

# ATA Science and Technology Division

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## Status Report July 2012

### In brief

- Four distinguished speaker proposals were selected for the Annual Conference
- We updated the website at least monthly
- The blog, Facebook group, Yahoo group email forum, LinkedIn group and Twitter feed are all active
- We have begun to promote the S&TD sessions for the San Diego conference
- Headquarters sent one broadcast email to all S&TD members during the quarter
- We have 1689 members at last count

### New Assistant Administrator

Steven Marzuola, Assistant Administrator of the Division, has stepped down from that position. He will be staying on as a member of the Leadership Council.

Steven said: "I have been honored to serve as the first Assistant Administrator of the Division since it was re-established in 2010. Membership has grown to over 1500 and the Division is very active. Last December I was elected President of the Houston Interpreters and Translators Association, and the duties of that office are taking a lot more of my time than I anticipated. As a result, I have decided to resign from my position in the Division, to take effect at the next ATA Conference in San Diego or when we find a replacement, whichever is sooner."

We are very grateful for all that Steven has done and continues to do for the division. We understand his decision. The process for replacing Steven, according to the Governing Policy for Divisions, was for the Administrator to appoint a member of the Leadership Council to complete Steven's term. Matthew Schlecht was appointed. His full bio can be found at [http://wordalchemistrytranslation.com/Matthew\\_F\\_Schlecht\\_Bio.pdf](http://wordalchemistrytranslation.com/Matthew_F_Schlecht_Bio.pdf).

We'd like to thank Matthew for being willing to serve. He is also scheduled to give a presentation at the BDÜ conference "Interpreting the Future" in Berlin in late September, and has offered to report back to the Division members on his experiences at that meeting.

### Annual Conference Preparations

Two Leadership Council members are working on social events for San Diego: a site tour and a dinner or alternative evening social event.