

ATA Science and Technology Division

Status Report January 2014

In brief

- We held a successful set of sessions and social events at the San Antonio conference
- We have recommended a distinguished speaker for the Chicago conference
- We updated the website with news and reports on new resources at least monthly
- We posted to the blog 35 times in 2013 and marked the New Year with a “2013 in Review” post.
- We were active in the Facebook group, Yahoo e-mail forum, LinkedIn group and on the Twitter feed
- At last count, we have 2079 members

Regarding the annual conference

The S&TD track at the annual conference was well received. It included two sessions by a great distinguished speaker—an experienced public speaker from Texas—and nine other diverse sessions that pleased many members. We held a site tour and social outing to a brewery on the Wednesday prior to the conference (about 25 attendees) and had an informal lunch on Friday immediately after the division’s annual meeting (about 18 attendees). The agenda and minutes of the annual meeting were promptly posted on the division’s website.

Elections

During 2013 the Nominating Committee handled the election of Administrator and Assistant Administrator. Thanks go to Abigail Dahlberg and Salvador Virgen for acting as the Nominating Committee. The current Administrator Karen Tkaczyk ran for a second term and Alicja Yarborough, who has helped with many S&TD matters in recent years, ran for Assistant Administrator. We received no other nominations. They were elected by acclamation to serve two-year terms from 2013 to 2015.

Leadership Council

At the end of 2013, after the annual conference, we appointed a new Leadership Council for 2013-2014. The members are:

Karen Tkaczyk	Lebzy González	Sarah Koby	Amy Lesiewicz
Stephanie Strobel	Alicja Yarborough	Petra Schweitzer	Matthew Schlecht
Iryna Ashby			

Webinars

We have been invited to recommend subject-specific webinars for 2014. Several good speakers have refused to do online presentations in the past, specifically when we tried to organize them last year, since webinars are harder to give than live presentations. However, Karen Tkaczyk has offered two webinars related to S&TD interests in 2014. The first one will focus on technical writing and be held in late January.

Karen Tkaczyk and Alicja Yarborough

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