

# ATA Science and Technology Division

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## Status Report January 2020

### In brief

- We held a successful set of sessions and a social dinner event at the Palm Springs conference – see details below.
- After the conference in Palm Springs, we formed a new leadership council – see details below.
- With the help of ATA Headquarters (special thanks to Jamie Padula), we migrated the ATA S&TD listserv from Yahoo! groups to groups.io.
- We updated the website with news and reports bimonthly.
- We posted 4 entries to the blog in 2019 and already 1 entry in 2020 and recruited two new Blog Co-Editors.
- We were active on the groups.io e-mail forum (122 members), Facebook group (182 members), Twitter feed (668 followers), and LinkedIn group (198 members).

During 2019, the Division's Twitter account gained 8.8% (54) new followers, while membership in the Facebook and LinkedIn groups increased by roughly 7% (12 members) each.

Posts to our e-mail forum decreased dramatically in 2019, from 123 to only 28 posts, however, since the move from Yahoo! to groups.io, activity seems to have increased somewhat.

- At last count, we have 2,168 members (a decrease of 289 members compared to 2019).

### Regarding the annual conference

The S&TD track at the annual conference in Palm Springs was very well received. The SciTech track featured five diverse sessions on topics suitable for beginning to advanced translators. We held a networking dinner for 23 on Thursday and around 25 members attended our annual meeting. The S&TD Administrator attended the Language Technology Division's annual meeting to brainstorm about possible joint ventures. Finally, planning for ATA61 in Boston is well under way.

### Elections

The Nominating Committee handled the 2019 election of Administrator and Assistant Administrator. Thanks to Sarah Baiz (Chair), Yasha Saebi, and Kerstin Saxena for serving on the Nominating Committee. Leadership Council members Carola F Berger and Mery Molenaar ran for Administrator and Assistant Administrator. We received no other nominations. The candidates were elected by acclamation to serve two-year terms starting at the Division Annual Meeting on Oct 24, 2019 in Palm Springs.

## **Leadership Council**

At the end of 2019, after the annual conference, we appointed a new Leadership Council for 2019-2020:

- Carola F. Berger – Administrator, Facebook Admin
- Mery Molenaar – Assistant Administrator
- Pavitra Baxi, Heike Holthaus – Blog Editors
- Lebzy González – LinkedIn Manager
- Amy Lesiewicz – Facebook Admin
- Romina Marazzato Sparano – Twitter Admin
- Matthew Schlecht – Listserv Moderator
- Naomi Sutcliffe de Moraes – Webmaster

**Carola Berger and Mery Molenaar**

**January 24, 2020**