



Dear Colleagues,

Beginning in January 2005, your membership in the Quality Society of Australia (QSA International) was transitioned to the American Society for Quality (ASQ). This transition occurred due to QSA's merger with the Registration Accreditation Board (RAB), a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Society for Quality, on January 1, 2005.

With this merger, QSA no longer maintains a professional membership scheme. However, in an effort to continue to provide membership benefits and services to you, QSA worked with ASQ to offer you a new membership opportunity to support your pursuits in the field of Quality.

ASQ is a membership organization of more than 100,000 quality professionals and practitioners dedicated to the development and implementation of quality tools, concepts, and principles.

In December 2005 you were sent information regarding this transition. However, as is expected with change, many questions remain regarding the transition. This letter is to provide additional information regarding the transition and membership renewal information you may have recently received from ASQ.

While QSA and ASQ maintained similar categories of membership, the naming conventions were different. In a review of the similarities of membership categories, representatives from both QSA and ASQ determined that the QSA affiliate membership was equivalent to the ASQ associate membership, the QSA member was equivalent to the ASQ regular membership, and that the QSA fellow membership was equivalent to the ASQ senior membership. Each member was transitioned into the corresponding ASQ membership category and an ASQ membership kit and card were sent. If you have not received a membership card or welcome kit, please contact Rhonda Lang Netzel at rnetzel@asq.org to have a new kit sent to you.

Also, the ASQ membership year begins on July 1. All transitioned QSA members received a minimum of 6-months of ASQ membership. Those members whose membership expires on June 30, 2005 have received a preliminary membership renewal email and a paper invoice and renewal notice via the mail. ASQ's renewal process includes the distribution of renewal notices to members beginning 90-days prior to the membership end date. If you have questions or concerns regarding the information you have received, please contact Rhonda Lang Netzel at rnetzel@asq.org for additional information.

To better serve you and the other ASQ members in Australia, ASQ is exploring the development of an International Member Unit (IMU). The IMU would provide an opportunity for members to hold regular meetings, share information, and network with each other in their pursuit of quality. In the coming weeks you will be contacted to complete a member needs survey intended to gather your feedback into the development of the IMU as well as other input you may have.

Both QSA and ASQ thank you for your continued membership as well as your patience and support in this time of transition.

Sincerely,