



## **Robin Dowsett**

### **Membership Chair**

Robin Dowsett is an ASQ Certified Quality Auditor (ASQ-CQA) and fairly new to ASQ and to the Columbia Basin Section. She recently started her own business working part-time as an independent, contract assessor for the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA).

Robin holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology from Oregon State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology from Oregon Health and Science University. She is focusing primarily on food and beverage industries now although her career has also included leadership in clinical laboratories and occupational safety.

Robin's first experience in quality was as quality lead in a regional cancer clinic laboratory. She later went on to direct a 50-provider multispecialty clinical lab where she was responsible for laboratory quality. A peak career moment was leading the lab team to a Washington State Department of Health survey where there were no deficiencies found.

More recently, Robin was the director of quality assurance for a winery producing greater than a million cases annually. Her responsibilities included direction of five laboratories, internal auditing, proficiency testing, the corrective and preventative action program, and the overall implementation of the quality management program. Robin prepared teams for successful third-party audits to cGMP standards to meet retail customer expectations and gain access to markets.

Whenever it has been possible, Robin has enjoyed coordinating volunteers and working with social services programs serving elders and people with limited access to healthcare. Robin and her husband Christopher own a small family winery, Dowsett Family Wines where Chris is the winemaker.