

2026 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
@ 3:00 pm EDT
Location: Virtual, Zoom





Agenda

1. **Call to order**
2. **Accept agenda**
3. **Approve minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting**
4. **Introductions: Leadership Council**
5. **Admin report**
6. **Division activity reports**
7. **2027 elections**
8. **Call for volunteers**
9. **Open discussion**
10. **Adjourn**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
OF THE AMERICAN TRANSLATORS ASSOCIATION
Friday, September 26, 2025, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT
Held virtually on Zoom prior to the 66th ATA Annual Conference

- 1. Division Administrator Mery Molenaar called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM EDT.**
- 2. The agenda was accepted.**
- 3. The minutes were approved.**
- 4. Mery introduced the members of the Leadership Council, thanked the outgoing members and welcomed incoming ones.**

Leadership Council

- Mery Molenaar, outgoing Administrator (present)
- Heike Holthaus, outgoing Assistant Administrator (not present)
- Sarah Baiz, incoming Administrator (present)
- Paul B. Gallagher, incoming Assistant Administrator (present)
- Carola Berger, Webmaster (present)
- Matthew Schlecht, Listserv Moderator (present)
- Lebzy González, LinkedIn Manager (not present)
- Gene Hsu, Blog Editor (not present)
- Patrick Weill, Facebook Administrator (present)

5. Admin report:

Mery reported on the Division's membership status, virtual networking events in 2025, the Division Report for the ATA Board of Directors, Leadership Council updates, that we canceled the Division's X account and the Distinguished Speaker for ATA66.

She also presented information on the off-site event for this year's conference.

6. Report on Division activities in the past year:

- **Website:** Carola reported on the Division's website content and updates.
- **Facebook:** Patrick Weill reported on the Facebook membership status and how to find the group. He also reminded the membership of the rules when posting on Facebook, and spoke about the plans for the coming year.
- **Listserv:** Matthew reported on listserv activities and his continued work analyzing and cleaning the list.
- **LinkedIn:** Mery reported for Lebzy on the growth of the Division's LinkedIn group, on the benefits of being a member of the group, how members can engage and how they can grow their network via the Division's LinkedIn Group.
- **Blog report:** Mery presented the blog report for Gene Hsu.

7. 2025 Elections:

Nominating Committee Chair Hans-Jochen Trost shared the election results for the new Administrator and Assistant Administrator. The search to fill these positions led to Sarah Baiz (Administrator) and Paul B. Gallagher (Assistant Administrator). There were no further candidates, so Sarah Baiz and Paul B. Gallagher were declared Administrator and Assistant Administrator, respectively, by acclamation. ATA Headquarters has decided to discontinue the use of Nominating Committees in the future. Sarah Baiz and Paul Gallagher introduced themselves.

8. New business

The meeting was opened for questions from the members. A question came up about the conference app for ATA66, no one was sure when it will be available. Another question addressed spam email messages offering lists of conference attendees. This seems to be an email harvesting scam and such messages should just be deleted.

9. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM EDT.

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S&TD DISCUSSION GROUP

Division members, make sure to join our email discussion group! In addition to lively discussions among S&TD members, the mailing list provides information on annual meetings, newsletters, resources and more.

[Sign up for our discussion group >>](#)

Not a division member yet? [Join Now!](#)

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EVENTS



**ATA67 Science & Technology Division
CONFERENCE
NETWORKING
EVENT** CONNECT. EXPLORE.
COLLABORATE.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
7:00 - 9:00 PM
EXPLORATORIUM
San Francisco, CA

HANDS-ON SCIENCE.
GREAT CONVERSATIONS.
NEW CONNECTIONS.

ATA67 Science & Technology Division

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Sarah Baiz
Division Administrator



Paul B. Gallagher
Assistant Administrator



Carola Berger
Webmaster



Lebzy González
LinkedIn Manager



Matthew Schlecht
Listserv Moderator



Patrick Weill
Facebook Admin



Gene Hsu
Blog Editor

Admin Report – Sarah Baiz

❖ **Division Membership:**

- 899 total members
- Fifth largest division, out of 26 divisions

❖ **One Virtual Networking Events in 2026:**

February 28, hosted by Patrick Weill

Next in November 2026 (Date TBD)

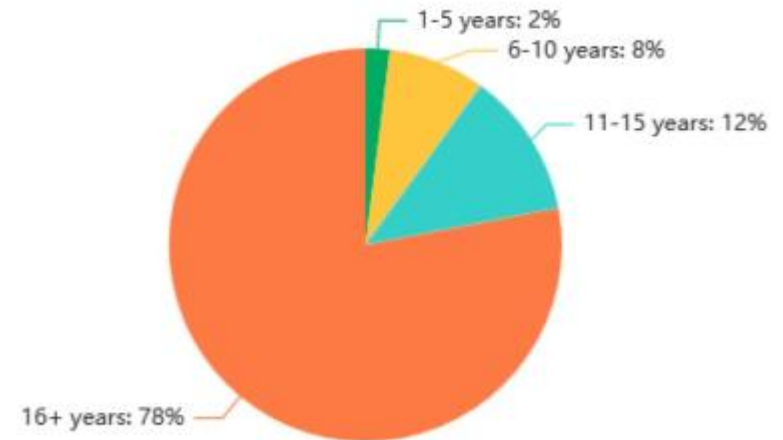
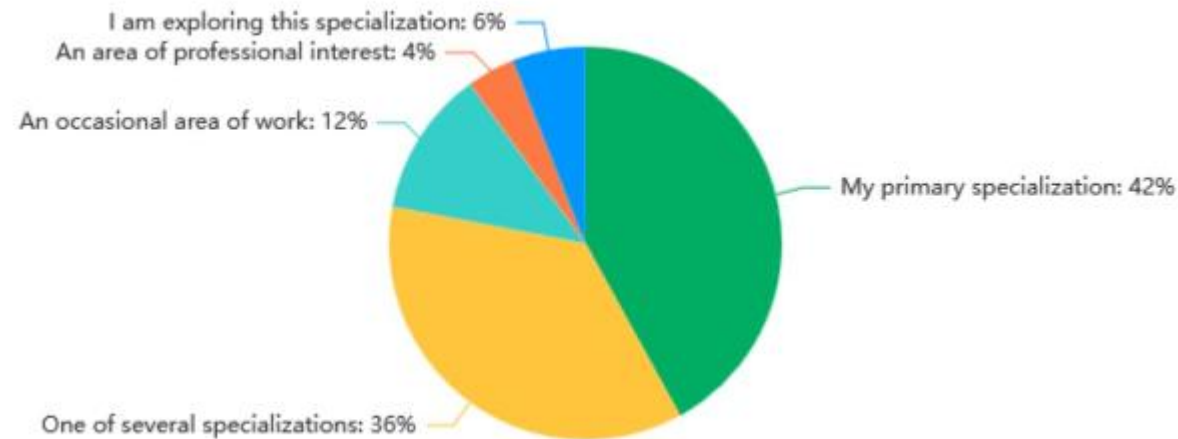
❖ **Division Reports to the ATA Board of Directors:**

January, April, July, and September 2026

Admin Report (cont'd)

❖ Survey of S&TD Members:

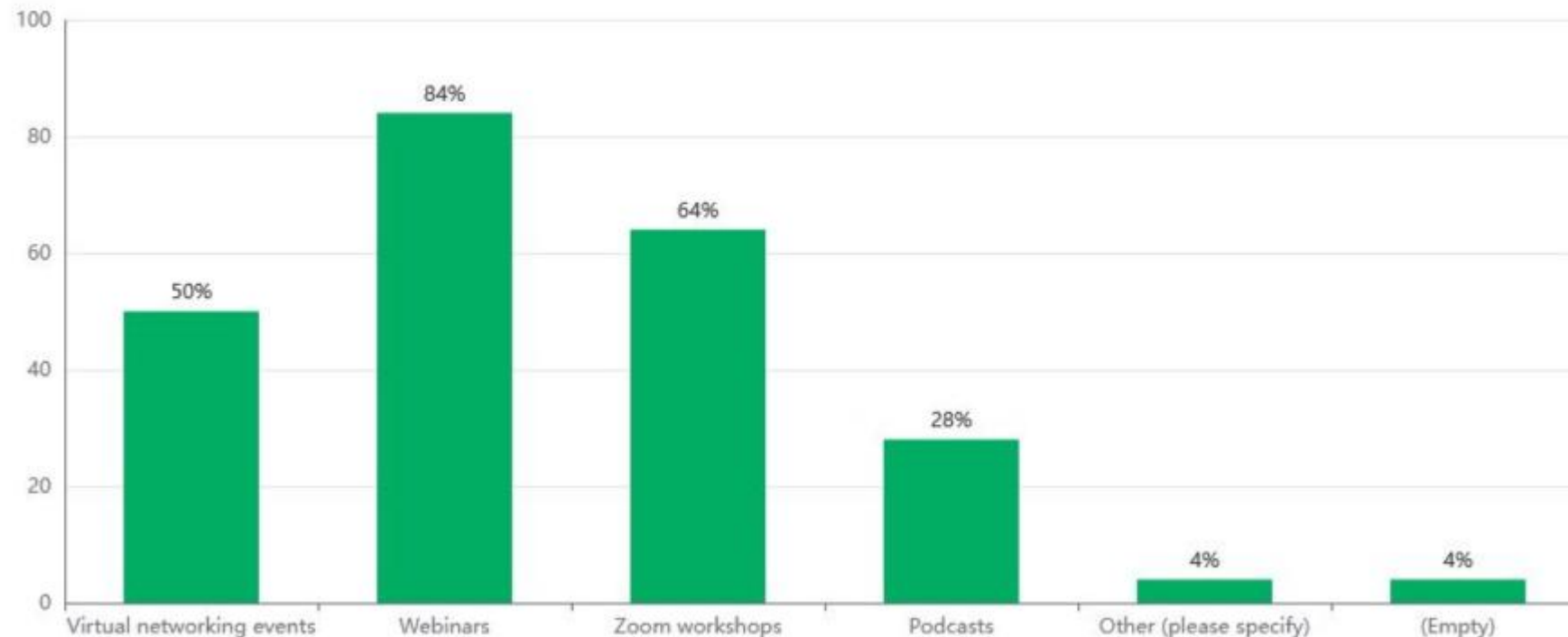
- A link to a survey went out to all members in June and closed on August 1.
- 50 respondents in total
- 42% of respondents said that science and technology is their main specialization
- Most respondents (78%) have 16+ years of experience as a translator or interpreter



Admin Report (cont'd)

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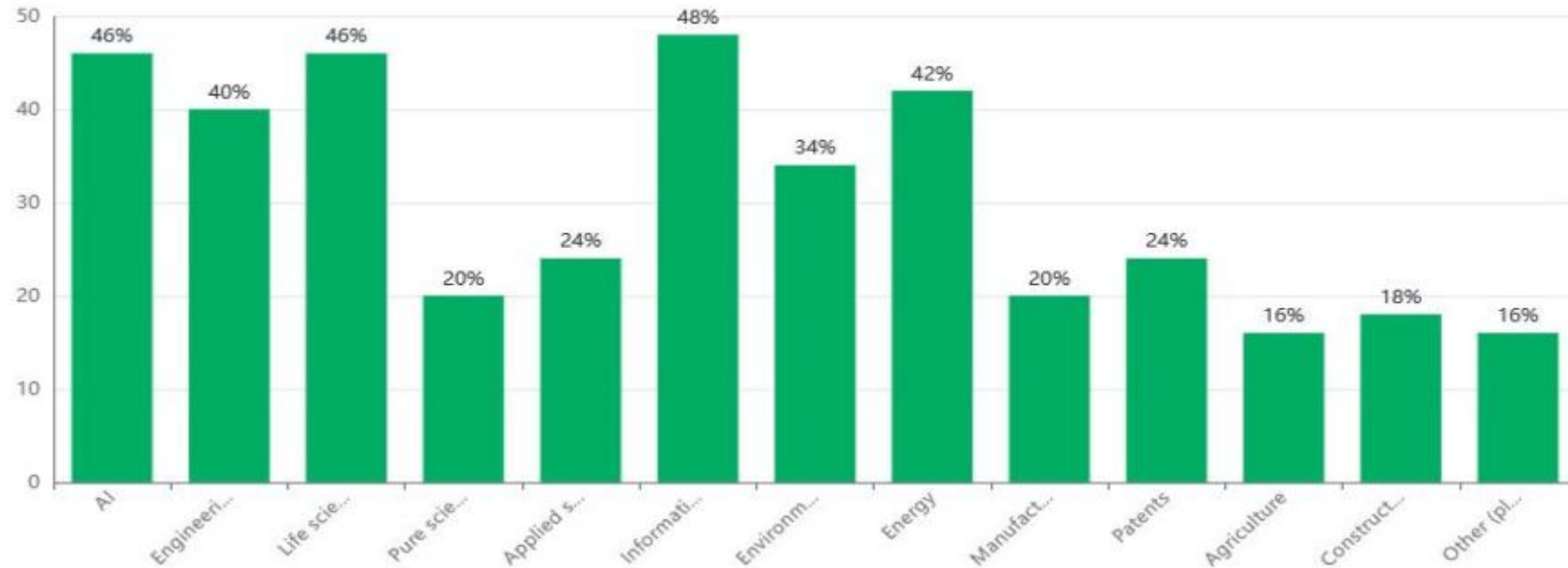
- Respondents overwhelmingly want the division to organize webinars and workshops.
- Half of respondents want the division to organize virtual networking events



Admin Report (cont'd)

❖ Survey of S&TD Members:

- Main topics of interest include: AI, engineering, life sciences, information technology, and energy



Admin Report (cont'd)

ATA67 S&TD Off-Site Event



Thursday, October 29 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$19, includes admission at the group rate to adults-only hours. Drinks available for purchase on site

Register at:

https://ata-divisions.org/S_TD/2026/08/22/ata67-science-technology-division-networking-event/

Website Report – Carola Berger

Website Desktop Version



https://ata-divisions.org/S_TD/



Mobile
Version

Call for New Webmaster!

https://ata-divisions.org/S_TD/

The S&TD needs a new webmaster.

The website is based on WordPress. Mostly only content updates, no major changes or redesigns required (unless you want to).

No prior WordPress or website knowledge necessary, Carola will train the new person.

Time commitment: approx. 15±5 hours max. per **year** for keeping the website updated, plus attending the leadership council meetings

Honorarium: \$16/hour

When: As soon as possible! Carola's term ends today!

S&TD Facebook Group Report – Patrick Weill



Current membership: 131

How can I find the group?

- Search in Facebook for: **ATA Science and Technology Division**
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/388701697825023>)

Must be an S&TD member to join

- Open to all group members to post, ask questions, share stories, accomplishments, opinions, etc.

Follow the rules of SM etiquette (in files)

- No discussions of rates or trade secrets, no blacklisting of clients, and no insulting, copyrighted, accusatory, or private materials.

Let's have a look at the group:

ATA Science and Technology Division

Private group · 128 members



+ Invite

Discussion

Members

Events

Media

Files



Write something...



Anonymous post



Feeling/activity



Poll

Featured ⓘ

Add



Add more

Thu, Oct 29 at 8 PM CST

ATA67 Science and Technology Divi...

You can't go.

About

*** Admission is reserved to members of the Science and Technology Division of the American Translator's Association ***

We share about ATA S&TD activities and information that may be interest to its members. This is a closed group, so posts are not public.

To join:

- 1) Please answer the two questions that are presented when you submit your request.
- 2) If your name on Facebook differs from your name listed in the membership directory or if you are a corporate member, please send the following information to divisionsS_TD @ atanet.org: full name, membership number, and Facebook alias

Group members: before posting, please read ATA's Social Media Policy and Etiquette, located in the Files section

ATA's Antitrust Compliance Policy can be found here: <https://www.atanet.org/about-us/policies/antitrust-compliance-policy/> See less

Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post



S&TD Facebook Group Report (cont'd)

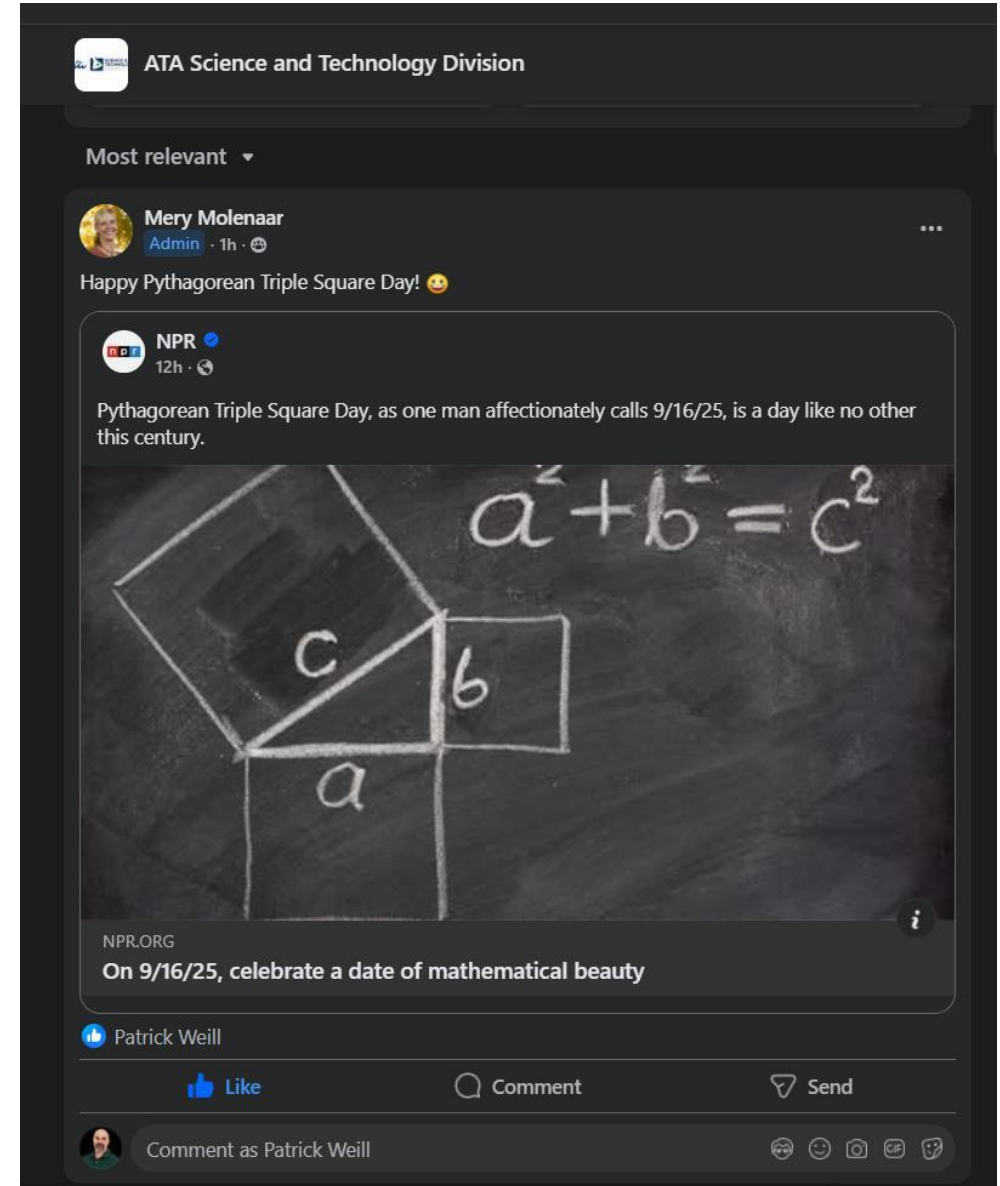
Plans for next year:

Continue Mery's terrific idea about important scientific dates in order to:

Increase engagement and build rapport

Provide useful and interesting information

THANK YOU!





ATA S&TD Listserv Report – Matthew Schlecht

- ❖ We have a total of **98 members**
- ❖ A total of **98 messages** have been posted on the listserv since last year's annual meeting (and 62 this year to date)
- ❖ Topics vary, with many centered around AI and its impact on translation/interpretation, events, life in other solar systems, and wearable tech with AI



ATA S&TD Listserv Report (cont'd)

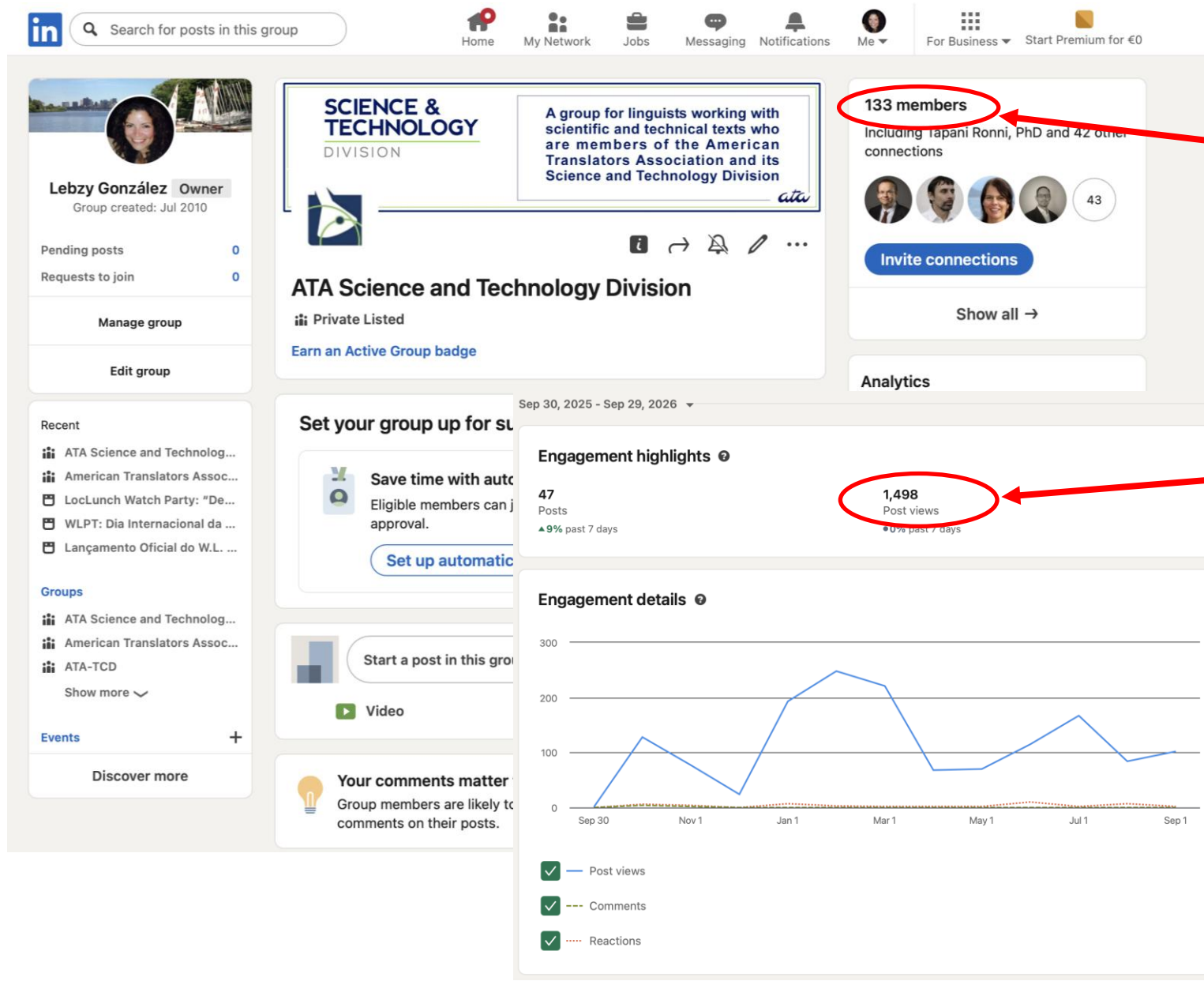
❖ How to join the listserv?

- Go to <https://groups.io>
- Click on “Find or Create a Group” and search for “ATASciTechDiv”
- Click on “Apply for Membership in this Group”

OR

- Send an email to ATASciTechDiv+subscribe@groups.io with a request to join

S&TD LinkedIn Report – Lebzy González



Why join S&TD's LinkedIn group?

- LinkedIn has been growing
 - Our group lost 33 members in the last year (-20%) due to lapsed ATA membership
- Posts are highly visible!
 - 1,498 post views in the S&TD group since last year (-94%)
- Easy to set yourself apart, gain name recognition among your peers
- LinkedIn Groups are not just discussion groups; they can help you find new clients!

S&TD LinkedIn Report (cont'd)

The screenshot shows the LinkedIn interface for the 'ATA Science and Technology Division' group. At the top, the LinkedIn navigation bar is visible with icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, Messaging, Notifications, and Me. Below the navigation bar, the group name 'ATA Science and Technology Division' is displayed. Underneath, it says 'Members · 133 people'. A red circle highlights the 'Search group members' input field. Below this, there are filter buttons for 'Locations', 'Current company', 'Industry', and 'School'. The main content area lists several members with their profile pictures, names, degrees, and job titles. Each member entry has a 'Message' button to its right. A red arrow points from the search bar to the first member, Sam Larson.

Members · 133 people

Search group members

Locations Current company Industry School

Sam Larson · 3rd
German Translator | Patent Translation | Technical Translation | Legal Translation | Intellectual Property | Patent Documents | German-English Translation | Certified Translator | Translation Services

Julie Tabler · 2nd
ATA-Certified French-English Translator specializing in semiotics, environmental issues and clean technologies

Emilia Balke · 2nd
Bulgarian<>English Translator & Interpreter; Russian, German, and Macedonian Translator

Evelyn Yang Garland · 1st
Patent Litigation Interpreter | Expert Witness | Leading a Team for High-Stakes Translation | Language Tech Researcher and Developer

Alicja K Yarborough · 1st
PhD Biochemist, Technical Translator, Writer, Editor.

Ury Vainsencher · 1st
Retired translator

How can LinkedIn help you find new clients?

- LinkedIn Groups enable members to connect with each other more easily.
- Growing your network enables you to find potential clients among an exponentially larger pool of people:
 - **443** 1st-degree connections turn into
 - **458,000** 2nd-degree connections and
 - **853,000,000** 3rd-degree connections

Join today or follow us!

2027 S&TD Division Leadership Elections

- ATA encourages service as Division Administrator and Assistant Administrator for two terms.
- Both Sarah and Paul have served one term and are willing to serve a second.
- **New Election Process Timeline:**
 - **November 2026:** ATA HQ will issue a call for candidates to all division members. Candidates must be a voting member of the division.
 - **Early May (At least 18 weeks before Annual Meeting):** Candidates' names along with a written acceptance letter and candidate statement from each candidate should be submitted to ATA HQ
 - **Mid-May (18 weeks before Annual Meeting):** ATA HQ publishes slate of candidates and sends broadcast to division members with candidate statements.
 - **Mid-August:** Ballot broadcast for elections sent to division members.
 - **September/October (at Annual Meeting):** The new or re-elected Administrator and Assistant Administrator are announced. The new term begins right after the ATA conference

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The S&TD needs your help!

We want to serve our members better, but we need more volunteers to help.

We specifically need volunteers for the following roles:

- **Webmaster (urgent!)**
- **Blog editor**
- **Blog post writers**
- **Networking coordinator (organize and host virtual networking events)**
- **Webinar coordinator (find webinar speakers and create a schedule)**

Please reach out!

Open Discussion



Thank you
for attending the

2026 Annual
General Meeting

Contact Us:

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Stay in Touch:

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LinkedIn Page: www.linkedin.com/company/89815540

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/388701697825023