

ATA Science and Technology Division

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The Science and Technology Division grew remarkably in early 2011. It now has 1072 members. The leadership will have to consider how we can encourage many of them to become active participants.

The highlight of recent activity has been to establish a Leadership Council following the new division policy. In forming it, skilled volunteers have come forward with great ideas. After a January broadcast email announcing the 'pilot' program to division members, the number of people who came forward brought us to ten exactly, the maximum allowed in the policy. We invited all those volunteers and created a Council with ten members during February. That council will serve until end of February 2012. I will report on the setup process and on how the Council is functioning at the Division Administrators' Summit at the end of April.

We found two distinguished speakers to invite to the Boston conference, one of whom is local so will have few expenses, and one of whom is international but whose employee (CERN) will cover most of her expenses. This effort and several reminders and requests through the group's networking avenues led to 14 one-hour S&TD session proposals for the Boston conference. It remains to be seen how many slots S&TD is allotted, but in itself, the increase in relevant proposals is an achievement for the new division. We have also planned a social outing to the Boston Museum of Science for the Wednesday afternoon prior to the conference, with a new member of the Leadership Council taking the organizational lead for that and a division dinner in Boston.

The blog, mailing list and LinkedIn group and all active. The blog has had several interesting articles posted. We are pleased with the number of division members showing interest in writing.

Several members of the Leadership Council are working on a website redesign that will be our main project for the next quarter. We will also form a nominating committee for elections in Boston.

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