

ATA Science and Technology Division

To: Board of Directors and Past Presidents
From: Mery Molenaar, Division Administrator
Heike Holthaus, Division Assistant Administrator
Date: July 1, 2025
Re: ATA Science & Technology Division Status Report July 2025

Leadership Council & Podcast Team:

- The Science & Technology Division Leadership Council (LC) is currently made up of seven individuals, including the Administrator and Assistant Administrator:

Mery Molenaar — Administrator
Carola Berger — Webmaster
Gene Hsu — Blog Editor
Patrick Weill — Facebook Admin

Heike Holthaus — Assistant Administrator
Lebzy González — LinkedIn Manager
Matthew Schlecht — Listserv Manager

Our Activities in Brief:

- **Leadership Council:**
 - Valeria Verona left the Leadership Council in April. Valeria served as podcast host and more recently as general support member. We thank her for all her hard work and contributions to the division.
 - The Leadership Council held a virtual team meeting on April 21 to discuss current activities and plans for the upcoming months.
- **Division Elections:** Elections for S&TD Administrator and Assistant Administrator are underway with two excellent candidates nominated by our Nominating Committee: Sarah Baiz for Administrator and Paul Gallagher for Assistant Administrator. Their statements have been shared with the membership and the deadline to add additional candidates to the slate is July 31.
- **Division News:** Our May Division News was posted on our website and shared with the membership on our social media channels and through a broadcast.
- **Blog:** We posted an interview with Dr. Bruce Popp, a long-time S&TD Member and the 2017 recipient of the *S. Edmund Berger Prize for Excellence in Scientific and Technical Translation*.
- **Virtual Networking:** We held a virtual networking event on April 12, hosted by Haidar Al-Sara. Our next networking event is July 25 and will be hosted by our Division Admin, Mery Molenaar.
- **Website:** The S&TD website was updated with the latest division news, a new blog post, the April ATA Board Report, and a virtual event announcement.
- **ATA66:** There are only three conference sessions listed under the “Science & Technology” topic. We find this quite disappointing considering the size of our Division. Nevertheless, we are happy that our Distinguished Speaker, Scott Montgomery, was approved, and are proud that our very own Matthew Schlecht (S&TD Listserv Manager) is, once again, one of the presenters.
- **Communication:** Headquarters sent three broadcast emails to S&TD members, including reminders for our April networking event and the latest division news.
- **Social Media:** Overall engagement remained about the same: Facebook group (130 members), LinkedIn group (161 members), LinkedIn page (115 followers) and groups.io listserv (131 members).
- **Membership:** The ATA Online Directory currently lists 994 individual S&TD members (down 130 from April!?!). We are aware that this number is not a realistic representation, since the online Language Services Directory does not include all ATA members.