

4th Annual Best Article Award

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Award Recipient: Leonard A Grunbaum - "The 'Business' of Quality Assurance"
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Leonard A Grunbaum

Award Description: A prize will be awarded at each year's Society of Quality Assurance (SQA) Annual Meeting for the best article published in *The Quality Assurance Journal (QAJ)* during the preceding twelve-month period.

Biography: Mr Grunbaum is the President of META Solutions, Inc. and responsible for managing the company and ensuring quality, timely and cost-effective delivery of its consulting services. Mr Grunbaum joined META Solutions, Inc. in 1995 and held the positions of Manager, Director, and Vice-President of System Validation and SOP Consulting Services.

Prior to joining META Solutions, Mr Grunbaum was the Principal of LAG Consulting, where he performed computer validation, computer security and disaster recovery consulting activities. As a Sales Manager at Knowledge Transfer International, he was instrumental in developing computer validation procedures, protocols and SOPs for the pharmaceutical industry. At KPMG Peat Marwick, Mr Grunbaum was an Information Technology Consulting Manager, responsible for directing all technical aspects of computer security and disaster recovery services. He was also Manager In Charge of the Computer Audit Group for the New Jersey field office of Coopers & Lybrand.

Other relevant experience includes methods and procedures analysis, computer systems analysis and programming.

Mr Grunbaum is a recognized expert in the areas of validation and compliance with 21 CFR Part 11, the electronic records/electronic signatures final rule. He has written extensively on these subjects and has delivered numerous tutorials and training sessions to clients and industry groups. He has also provided validation and compliance enforcement training to FDA.

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts from Long Island University, 1967, and a Masters of Business Administration "with distinction" from Long Island University, 1972. Mr Grunbaum is Past Director, EDP Auditors Association (NJ Chapter), Member of the Drug Information Association and serves on the Board of Editorial Advisors, Institute of Validation Technology.

SQA 2005 Scholarship Awards

Two scholarships for participation in the Annual Meeting are awarded annually.

The **Past Presidents' Scholarship Award** is sponsored by the SQA Board of Directors. The value of the Past Presidents' Scholarship Award is **up to \$1,000**, which may be used to pay training and registration fees plus travel expenses (documented with receipts) for the SQA Annual Meeting held in the same year that the scholarship is awarded. The recipient of the 2005 Past President's Scholarship Award is **Edith McMillan** of GlaxoSmithKline.

The **Pamela H. Errico Memorial Scholarship Award** is sponsored by MPI Research for a consultant in quality assurance. The value of the Pamela H. Errico Memorial Scholarship Award is **\$2,000**, and it may be used to pay training and registration fees plus travel for the SQA Annual Meeting held in the same year that the scholarship is awarded, and any remainder may offset lost revenue occurring by participation in the meeting. The recipient of the 2005 Pamela H. Errico Memorial Scholarship Award is **Celeste Rose** of RoseTECH Consulting, Inc.

For more information regarding these Scholarships, visit the SQA website at www.sqa.org.