

# ATA Science and Technology Division

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**To:** Board of Directors and Past Presidents  
**From:** Carola F Berger, S&TD Administrator,  
Mery Molenaar, S&TD Assistant Administrator  
**Date:** April 9, 2021  
**Re:** ATA Science & Technology Division Status Report April 2021

## In brief

- Planning for ATA62 is underway. We received 6 proposals, which the administrator and assistant administrator reviewed. We were instructed to accept only 3 proposals, and waitlist 1 other.
- We nominated a great Distinguished Speaker, Prof. Nic Jelinski of the UMN Department of Soil, Water, and Climate (see his wonderful TEDx presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzZ6ACiXtIE>). With 2 proposed presentations by Prof. Jelinski, this leaves only 1 presentation by internal speakers in the sci-tech track.
- We held a second successful virtual networking hour via the Division Zoom account on Feb. 28, co-hosted by Carola Berger and Mery Molenaar. By the time this report will be read, we will have held yet another virtual networking hour on April 9, hosted by Karen Tkaczyk.
- We initiated a membership review of our social media accounts to remove people who are no longer ATA members, which resulted in a drop of members in these groups compared to January 2021.
- We were active on the groups.io e-mail forum (129 members, -7 members compared to January 2021, but the number of discussions increased), Facebook group (138 members, -46 members compared to January 2021 due to the membership review), Twitter feed (741 followers, +17 followers compared to January 2021), and LinkedIn group (148 members, -54 members compared to January 2021).
- At last count, we have 1660 division members (a decrease of 226 members compared to January 2021, but only a reduction of 95 members compared to the same timeframe in 2020).

## S&TD Leadership Council

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