Dudek
Treasurer- Robert A. Gray
Secretary- Walter R. Blonski
Immediate Past Chair- Alexander Vincze

The Section Representatives were:

Albany- Edward L. Bauer
Boston- Robert C. Babbit
Greater Danbury- Walter R. Blonski
Hartford- Edward M. Stiles
Long Island- Yehudi Tamir
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Roger G. Langevin
Mid-Hudson- Casper J. Rose
Naugatuck Valley- Donald E. Cruess
New Haven- Kenneth R. Jasinski
Northern New England- James Cooper
North Jersey- Stanley M. Cherkasky
Pine Tree State- Rudolph H. Woodward
Pittsfield- John A. Dadek
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Dailey
Southern Connecticut- Arthur W. Derbyshire
Tappan Zee- Griffin Fitzgerald
Thames Valley- George B. Lee, Jr.
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Edward P. Dudek

Mr. Henry J. Becker was chairman when the thirty-third conference was held in Providence, R.I. on October 3-5, 1979. The theme was "Ride the Wave to Quality in the Ocean State."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Charles Carter in 1979.

The 1979-1980 Hy Stein Competition Winner was the Worcester Section.

The 1979-1980 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Pine Tree State Section.

The 1979-1980 Al Vincze Memorial Award Winner was the Pine Tree State Section.

The Council officers for 1980-1981 were:

Chairman- Edward P. Dudek
Vice Chairman- Walter R. Blonski
Secretary- Robert A. Gray
Treasurer- George B. Lee, Jr.
Immediate Past Chair- Edward Stiles

The Section Representatives were:

Albany- Edward L. Bauer
Boston- Robert C. Babbit
Greater Danbury- Walter R. Blonski
Hartford- Andrew P. Dolan
Long Island- Donald Weinstein
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Roger G. Langevin
Mid-Hudson- Casper J. Rose
Naugatuck Valley- Donald E. Cruess
New Haven- Robert Yocher
Northern New England- James Cooper
North Jersey- James Demetriou
Pine Tree State- Rudolph H. Woodward
Pittsfield- John A. Dadak
Rhode Island- Dennis Cabral
Southern Connecticut- Arthur W. Derbyshire
Tappan Zee- Griffin Fitzgerald
Thames Valley- George B. Lee, Jr.
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Allen L. Taylor

Mr. Rudolph H. Woodward was chairman when the thirty-fourth conference was held in Portland, ME on October 8-10, 1980. The theme was "Back to Basics."

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Warren Norquist in 1980.

The 1980-1981 Hy Stein Competition Winner was the Western Massachusetts Section.

The 1980-1981 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Albany Section.

The 1980-1981 Al Vincze Memorial Award Winner was the Long Island Section.

The Council officers for 1981-1982 were:

Chairman- Walter R. Blonski
Vice Chairman- George B. Lee, Jr.
Secretary- Arthur W. Derbyshire
Treasurer- Robert C. Babbit
Immediate Past Chair- Edward Dudek

The Section Representatives were:

Albany- Edward Bauer
Boston- Robert Babbit
Greater Danbury- John Morrison
Hartford- Andrew Dolan
Long Island- Donald Weinstein
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Roger Langevin
Mid-Hudson- Casper Rose
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Michael Venditto
North Jersey- Frank Corcoran
Northern New England- James Cooper
Pine Tree State- Rudolph Woodward
Pittsfield- John Dadek
Rhode Island- Leslie Potter Jr.
Southern Connecticut- Arthur W. Derbyshire

Tappan Zee- Debra Bing
Thames Valley- George Lee Jr.
Western Massachusetts- Anthony Scalise
Worcester- Allen Taylor

Historian duties were assigned to Anthony Scalise. Records were transferred and stored in two files purchased by the Council.

Mr. Roger G. Langevin was chairman when the thirty-fifth conference was hosted at the rye Town Hilton Hotel in Portchester, NY on October 14-16, 1981. The theme was "The Exciting World of Quality." Total attendance was 409.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to H. Newton Ale in 1981.

On June 12th the 16th Section Officers Management Seminar was held at the Hardley Hotel, Enfield, CT, under the direction of George Lee and Newt Ale. Total attendance was 107, and 19 sections were represented.

The 1981-1982 Hy Stein Competition Winner was the Rhode Island Section.

The 1981-1982 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Pittsfield Section.

The 1981-1982 Al Vincze Memorial Award Winner was the Rhode Island Section.

The Council officers for 1982-1983 were:

Chairman-Walter R. Blonski
Vice Chairman- George B. Lee, Jr.
Secretary- Arthur W. Derbyshire
Treasurer- Andrew P. Dolan
Immediate Past Chair- Edward Dudek

The first proposed budget for the Council was presented by the Treasurer, Andrew Dolan.

Princeton Section was admitted as the twenty-first Member Section of our Council.

Action was taken to resolve the tight fiscal condition of the Council. Financial assistance was received from various Member Sections of the Council.

On October 13-15, the 36th Annual Quality Control Conference was held under the direction of General Chairman William e. Medinger, at the Parkview Hilton, Hartford, CT. The theme was "You and 1982 Equals Quality." Total attendance was 248.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Cazemiro Antonio in 1982.

On June 11th, the 17th Section Officers Management Seminar was held at Hardley Hotel, Enfield, CT, under the direction of George Lee and Newt Ale. Total attendance was 122.

The 1982-1983 Hy Stein Competition Winner was the Albany Section.

The 1982-1983 Bob Selig Award Winner was the Naugatuck Valley Section.

The 1982-1983 Al Vincze Award Winner was the Western Massachusetts Section.

The Council officers for 1983-1984 were:

Chairman- George B. Lee Jr.
Vice Chairman- Arthur W. Derbyshire
Secretary- Sumner (Ken) Wiley

Treasurer-Andrew P. Dolan
Immediate Past Chair- Walter Blonski

The Section Representatives were:

Albany- Martin Nellhaus
Boston- Robert C. Babbit
Greater Danbury- John Morrison
Hartford- Francis Danko
Long Island- William C. Godbey
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Joyce Dysart
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Dan Keating
North Jersey- Frank Corcoran
Northern New England- James Cooper
Pine Tree State- Sumner (Ken) Wiley
Pittsfield- William Brown
Princeton- Lawrence M. Johnmann
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Dailey
Southern Connecticut- Samuel Lagnese
Tappan Zee- Ernie Politz
Thames Valley- George Lee Jr.
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Norman I. Carlson

The 37th Conference Committee members were:

General Chairman- Norman I. Carlson
Vice Chairman- James Mullaney
Secretary- Gail P. Oreto
Treasurer- Andrew P. Dolan
Technical Program- Richard C. Olson
Education Program- H. Newton Ale
Promotion- Anthony F. Scalise
Registration- Peter R. Tuttle
Guest Program- Mary Jo Mercier
Exhibitors- David W. Simmerrer
Publicity- Patricia A. Dailey
Financial Coordinator- William M. Brennan
Transactions- Thomas A. Falzoi

The 37th Annual NEQCC Conference, "Mind your P's and Q's, Productivity and Quality (Quality is Productivity)", was held on October 12-14, 1983, at the Sheraton Sturbridge Inn, in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

The R. Shaw Goldthwait Award was given to Paul Krensky in 1983.

The Council Chairman for 1984-1985 was James Mullaney. Immediate Past Chair- George Lee.

The 38th Annual NEQCC Conference was held in October, 1984, in Parsippany, New Jersey.

The Section Representatives for 1985-1986 were:

Boston- Joe Trowbridge
Greater Danbury- John Morrison
Hartford- Francis Danko
Hudson-Mohawk- Martin Nellhaus

Long Island- William C. Godbey
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Len Abazia
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Dan Keating
North Jersey- Robert Barham
Northern New England- Douglas Grearson
Pine Tree State- Donald G. Thacker
Pittsfield- William Brown Jr.
Princeton- Lawrence M. Johnmann
Rhode Island- Patricia A Dailey
Southern Connecticut- Samuel Lagnese
Tappan Zee- Dana Coleman
Thames Valley- George Lee Jr.
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Norman I. Carlson

The 39th Conference Committee members were:

General Chairman- H. Newton Ale
Vice Chairman- Louis Geoffrion
Secretary- Joseph Dacey
Treasurer- Martin Nellhaus
Technical Program- William Ortwein
Education Program- Richard C. Olson
Promotion- Anthony F. Scalise
Registration- Michele Redman
Publicity- Robert Watson
Guest Program- Shirley Ale
Arrangements- George DeDominicis
Exhibitors- Frank Danko
Transactions- Daniel Keating
Pre-Conference Social- Phyllis Schrage

The 39th Annual NEQCC Conference, "Quality Improvement- the Way to Survive", was held on October 9-11, 1985, at The Conference Center at Howard Johnson, in Windsor Locks, CT.

The Council officers for 1986-1987 were:

Chairman- Arthur W. Derbyshire
Vice Chairman- Sumner K. Wiley Jr.
Secretary- Martin Nellhaus
Treasurer- Dan Keating
Immediate Past Chair- James Mullaney

The Section Representatives were:

Boston- Robert Babbit
Greater Danbury- John Morrison
Hartford- Francis Danko
Hudson-Mohawk- Martin Nellhaus
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Leonard Abazia
Mid-Hudson- Anthony Martinez
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Joseph DeCrescenzo
North Jersey- Robert Barham
Northern New England- Doug Grearson

Pine Tree State- Sumner K. Wiley Jr.
Pittsfield- Edward Forget
Rhode Island- Patricia Dailey
Southern Connecticut- Samuel Lagnese
Tappan Zee- Dana Coleman
Thames Valley- George Lee
Western Massachusetts- Anthony Scalise
Worcester- Norman Carlson

The 40th Conference Committee members were:

General Chairman- John Malatesta
Secretary- Thomas Toeppner
Treasurer- Dan Keating
Chairwoman—41st- Mary Jo Mercier
Technical Program- John Clements
Arrangements- Frank Maddocks
Marketing- Vyas Murthy
Promotion- William Prendergast
Pre-Conference- Louis Geoffrion
Publicity- Leon Audette
Registration- Robert Arnold
Transactions- Harold Farmer
Moderators- Patricia Dailey
Companion Program- Margaret Malatesta
Advisor- Newton Ale
Exhibits Co-chair- Norman Carlson
Exhibits Co-chair- George Cohen

The 40th Annual NEQCC Conference, “Quality Innovation Using All the Tools”, was held on October 15-17, 1986, in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

The Council officers for 1987-1988 were:

Chairman- S.K. Wiley Jr.
Vice Chairman- Martin Nellhaus
Secretary- Dan Keating
Treasurer- Norman I. Carlson
Immediate Past Chair- Arthur Derbyshire

The Section Representatives were:

Boston- Robert Babbit
Greater Danbury- John Morrison
Hartford- Francis Danko
Hudson-Mohawk- Martin Nellhaus
Long Island- Jack Campanella
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Leonard Abazia
Mid-Hudson- Anthony Martinez
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Joseph DeCrescenzo
North Jersey- Robert Barham
Northern New England- Doug Grearson
Pine Tree State- Sumner K Wiley Jr.
Pittsfield- Edward Forget
Rhode Island- Patricia Audette
Southern Connecticut- Samuel Lagnese
Tappan Zee- Dana Coleman

Thames Valley- George Lee
Western Massachusetts- Anthony Scalise
Worcester- Norman Carlson

The 41st Conference Committee members were:
General Chairwoman- Mary Jo Mercier
Vice Chairman- Gene Boothby
Secretary- Terry T. Border
Treasurer- Dan Keating
Technical Program- Charles W. Carter
Arrangements- Anthony F. Scalise
Promotion- Tony Ferraro
Transactions- Vito DiPaola
Quality Ware- John Clements
Publicity- Joseph Decrescenzo
Registration- Peter R. Tuttle
Exhibitors- William Brennan
Frank Danko
Moderators- Gerard Trottier
Companion Program- Pat Leen
Advisor- Harold Greenberg
Education Program- Kathleen Ellison, Ph.D.
Conference Social- Tony Ferraro
Satellite Program- William Ortwein

The 41st Annual NEQCC Conference, "Right the First Time", was held on October 13-16, 1987, at the Sheraton Inn- Springfield West, in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Council officers for 1988-1989:
Chairman- S. Ken Wiley Jr.
Vice Chairman- Daniel Keating
Secretary- Norman Carlson
Treasurer- Martin Burrows
Immediate Past Chair- Arthur Derbyshire

The Section Representatives were:
Boston- Robert Babbit
Greater Danbury- John Morrison
Hartford-Francis Danko
Hudson-Mohawk- Thomas Walencik
Long Island- Martin Burrows
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Leonard Abazia
Mid-Hudson- Anthony Martinez
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Joseph DeCrescenzo
North Jersey- Robert Barham
Northern New England- Doug Grearson
Pine Tree State- S. Ken Wiley Jr.
Pittsfield- Edward Forget
Rhode Island- Patricia Audette
Southern Connecticut- Samuel Lagnese
Tappan Zee- J. Scott Farley
Thames Valley- George Lee
Western Massachusetts- Anthony Scalise
Worcester- Norman Carlson

The 42nd Conference Committee members were:

General Chairman- Gene Boothby
Vice Chairman- Joseph DeCrescenzo
Secretary- Katherine F. Abbadessa
Treasurer- Martin Burrows
Arrangements- Roland Dube
Promotion- John Stass
Transactions- Laurenz Schmidt
Social Events- Janet Grundy
Registration- Donald G. Thacker
Exhibitors- Dennis R. Anderson
Advisor- S. Ken Wiley Jr.
Advertising- James A. Boyle
Companion Program- Jeanette L. Decker
Technical Program- Daniel J. Callahan
Moderators- William D. Menard

The 42nd Annual NEQCC Conference, "Quality Frontiers: A Preview of the 21st Century", was held on October 16-19, 1988, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, in Portland, Maine.

The Council officers for 1989-1990 were:

Chairman- Dan Keating
Vice Chairman- Norman Carlson
Secretary- Martin Burrows
Treasurer- Pat Audette
Immediate Past Chair- Sumner Wiley

The Section Representatives were:

Boston- Robert Babbit
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Hartford- Richard Lindstrom
Northern New England- Doug Grearson
Pine Tree State- S. Ken Wiley Jr.
Berkshire- Edward Forget
Rhode Island- Pat Audette
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Norman Carlson
Hudson-Mohawk- T. Walencik
Metropolitan- L.J. Mapplebeck
Southern Connecticut- Samuel Lagnese
Mid-Hudson- Tony Martinez
Long Island- Martin Burrows
North Jersey- Robert Barham
New Haven- Dan Keating
Greater Danbury- J.C. Morrison
Thames Valley- George Lee
Tappan Zee- J.S. Farley

The 43rd Conference Committee members were:

Chairman- Joseph C. DeCrescenzo
Vice Chairman- Sidney F. Clark
Secretary- Ken Lisk
Treasurer- Martin Burrows
Advisor- Arthur Derbyshire

Advisor- H. Newton Ale
Technical Program- Charles Suntag
Exhibits- Hank Chin
Moderators- Sam Lagnese
Educational Program- Rolf Merz
Registration- James Hinton
Companion Program- Cathy DeCrescenzo
Arrangements- Daniel J. Keating
Promotion- Steven Culmone
Pre-Conference Social- Dave Mortensen
Exhibits- Stanley Dalrymple
Publicity- Tracy Molitar
Transactions- Ken Lisk

The 43rd Annual NEQCC Conference, "Quality- the Image That Lasts", was held on October 11-13, 1989, in Stamford, Connecticut.

The Boston Quality Conference (Boscon) was held on Wednesday, March 21st, 1990 at the Marriot Hotel in Newton, Massachusetts.

The Council officers for 1990-1991 were:

Chairman- Dan Keating
Vice Chairman- Norman I. Carlson
Secretary- Martin Burrows
Treasurer- Pat Audette
Immediate Past Chair- Sumner Wiley

The Section Representatives were:

Boston- Ken S. O'Brien
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Hartford- Brian E. Jones
Northern New England- Douglas Grearson
North Jersey- Robert Barham
Thames Valley- George B. Lee
Pine Tree State- S. K. Wiley Jr.
Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Audette
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Richard Olson
New Haven- Daniel F. Keating
Tappan Zee- Pablo Cue
Hudson-Mohawk- Tom Walencik
Metropolitan- L. John Mapplebeck
Southern Connecticut- Sam Lagnese
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Long Island- Martin Burrows
Greater Danbury- John C. Morrison

The 44th Conference Committee members were:

Chairman- Sid Clark
Vice Chairman- Don Holmes
Secretary- Bob Morgan
Treasurer- Pat Audette
Arrangements- J. Roger Vaillancourt
Educational Programs- Jeff Stevens
Exhibitors- Harry Snyder

Moderators- Deborah Pannullo
Promotion- Joe Hanley
Publicity- Leon Audette
Quality ware- John Clements
Registration- Jeanne LaFlamme
Technical Program- Pat Audette
Transactions- Richard W. Fay
Companion Program- Martha Vaillancourt
Barbara Clark

The 44th Annual NEQCC Conference, "Quality- the Customer's Right" was held on October 9-12, 1990, in Newport, Rhode Island.

The Council officers for 1991-1992 were:

Chairperson- Pat Audette
Vice Chairman- George Lee
Secretary- L. John Mapplebeck
Treasurer- Anthony Martinez
Immediate Past Chair- Dan Keating

The Section Representatives were:

Boston- Ken S. O'Brien
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Hartford- Brian E. Jones
Northern New England- Douglas Grearson
Pine Tree State- S. K. Wiley Jr.
Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Audette
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Richard C. Olson
Olde Colony- Neal Mackertich
Hudson-Mohawk- Tom Walencik
Metropolitan- L. John Mapplebeck
Southern Connecticut- Sam Lagnese
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Long Island- Martin Burrows
North Jersey- Robert Barham
New Haven- Daniel F. Keating
Greater Danbury- John C. Morrison
Thames Valley- George B. Lee
Tappan Zee- Pablo Cue

The 45th Conference Committee members were:

General Chairman- Donald Holmes
Vice Chairman- John Hobbs
Secretary- Jon Hedman
Treasurer- Anthony F. Martinez
Arrangements- Ellen Remington
Companion Program- Ann Geisendorfer
Education Program- Sumner Kitchen
Exhibitors- James Greene
Moderators- Kevin Duffey
Promotion- Thomas Walencik
Publicity- Tiffany Bailey
Registration- Deborah Ploetz

Technical Program- Lee Perry
Transactions- Robert Fazio

The 45th annual NEQCC Conference was held on October 9-11, 1991, in Saratoga Springs, New York.

The Council officers for 1992-1993 were:

Chairperson- Pat Audette
Vice Chairman- Anthony Martinez
Secretary- Neal Mackertich
Treasurer- Richard Olson
Immediate Past Chair- Dan Keating

The Section Representatives were:

Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Boston- George Cohen
Greater Danbury- John C. Morrison
Hartford- Joseph Trowbridge
Hudson-Mohawk- Tom Walencik
Long Island- Martin Burrows
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Robert Bixler
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Rick Macri
North Jersey- Robert Barham
Northern New England- Lewis Derby
Olde Colony- Neal A. Mackertich
Pine Tree State- S. Ken Wiley Jr.
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Audette
Southern Connecticut- Sam Lagnese
Tappan Zee- Martin Dachs
Thames Valley- George Lee
Western Massachusetts- Anthony Scalise
Worcester- Richard C. Olson

The 46th Conference Committee members were:

General Chairman- John L. Hobbs
Vice Chairman- A. Tony Ferraro
Secretary- Joe Orlando
Treasurer- Anthony F. Martinez
Advisor- John Pizar
Arrangements- Janet Grundy
Companion Program- Jean Pizar
Education Program- Paul Lucia
Exhibitors- Neal Hunter
Moderators- Lynn Spavento
Promotions- Arnold Greenbaum
Publicity- Paul Aganski
Registration- Dennis Bennett
Technical Program- Dr. John Sedlak
Transactions- Roger Keller

The 46th Annual NEQCC Conference, "World Class Quality-Key to the Future", was held on October 7-9, at the Sheraton Inn Lowell, in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Council officers for 1993-1994 were:
Chairman- Anthony Martinez
Vice Chairman- Richard C. Olson
Secretary- Rick Macri
Treasurer- Robert Bixler
Immediate Past Chair- Pat Audette

Section Representatives:
Boston- George Cohen
Greater Danbury- Jack Mackay
Hartford- Joseph Trowbridge
Hudson-Mohawk- Robert Fazio
Long Island- Martin Burrows
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Robert Bixler
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Rick Macri
North Jersey- Frank Corcoran
Northern New England- Lewis Derby
Olde Colony- Neal Mackertich
Pine Tree State- Sumner K. Wiley Jr.
Pittsfield- Edward J. Forget
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Audette
Tappan Zee- Martin R. Dachs
Thames Valley- George B. Lee
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Tom Falzoi

Conference Committee (47th):
General Chairman- A. Tony Ferraro
Vice Chairman- James Campbell
Secretary- Ann Marie Waller
Treasurer- Robert Bixler
Registration- Judith Sullivan
Transactions- Vito DiPaola
Technical Program- Charles W. Carter
Committee Advisor- William H. Brennan
Publicity- John Robertson
Promotion- Terry T. Border
Education Program- Gail F. Fisher
Exhibitors- Francis J. Olbrych
Moderators- Mary Jo Mercier
Speakers- James K. Callahan
Arrangements- Anthony F. Scalise
Companion Program- Betty Ann Ferraro

The 47th Annual NEQCC Conference, "Quality: Satisfying the Market", was held on October 6-8, 1993, at the Marriott Hotel, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Council officers for 1994-1995 were:
Chairman- Anthony Martinez
Vice Chairman- Robert Bixler
Secretary- George Cohen
Treasurer- Rick Macri
Immediate Past Chair- Pat Audette

Section Representatives:

Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Boston- George Cohen
Greater Danbury- Jack Mackay
Hartford- Joe Trowbridge
Hudson-Mohawk- Bob Fazio
Long Island- Martin Burrows
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Robert Bixler
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Rick Macri
North Jersey- Frank Corcoran
Northern New England- Lewis Derby
Olde Colony- Neal A. Mackertich
Pine Tree State- Stephen B. Downs
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Audette
Southern Connecticut-Sam Lagnese
Tappan Zee- Martin R. Dachs
Thames Valley- George B. Lee
Vermont- Helmut OttoWoerner
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Tom Falzoi

Conference Committee (48th):

General Chairman- James Campbell
Vice Chairman- Neal Mackertich
Secretary- Martin Burrows
Treasurer- Rick Macri
Conference Advisor- Marvin Shear
Arrangements-Michael Monahan
Education- John Lombardi
Technical/Speakers- Eugene McAdams
Quality Software- Glenn Ichel
Moderators- Stanley Seifer
Exhibitors- John Stine
Promotion- Robert Field
Guest Program- Josephine Soldt
Registration- Martin Fien
Ruth Davis
Publicity- Julie Salgo
Transactions- Roger Keller

The 48th Annual NEQCC Conference, "Global Quality for the 21st Century", was held on October 5-7, 1994, at the Marriott Hotel, in Melville, Long Island, New York.

Council officers for 1995-1996 were:

Chairman- George Cohen
Vice Chairman- Joe Trowbridge
Secretary- Lewis Derby
Treasurer- Rick Macri
Immediate Past Chair- Anthony Martinez

Section Representatives:

Boston- George Cohen

Greater Danbury- Jack Mackay
Hartford- Joseph Trowbridge
Hudson-Mohawk- Robert Fazio
Long Island- Martin Burrows
Mid-Hudson- Anthony F. Martinez
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Louis Pasteelnick
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Frank G. Jason
North Jersey- Frank Corcoran
Northern New England- Lewis Derby
Olde Colony- Neal Mackertich
Pine Tree State- Stephen B. Downes
Dirigo- Tom Taylor
Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Rhode Island- Patricia A. Audette
Tappan Zee- Martin R. Dachs
Thames Valley- George B. Lee
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Tom Falzoi
Vermont- Jerry Fox

Conference Committee (49th):

General Chairman- Neal Mackertich
Vice Chairman- Joe Trowbridge
Secretary- Giles Rae
Moderators- Irene Roach
Arrangements- Bob Bowser
Advisor- Lou Geoffrion
Publicity- Leon R. Audette
Companion- Dick Anderson
Exhibitors- George Cohen
Education Program- Barbara Parton
Promotion- Patricia A. Audette
Transactions- Steve Biello
Program Support- Harold Greenburg
Registration- Bob Gee
Banquet- Ralph Crowther
Technical Program- Gil Andrade

The 49th Annual NEQCC Conference, "Quality Vision 2000", was held on October 4-6, 1995, at the Seacrest Hotel, in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Council officers for 1996-1997 were:

Chairman- George Cohen
Vice Chairman- Joe Trowbridge
Secretary- Lewis Derby
Treasurer- Rick Macri
Immediate Past Chair- Anthony Martinez

Section Representatives:

Boston- George Cohen
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Hartford- Frank Danko
Granite State- Lewis Derby

Pine Tree State- Stephen B. Downes
Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Rhode Island- Roger Vaillancourt
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Jay Patel
Olde Colony- Neal A. Mackertich
Vermont- Mark O'Bryan
Dirigo- Frank Fletcher
Hudson-Mohawk- Bob Fazio
Metropolitan- Louis Pasteelnick
Southern Connecticut-Sam Lagnese
Mid-Hudson- Donald S. Cleverly
Long Island- Martin Burrows
North Jersey- Frank J. Corcoran
New Haven- Frank G. Jason
Greater Danbury- Steven Griffin
Thames Valley- George B. Lee
Tappan Zee- David Mendell

Conference Committee (50th):

General Chairman- Joe Trowbridge
Vice Chairman- Charles LaVasseur
Secretary- Bob Pelkey
Treasurer- Rick Macri
Budget- Frank Seibert, Jr.
Publicity- H. David Hall
Registration- Gail Savage
Arrangements- Treva Kendall
Companion Program/Plant Tour- Bruce Vagts
Exhibitors- Michael Beauregard
Technical Program- Michael Beauregard

The 50th Annual NEQCC Conference, "The Vision Continues", was held on October 9-11, 1996, at the Marriott Hotel, in Farmington, Connecticut.

Council Officers for 1997-1998 were:

Chairman- Joe Trowbridge
Vice Chairman- Rick Macri
Secretary- Martin Burrows
Treasurer- Roger Keller
Immediate Past Chair- George Cohen

Section Representatives:

Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Boston- Roger Keller
Dirigo- Steve Martin
Greater Danbury- Steve Griffin
Hartford- Frank Danko
Hudson-Mohawk- Robert Fazio
Long Island- Martin Burrows
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Metropolitan- Louis Pasteelnick
Mid-Hudson- Donald S. Cleverly
Naugatuck Valley- Donald Cruess
New Haven- Arnulfo Rosario
North Jersey-Frank Corcoran

Granite State- Lewis Derby
Olde Colony- Guiomar F. Andrade
Pine Tree State- Stephen Stofanak
Rhode Island- Roger Vaillancourt
Southern Connecticut- Marty Cyr
Tappan Zee- David Mendell
Thames Valley- George Lee
Vermont- Monica McKenna
Western Massachusetts- Anthony Scalise
Worcester- Jay P. Patel

Conference Committee (51st):

General Chairman- Sumner "Ken" Wiley Jr.
Vice Chairman- Jack Quirk
Secretary- Gregory P. Bazinet
Treasurer- Bonnie Stearns
Keynote Speakers/ Special Events- Jack Quirk
Registration/ Arrangements- Bonnie Stearns
Education/ Technical- Cindy E. Gelinas
Publicity/ Promotions- Susan L. Reynolds
Fred Walker
Guest Program- Jeanette L. Decker
Exhibitors- Dennis Anderson
Transactions/ Web Site- Steve Downes
Moderators- Deborah C. Fletcher
Fund Raising/ Corporate Support- Donald C. Wescott
Conference Extras- Wayne Sanborn
A/V Equipment- Don Henton
Banquet- Paul Forgues

The 51st Annual NEQCC Conference, "Mastering the Links, Our Journey to Excellence", was held on October 22-24, 1997, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, in Portland, Maine.

Council officers for 1998-1999 were:

Chairman- Rick Macri
Vice Chairman- Lewis Derby
Secretary- John Herr
Treasurer- Roger Keller
Immediate Past Chair- Joe Trowbridge

Section Representatives:

Boston- Roger Keller
Naugatuck Valley- Donald E. Cruess
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Hartford- Frank C. Danko
Granite State- Lewis Derby
Berkshire- Edward J. Forget
Rhode Island- David E. Baum
Western Massachusetts- Anthony F. Scalise
Worcester- Greg Letendre
Olde Colony- Gulomar F. Andrade
Vermont- John A. Herr
Dirigo- Steve Martin
Hudson Mohawk- Bob Fazio

Metropolitan- Louis Pasteelnick
Southern Connecticut- Sam Lagnese
Mid-Hudson- Donald S. Cleverly
Long Island- Vacant
North Jersey- Frank J. Corcoran
New Haven- Arnie Rosario
Greater Danbury- Steven R. Griffin
Thames Valley- George B. Lee
Tappan Zee- David Mendell

Conference Committee (52nd):

General Chairman- John Hobbs
Vice Chairman- Don Holmes
Secretary- Janet Hobbs
Treasurer- Roger Keller
Arrangements- Anthony Scalise
William Brennan
Ken Brooks
Terry Border
Technical/Educational- Linda Finnegan
Exhibitors- Costa Sideridis
Registrations- Dennis Bennett
Publicity- Roger Duffy
H. David Hall
Transactions- Ken O'Brien
Moderators- George Cohen
Promotions- Phil Lamory
Debra Fenton
Chris Laudani
Brian Fischer

A special meeting was held at Worcester, Massachusetts in June, 1998 chaired by Lew Derby to discuss Financial situation of the council. Jay Patel took the responsibility of Education seminars, new activity for making council financially stable and providing education to members and non members. In November, first seminar on Six Sigma Overview was held attended by 35 people. Then another seminar was held in 3 weeks. The council had over \$6K profit.

The 52nd Annual NEQCC Conference, "Quality Thinking- Outside the Box", was held on October 7-9, 1998, at the Sheraton Hotel, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Council officers for 1999-2000 were:

Chairman- Roger Keller
Vice Chairman- Robert Sudol
Secretary- Jay Patel
Treasurer- Lewis Derby
Immediate Past Chair- Rick Macri

Council officers for 2000-2001 were:

Chairman- Roger Keller
Vice Chairman- Open
Secretary- Jay Patel
Treasurer- Lew Derby

Conference Committee (53rd):

Chairman: Daniel D'Attilio
Program- Dan Whelan

Bose Program- Bill Prendergast
Exhibits- David Kitson
Joe Trowbridge
Arrangements- Diane Dixon
Registrations- Lewis Derby
Denise Robitaille
Transactions- Claire Repucci
Evaluations- George Cohen
A/V- Phil Lamory
Moderators- Gil Andrade
Publicity- Woody Cashman

The 53rd NEQCC Conference was held on October 10-11, 2000, at the Sheraton Hotel, in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Council officers for 2001-2002 were:
Chairman- Lewis Derby
Vice Chairman- Jay Patel
Secretary- Woody Cashman
Treasurer- Carol Sager
Immediate Past Chair- Roger Keller

Council officers for 2002-2003 were:
Chairman- Jay P. Patel
Vice Chairman- Marty Millea
Secretary- Woody Cashman
Treasurer- Carol Sager
Immediate Past Chair- Lew Derby

Conference Committee (54th):
Chairman- Marty Millea
Vice Chairman- Nick Squeglia
Jay P. Patel
Programs- George Frost
Dan Whelan
Exhibits/ Registration- Nick Squeglia
Arrangements- Diane Dixon
Carol Beauchesne
Publicity- Ann Warmuth
Evaluations- Roger Keller

The 54th NEQCC Conference, "People, Process, Performance", was held on October 22-23, 2002, with seminars on October 21, 24, and 25, 2002, at the Mystic Marriott, in Groton, Connecticut.

Council officers for 2003-2004 were:
Chairman- Woody Cashman
Vice Chairman- Roger Keller
Secretary- George Frost
Treasurer- Diane Dixon
Immediate Past Chair- Jay Patel

Council officers for 2004-2005 were:
Chairman- Woody Cashman
Vice Chairman- George Frost
Secretary- Diane Dixon

Treasurer- Jack Reardon
Immediate Past Chair- Jay Patel

Conference Committee (55th):

Co-Chairmen- George Frost
 Nick Squeglia
Vice Chairman- Jay Patel
Program- Helen Van Diver
Publicity- Joseph Azary
Evaluations/Equipment- Chet Lizak
Arrangements- Ann Warmuth
Moderators/Signs- Carol Beauchesne

The 55th NEQCC Conference, “Innovation & Improvement – Reaching New Highs”, was held on October 19-20, 2004, with seminars on October 18, 21, and 22, 2004, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center, in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Special Recognition Award was presented to Dr. Juran.

Council officers for 2005-2006 were:

Chairman-Diane Dixon
Secretary-Helen Van Diver
Treasurer-Jack Reardon
Immediate Past Chair- Woody Cashman

Section Representatives:

Boston- Roger Keller
Naugatuck Valley- Joe Cegelka
Merrimack Valley- John Pizar
Hartford- Joe Trowbridge
Granite State- Lew Derby
Berkshire- Edward Forget
Rhode Island- Bob Soares
Western Massachusetts- Woody Cashman
Worcester- Jay Patel
Olde Colony- Roger Berg
Vermont- Tim King
Hudson Mohawk- Helen Van Diver
Metropolitan- Louis Pasteelnick
Southern Connecticut- Andreas Lihv
Mid-Hudson- Don Cleverley
Long Island- Mehesh Chandra
North Jersey- Frank Corcoran
New Haven- Nick Squeglia
Princeton- Jayesh Dalal
Danbury- Steven Griffin
Thames Valley- George Lee
Tappan Zee- Emil Muccin

Council officers for 2006-2007 were:

Chairman- Jay P. Patel
Vice Chairman- open
Secretary- Helen VanDiver
Treasurer- Carol Beauchesne
Immediate Past Chair- Diane Dixon

Section Representatives:

Boston- Roger Keller
Naugatuck Valley- Daniel Bloemker
Merrimack Valley- Michael Galanos
Hartford- Joe Trowbridge
Granite State- Lew Derby
Berkshire- Edward Forget
Rhode Island- Stephen Blanchette
Western Massachusetts- Woody Cashman
Worcester- Jay Patel
Olde Colony- Denise Robataille
Vermont- Tim King
Hudson-Mohawk- Helen VanDiver
Metropolitan- Louis Pasteelnick
South Connecticut-Andreas Lihv
Mid-Hudson- Don Cleverly
Long Island- Mehesh Chandra
North New Jersey- Frank Corcoran
New Haven- Nick Squeglia
Danbury- Steven Griffin
Princeton- William Eventoff
Thames Valley- George Lee
Tappan Zee- Emil Muccin

Conference Committee (56th):

Chairman- Jay P. Patel
Program- Carol Beauchesne
Exhibits- Helen VanDiver
Software Track Leader- John Pustaver
Reliability Track Leader- Joe Dzekwich
Marketing- Janice Sioui
Publicity- Ann Warmuth
Transaction- Sanjay Patel
Registration- Pam Martel
Moderators- Amy Powers
Reception- Diane Dixon

The 56th NEQCC Conference, “Quality+Productivity=Excellence”, was held on October 17-18, 2006, with seminars on October 16, 19, and 20, 2006, at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center, in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Council officers for 2007-2008 were:

Chairman- Jay P. Patel
Vice Chairman- open
Secretary- Helen VanDiver
Treasurer- Carol Beauchesne
Immediate Past Chair: Diane Dixon

Section Representatives:

Boston- Roger Keller
Naugatuck Valley- Daniel Bloemker
Merrimack Valley- Michael Galanos
Hartford- Joe Trowbridge
Granite State- Lew Derby
Berkshire- Edward Forget

Rhode Island- Open
Western Massachusetts- Woody Cashman
Worcester- Jay Patel
Olde Colony- Denise Robataille
Vermont- Tim King
Hudson-Mohawk- Helen VanDiver
Metro NY- Open
South Connecticut-Andreas Lihv
Mid-Hudson- Don Cleverly
Long Island- Mehesh Chandra
North New Jersey- Frank Corcoran
New Haven- Nick Squeglia
Danbury- Steven Griffin
Princeton- William Eventoff
Thames Valley- George Lee
Tappan Zee- Emil Muccin

NEQC celebrated 60th anniversary on Jan 22, 2008 at Hartford, CT in collaboration with one of the founding section, Hartford section. Jay Patel conducted Kaizen workshop during afternoon and Alan Taylor, MassMutual VP was keynote speaker. The anniversary was attended by 71 people..

Council officers for 2008-2009:

Chairman- Helen VanDiver
Secretary- Carol Beauchesne
Treasurer- Diane Dixon
Immediate Past Chair- Jay Patel

Conference Committee (57th):

Chairperson- Diane Dixon
Vice Chairman/Paper Reviews/Publicity/Keynote Seminars- Jay Patel
Program- Helen VanDiver
Software Track- John Pustaver
Reliability Track- Aaron C. DerMarderosian Jr.
Arrangements- Carol Beauchesne
Brochure- Janice Sioui
Exhibits- Nick Squeglia
Equipment-Jack Reardon
Web- Sanjay Patel
Registration- Pam Martel
60th Anniversary Celebrations- Jay Patel

The 57th NEQCC Conference, “World Class Transformation, Excellence-Economics-Education”, was held on October 14-15, 2008, with seminars on October 13, 16 and 17, 2008, at the Best Western Royal Plaza, in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Council officers for 2008-2009 were:

Chairman- Helen Van Diver
Secretary- Carol Beauchesne
Treasurer- Diane Dixon
Immediate Past Chair: Jay P. Patel

Section Representatives:

Boston- Roger Keller
Naugatuck Valley- Daniel Bloemker
Merrimack Valley- Michael Galanos

Hartford- Open
Granite State- Lew Derby
Berkshire- Edward Forget
Rhode Island- Open
Western Massachusetts- Woody Cashman
Worcester- Jay Patel
Olde Colony- Open
Vermont- Tim King
Hudson-Mohawk- Helen VanDiver
Metropolitan- Open
South Connecticut- Open
Mid-Hudson- Don Cleverly
Long Island- Mehesh Chandra
North New Jersey- Sandy Liebesman
New Haven- Nick Squeglia
Danbury- Open
Princeton- William Eventoff
Thames Valley- George Lee
Tappan Zee- Emil Muccin

Council officers for 2009-2010:

Chairman- Jay P. Patel
Secretary- Carol Beauchesne
Treasurer- Jack Reardon
Immediate Past Chair: Helen VanDiver

Section Representatives:

Boston- Roger Keller
Naugatuck Valley- Daniel Bloemker
Merrimack Valley- Alison Vonlderstine
Hartford- Bob Dembkoske
Granite State- Lew Derby
Berkshire- Jim Huebner
Rhode Island- Open
Western Massachusetts- Woody Cashman
Worcester- Jay Patel
Olde Colony- Open
Vermont- Tim King
Hudson-Mohawk- Helen VanDiver
Metropolitan- Open
South Connecticut- John Rosen
Mid-Hudson- Don Cleverly
Long Island- Mehesh Chandra
North New Jersey- Sandy Liebesman
New Haven- Nick Squeglia
Danbury- Steve Griffin
Princeton- Open
Thames Valley- George Lee
Tappan Zee- Emile Najm

Committees:

Conference: Jack Reardon
Auditing: George Lee
Nominating: Helen VanDiver
Programs: Jay P. Patel
Education: Jay P. Patel

Publicity: Pam Martel
Web: Sanjay Patel
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