



A Message from the Director

I'm now in my sixth month as Executive Director of the Quarter Century Society. I continue to move along the learning curve with excellent support from Paul Langenus and the Board. I have had the opportunity to interact with a number of chapters and remain very impressed with the level of engagement and commitment to the Mission of the Quarter Century Society. Many of the requests for information or advice are new for me. I appreciate your patience as I work to ensure I respond appropriately.

The Board has and will remain focused on the following objectives in an effort to ensure financial aid is made available quickly and confidentially to QCS members or deceased members' surviving eligible dependents in need of assistance.

- Build awareness of the Quarter Century Society and its core mission
- Effectively communicate the resources available and eligibility requirements for grants
- Ensure all IP employees receive information on QCS upon reaching their 25th anniversary
- Generate more requests and distribute more QCS funds to eligible members in need

I remain honored to be a member of the Quarter Century Society leadership team.

Bill Wilson Executive Director

Note from Paul Langenus:

I want everyone to know how much I enjoyed working with the QCS membership around the U.S. and Canada for the past seven years. Actually, I had served on the Board for six years prior to becoming Executive Director. That makes a total of 13 years working with the Society. I also want to thank the chapter leadership and all those who served on the Board of Directors. Through your efforts, the Society's mission has been expanded. We have helped hundreds of members who found themselves in financial need. And we'd like to help even more. We are now routinely in contact with hundreds of members through the Bulletin and the web site. Soon our communications initiative will reach even more. Our finances are sound, and carefully managed to protect the corpus while serving member need. Bill Wilson has learned fast and is going to be a fine leader. I ask that you give him the same cooperation and assistance you gave me. Once again, my sincere thanks and best wishes for the future.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Society's purpose is to provide financial aid quickly and confidentially to and for the benefit of a member or a deceased member's surviving eligible dependent that is in need of financial assistance in the face of misfortune or emergency.

Society Audit

The Society's bi-annual audit of the QCS financial statements was conducted between April 15th and April 24th. The scope of the audit included the following:

- Balance Sheet Review (EOY 12/31/2013)
- Cash & Grand Disbursements
- Expenditures
- Funding & Investments
- Prior Audit Recommendations
- Society Overview

In Internal audit's opinion, the Balance Sheet presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the QCS as of 12/31/2013 in conformity with the US GAAP principles. The report contained no findings or recommendations. This represents an excellent audit outcome and a testament to the financial discipline Paul Langenus has provided the Society over the past 7 years.

Allocation Checks to Chapters

With the closing of the Society's books for 2013 and the Board members signing the Instrument of Consent, allocation checks were sent to all the chapters qualifying for funds in 2014. Checks were mailed in late April and early May. In order to receive a check, a chapter must be current on their paperwork, their bank balance must be lower than the allocation, and they must have made a grant within the past year. Chapters may request additional funds as necessary by contacting the Executive Director. Guidelines on investigating grants along with suggested limits can be found at IPQCS.com.

IP's Industrial Packaging Group Striving To Be The Premier Packaging Supplier

Background: What is more than 25,000 people strong, 17 mills tall, 190 converting sites wide and 20 recycling centers that has safety in mind at all times? That's right; it's International Paper's North American Industrial Packaging Group (IPG). The IPG talented team of people are working hard to become the premier producer of containerboard and corrugated packaging worldwide.

Alignment: With fully aligned containerboard mills, box plants and converting facilities, IPG has created a unique-to-the-industry platform that provides the consistent high-quality, best-in-class reliability and total cost solutions customers have come to expect to meet their most challenging shipping, storage and sales requirements. Customers can be assured they will receive a continuous flow of reliable packaging solutions to meet their unique supply chain needs.

Transformation: Over the last six years, International Paper has transformed its North American IPG business from an already solid \$4 billion performer into a dynamic engine with revenues of more than \$13 billion in 2013, which is nearly half of the company's revenue. Through strategic acquisitions, most recently Temple Inland in 2012, IPG's target market segments include food and beverage, fresh fruits and vegetables, durables, non-durables, and shipping and distribution. End uses for IPG products include corrugated boxes, bulk and specialty packaging, retail displays, and paper bags.

Quarter Century Society Chapter Opportunities: Through the Temple Inland purchase, five containerboard mills were acquired: Bogalusa, La., Maysville, Ky., Newport, Ind., Rome, Ga., and Orange, Texas. The Quarter Century Society's Board of Directors is actively pursuing chapters for each location with an average employee base of about 300 team members. This represents an excellent opportunity to expand the chapter base and increase awareness of the QCS Mission.

Third Quarter 2014 Calendar

January - June Chapter Activity Reports

Quarterly Board Meeting - September 18th

QCS Communication Tools

The Society has prepared new communication tools to help spread the word about our mission and specific messaging about how we can help a person in need. These tools include a tri-fold brochure, insert cards for mailings and customized contact cards and magnets for local chapters. Several chapters have ordered the customized magnets for their local use. The Board is working with International Paper's Communications team to insure that they have the tools for spreading the word with the local facilities and media in their area. These materials are available through the International Paper Consumer Response Center via an order form or by calling 800-678-5190. Let's spread the word and help those in need apply for grants.

Chapter Activity Reports

Once again we are at that time of year when the request for your 6 month activity is due. The instruction and forms required will be sent at month end. This is critical information for the Board as well as the Society's ability to monitor grant activity and maintain our financial records. Your cooperation in providing a quick response to the upcoming request is appreciated.

Retiree Volunteer Opportunity

The American Cancer Society offers a volunteer opportunity known as Road to Recovery. The program is designed to support cancer patients with transportation support needs. Cancer patients often need help with transportation to life saving treatments. In some cases, their biggest challenge in cancer treatment is getting to the treatment facility. Your local American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive local cancer patients to and from their treatment appointments. If you have a car, personal auto insurance, safe driving skills and a few hours a month, you can be a lifeline to someone fighting cancer in your area. For more information on the Road to Recovery program, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-277-2345 or visit cancer.org.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

- Aesop

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