

MARCH DINNER MEETING
Tuesday March 27, 2001

Outsourcing - Opportunity or Threat
Brian McConnell and Rob Spence, Ajilon Software Quality Partners

There has been a huge increase in the outsourcing business in the last 10 years. Gartner says that it has been and will continue to be the fastest growing sector of the I.T. Service Industry. As Q/A and testing professionals we will be affected by outsourcing, the question is how? Is it an opportunity or a threat? The answer may depend on how we deal with the situation.

And then there is the question that hits Q/A and testing management directly. Does it make sense to outsource Q/A and testing? The answer as you might expect is: It depends!

Brian McConnell, and Rob Spence will share their experiences on how to understand and manage outsourcing initiatives in your company. Their presentation will focus on

- Understanding what motivates business to consider outsourcing
- Understanding the various kinds of Q/A and test outsourcing
- Evaluating outsourcing as an alternative
- Manage an outsourcing engagement

Brian has over 20 years of I.T. experience on the vendor side. He has held senior and executive positions with companies like IBM and IMI Systems. He is currently District Manager for Ajilon Software Quality Partners.

Rob is a Q/A professional with over 20 years of I.T. experience. He has held Senior and Executive positions with companies like Nortel, Architel and Sybase. Rob is a member of the steering committee for SPIN. He is currently the Service Director for Ajilon Software Quality Partners.

Ajilon Software Quality Partners an international service company focused on Quality Assurance and Testing (www.sqp.com).

Presentations are on the last Tuesday of the month at the Marriott Hotel, 90 Bloor East.

If taking the subway, the location is accessible underground from the Yonge and Bloor subway station.
If driving, you can park in the hotel's parking garage.

Dinner and Presentation: \$30 Members, \$40 Non-Members
Cash and Cheques are accepted at the door.

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday March 22, 2001.

5:30 P.M. Networking 6:15 P.M. Dinner 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Presentation

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