



# Grand Rapids Section

## Brian J. Horstman Elected Fellow of the American Society for Quality

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**Milwaukee, Wis., November 4, 2008** – The American Society for Quality (ASQ) has awarded “Fellow” status to Brian J. Horstman and 20 other ASQ members. These individuals were elected Fellows by ASQ’s board of directors in September 2008. In being elected Fellows, they are recognized as having achieved professional distinction and pre-eminence in the technology, theory, education, application, or management of quality control.

According to ASQ bylaws, Fellow membership status may be awarded to those individuals who have been ASQ members in good standing and meet the following criteria:

- ? Have at least 15 years of quality-related experience
- ? Meet minimum score requirements across six professional categories
- ? Are sponsored by peers and endorsed by their ASQ section and/or division
- ? Have been a Senior member for five years or longer

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“ASQ presents men and woman with Fellow status to recognize the commitment they have made to making quality a personal ethic, an organizational imperative, and a global priority,” said ASQ President Roberto Saco. “They are leaders of the quality movement, and many may become the future leaders of ASQ.”

ASQ Fellow is an earned distinction. Recognition as Fellow is one of ASQ’s highest honors. Horstman’s achievement of this status is a symbol of respect from his colleagues that is accepted by the highest officials of ASQ.

Brian J. Horstman received his Fellow member status ***“For distinguished service, dedication, and significant contribution in the advancement of quality through his leadership; for promotion of quality concepts, tools, and methodologies by setting the example; and for his commitment to the development of other quality professionals through mentorship and training.”***

Brian J. Horstman is a senior quality engineer in Product Development and Launch Quality Assurance for Steelcase, Inc, the global leader in the office furniture industry. He has been a member of the United States Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 176 on Quality Management and Quality Assurance, was a member of the American National Standards

Institute Committee Z-1 on Quality Assurance, served as a member of the Michigan Quality Leadership Award Board of Examiners, and has held a number of local and national positions in the American Society for Quality.

He serves on quality curriculum advisory committees at Grand Rapids Community College and at Ferris State University, where he was instrumental in developing and implementing certificate and degree programs in Quality Engineering Technology. He holds ASQ certifications as a Quality Auditor, Quality Engineer, Manager of Quality and Operational Excellence and Six Sigma Black Belt.

The nominating section, ASQ Grand Rapids – Section 1001, is proud of Brian J. Horstman and wishes to congratulate him on this achievement and his future success. Information regarding ASQ Grand Rapids – Section 1001 can be found at [www.asq1001.org](http://www.asq1001.org).

Sincerely,

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