

ATA Science and Technology Division Status Report January 2026

Division: Science and Technology Division

Report Period (Quarter/Year): Winter 2025

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1. Board Request Type (select at least one)

- ☐ Board Action Request (BAR)
- ☐ Board Appointment Request
- ☐ Board Discussion Request
- ☒ No request submitted for this period

2. Division Leadership Council

The Science & Technology Division's Leadership Council is currently made up of seven individuals, including:

Administrator: Sarah Baiz

Assistant Administrator: Paul B. Gallagher

Webmaster: Carola Berger

LinkedIn Manager: Lebzy Gonzalez

Blog Editor: Gene Hsu

Listserv Manager: Matthew Schlecht

Facebook Admin: Patrick Weill

3. Meetings

Most recent meeting held on: Division Annual Meeting held on September 26, 2025

Regular meeting cadence: Quarterly Leadership Council Meetings

4. Activities Completed This Quarter

Leadership council: As of the Division's Annual Meeting held on September 26, 2025, Sarah Baiz has taken over as Administrator and Paul B. Gallagher has taken over as Assistant Administrator. Mery Molenaar and Heike Holthaus have stepped down from the Leadership Council.

Blog: The Blog post about Division Events and Sessions at the ATA conference was updated. There are several new posts pending publication with session reviews.

Website: The S&TD website was updated to reflect the current leadership council members. The page about the history of the division was updated with new photos and text provided by Matthew Schlect.

ATA66 Off-Site Event: The Division hosted an off-site networking event on Friday, October 24 at Democracy Brewing in Boston. A total of 11 people attended the event, including the Division's Distinguished Speaker, Scott Montgomery.

Communication: Multiple broadcast e-mails were sent out to all members as a reminder about the off-site networking event.

Social Media: Engagement across platforms remained stable:

Facebook Group: 128 members (–3 since September), LinkedIn Group: 166 members (unchanged), LinkedIn Page: 118 followers (+4 since September), and the groups.io Listserv: 100 members (–31 since September, but the role is being purged of inactive members).

Membership: The ATA directory currently lists 1,028 individual S&TD members, an increase of 21 since September. We are proud that the S&TD continues to be a strong and visible part of ATA.

5. Plans for the Next Quarter

The winter quarter leadership council meeting will take place on January 16, 2026.

We are planning a virtual networking event hosted by Sarah Baiz that will take place in January 2026 (date pending). We also plan to have a virtual networking event in March, date to be determined.

At this time, the Leadership Council is also preparing a survey for the Division members about engagement, communication channels, and topics they would like to see covered, as the last time a survey was conducted was in 2022.

6. Additional Notes/comments (optional)