

ATA Science and Technology Division

To: Board of Directors and Past Presidents
From: Mery Molenaar, Division Administrator
Heike Holthaus, Division Assistant Administrator
Date: September 23, 2022
Re: ATA Science & Technology Division Status Report September 2022

Leadership Council

The Science & Technology Division Leadership Council (LC) is currently made up of nine individuals, including the Administrator and Assistant Administrator. Current LC members are:

Mery Molenaar – Administrator	Heike Holthaus – Assistant Administrator
Pavitra Baxi & Kenneth McKerrow – Blog Co-Editors	Carola Berger – Webmaster
Matthew Schlecht – Listserv Manager	Anees Gharzita – Facebook Admin
Romina Marazzato Sparano – Twitter Admin	Lebzy González – LinkedIn Manager

In brief

- **Networking:** We held a well-attended virtual networking event on September 8, 2022, hosted by S&TD member Laurie Bennett.
- **Blog:** We posted three new articles in August and September on our [website blog](#), including an interview with our division's Distinguished Speaker, Dr. Lauren Esposito.
- **Nominating Committee:** We have sent out a call for S&TD Nominating Committee members to the S&TD membership to select candidates for the 2023 S&TD election. As of today, we have not yet received any responses.
- **Communication:** Headquarters sent five broadcast emails, including a call for Nominating Committee members, an invitation to attend our September virtual networking event, two announcements about the ATA63 division dinner, and one division news update.
- **Social media:** Overall membership stayed about the same since July: Facebook group (155 members, same as July), LinkedIn group (171 members, 1 down from July), Twitter feed (786 followers, up 11 from July), and groups.io listserv (129 members, up 3 from July).
- **Membership:** At last count, we have 1,726 division members (1,554 individual and 172 corporate members, up 24 since July). We are proud that our division remains a strong presence within ATA.

Going forward

- We will continue to promote ATA63 on the [S&TD website](#) and our communication channels.
- As of today, we have received 18 registrations for our in-person S&TD networking dinner at Pez Cantina restaurant in LA. Registration will remain open until October 10.
- The S&TD Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 pm ET.
- We are very excited about our new Poster Presentations initiative during the ATA63 Welcome Celebration. We initially received three applications. Unfortunately, one candidate had to withdraw their application due to a lack of funds for travel expenses. Due to space limitations, we were able to accept one candidate only based on relevance of the topic to our S&TD members, and we are hoping to receive the go-ahead from the conference organizers to display the other poster on one of the other division tables.
- We will continue to publish bimonthly news updates on our website to keep our members informed of division news and events.
- Our next bimonthly virtual networking event is to be held in November.