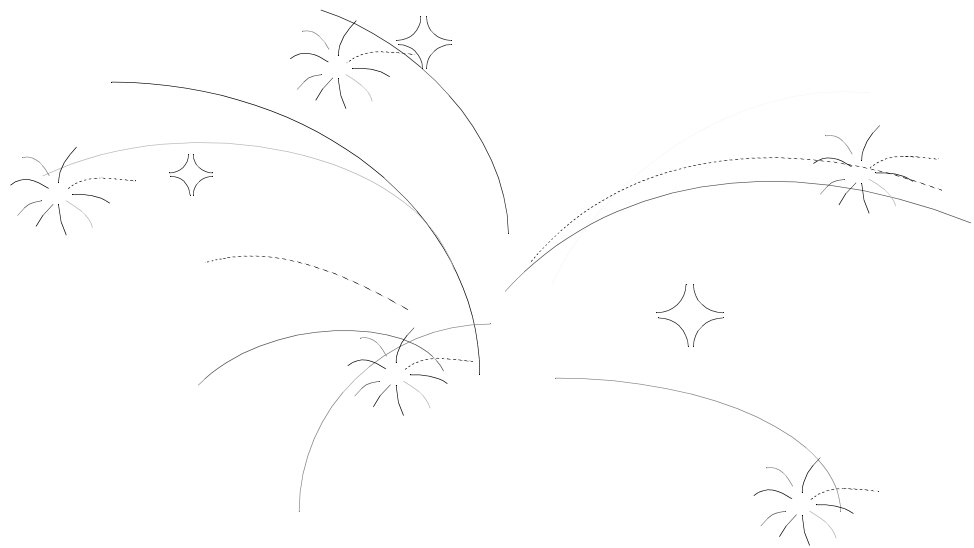


STC Houston Member and Chapter Highlights



as of July 2005



SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION

Community Beginnings

STC Houston was formed July 1962, when a group of twelve technical communicators petitioned the Society for Technical Writers and Publishers (a predecessor of STC) for chapter(now community) status. Status was granted in January 1963. The community now has about 300 members in the Houston area, Bryan/College Station, and Louisiana Gulf Coast.

Achievements and Awards

Over the years the community and its members have received recognition for a variety of accomplishments. These accomplishments include Society and Chapter awards, achievements, and activities.

Community History

The following pages list some interesting historical information about the community and its activities.

Note: Incorrect information indicates a mistake in our records or missing information. If you know missing information, see a mistake, or want something added to the document, please contact the community Historian.

Fellows

STC Houston members receiving Society award:

2000	Sherri Smith
1999	Emanuel "Mac" Katzin
1997	Mary Fae McKay
1996	Linda Oestreich
1995	Janis Raymond Hocker
1992	Marx Isaacs
1992	William Horton
1983	John Colby

Associate Fellows

STC Houston members receiving Society award:

2005	Pat Bishop
2005	Melanie G. Flanders
2004	James M. James M. Hunt Hunt
2002	Deborah Silvi
1998	Ann Blankinship
1997	Ann Liggio
1996	Connie " C. J." Bibus
1994	Deirdre "De" Murr
1993	Barbara Brogan
1992	Linda Oestreich
1991	Mary Fae McKay
1991	Sherri Smith
1991	Emanuel "Mac" Katzin
1990	Janis Raymond Hocker
1982	Joe Rice
1981	Roy Magin
1974	Marx Isaacs
1974	John Colby



Honorary Fellows

Houston-area residents who were selected as Honorary Fellows by the Society:

1993	Carolyn Huntoon
1985	Dr. Norman Hackerman

Distinguished Chapter Service

STC Houston members receiving Society award for chapter service:

2005	Wayne Schmadeka
2005	George Slaughter
2004	Verna Dunn
2004	James M. Hunt
2004	Ron Hartberger
2004	Steve Shriver
2003	Stephen Brunet
2003	Gary Foster
2003	Jocelyn Williams
2002	Marilyn Barrett-O'Leary
2002	Melanie G. Flanders
2002	Karen Graber
2000	John Reynolds III
2000	Nicole Wycislo
1999	Deborah Silvi
1999	Rebecca Taylor (New Mexico Tech student chapter)
1998	Jeff Staples
1998	JoCarol Gau
1997	Berry Davis
1997	Pat Bishop
1996	Gary Higgins
1996	Gail Issen
1996	Gary M. Smith (New Orleans chapter)
1995	Deirdre "De" Murr
1995	Linda Oestreich
1994	Barbara Brogan
1994	Sherri Smith
1993	Ann Liggio



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1991	Connie "C. J." Bibus
1990	Pat Cooke
1990	Sherry House Kleban
1989	Fred Harbaugh
1989	Emanuel "Mac" Katzin



Sigma Tau Chi

STC Houston members receiving Society award:

2004 Jeff Staples
1994 Melody Locke

Distinguished SIG Service

STC Houston members receiving Society award:

2003 Jeff Staples, Quality SIG
2002 Deborah Ausman, Marketing Communication SIG

Annual Member Recognition

STC Houston award winners:

2004 Deborah Long (President's Award)
2004 John Turner (Member of the Year)
2003 Ron Hartberger (Man of the Year)
2003 Erika Frensley (Woman of the Year)
2002 Jim Walsh (Man of the Year)
2001 James M. Hunt (Man of the Year)
2001 Jeanne O'Meara (Woman of the Year)
2000 Jocelyn Williams (Member of the Year)
1999 Verna Dunn (Member of the Year)
1998 John Reynolds III (Innovator of the Year)
1998 Jeff Staples (Member of the Year)
1997 Deborah Silvi (Member of the Year)
1986 Sherri Smith (Member of the Year)
1977 Marx Isaacs (Member of the Year)
1977 John Colby (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Sandra Coulter (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Milton Crusius (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Fred Harbaugh (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Marx Isaacs (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Nelda Lawrence (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Larry Megow (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Joe Rice (Shoulder of Giants)
1977 Frank Radez (Shoulder of Giants)



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STC Members for 30 Years

STC Houston members for 30 years:

Janis Hocker

Ann Liggio

Sherri Smith

Chapter Achievement Awards

STC Houston receiving Society award:

Year	Award	Citation	Chapter President
2004	Excellence	<i>For developing and implementing an online forum and supporting mentoring program, both powerful communication tools</i>	Jocelyn Williams
2003	Pacesetter	<i>For exemplary leadership and innovative ideas that support and enhance chapter membership, the southeast Texas and Louisiana community, and the Houston STC leadership</i>	George Slaughter
2003	Excellence	<i>For mastering knowledge while providing excellent dedication to the southeast Texas and Louisiana technical communication communities, for outstanding recognition of volunteers, and for providing strong membership services in difficult economic times</i>	George Slaughter
2002	Distinction	<i>For overcoming monumental obstacles to continue the STC Houston tradition of excellence in all that you do and for providing outstanding educational opportunities for members and students of technical communication</i>	George Slaughter
2001	Distinction	<i>For “communicating outside the box” to teach members to use innovation, invention, and ingenuity in all they do, for exceptional service to the Society, and for advancing the technical communication profession</i>	Deborah Long



2000	Pacesetter	<i>For continued, outstanding efforts to promote effective communication for technical communicators in Houston and Bryan–College Station, Texas, and in Louisiana</i>	Janette Sexton
1998	Distinction	<i>For continued, outstanding efforts to promote effective communication for technical communicators in Houston and Bryan–College Station, Texas, and in Louisiana</i>	Deborah Silvi
1997	Distinction	<i>For communicating creatively and going beyond expectations throughout the year to help STC members in their quest for professionalism</i>	Jeff Staples
1995	Distinction	<i>For exceptional service to its members through outstanding programs, activities, and advancement of the technical communication profession</i>	Ann Blankinship
1987	Distinction	No information	Sherry House Kleban
1986	Distinction	<i>For the quality, dedication, commitment, and professionalism of its members and for its continued administrative excellence</i>	Barbara Brogan
1979	Distinction	<i>For outstanding service to members, students, and the educational and industrial communities</i>	Janis Raymond Hocker

Newsletter Competition Awards

STC Houston receiving Society award:

Year	Award	Managing Editor	Contributors
2005	Excellence Chapter <i>(Dateline Houston)</i>	Louette Arrowsmith, Nicole Wycislo	Cathy Bettoney, Melanie Boston, Linda Branam, Jamie Diamandopoulos, James M. Hunt Rebecca Taylor,
2003	Merit Chapter <i>(Dateline Houston)</i>	Rebecca Taylor	Cathy Bettoney, Erika Frensley
2002	Excellence and Most Improved Chapter <i>(Dateline Houston)</i>	Rebecca Taylor	Cathy Bettoney, Melanie Boston, Jamie Diamandopoulos, James M. Hunt
2001	Excellence Chapter <i>(Dateline Houston)</i>	Rhonda Hector	Melanie Boston, Jamie Diamandopoulos, Lisa Muenchow Ducote, Erika Frensley, James M. Hunt, Donna Marcotte
2000	Excellence Chapter <i>(Dateline Houston)</i>	Verna Dunn	Melanie Boston, Jamie Diamandopoulos, James M. Hunt, Melody Locke, Meredith Montgomery, Greg Van Pelt
1997	Achievement Chapter <i>(Dateline Houston)</i>	Melody Locke	Linda Arnold, Ruth Click, Kent Drummond, Melanie G. Flanders



1996	Merit Chapter (<i>Dateline Houston</i>)	Jeff Staples	Linda Arnold, Melanie G. Flanders, Jacob Schulzinger, Leila Merritt Sewell, Jane Wolf
1995	Distinguished and Most Improved Chapter (<i>Dateline Houston</i>)	Jeff Staples	Ruth Click, Melanie G. Flanders, Mac Katzin, Leila Merritt Sewell, Jacob Schulzinger, Jane Wolf
1992	Achievement Chapter (<i>Dateline Houston</i>)	Kay Schimmelman	Mary Elaine Lora
1990	Merit Chapter (<i>Dateline Houston</i>)	Cynthia Maciejczyk	Sharon Jones, Sandra Lord
1987	Distinguished Chapter (<i>Dateline Houston</i>)	Susan Alexander	Susan Ahern, Chris Birchak, Gary Foster, David Locke
1984	Distinguished and Best of Show Chapter (<i>Dateline Houston</i>)	Diane Callen	Mark Armstrong, Jackie Blain, Elizabeth Cooper, Lorie Harju, Leigh Hlavaty, Janis Raymond Hocker, Ann Liggio
1982	Excellence Chapter (<i>Dateline Houston</i>)	Connie Bourke	Deborah Crockett, Lorie Harju, Ann Liggio, Judy Paulsen, Beverly Rogers, Sherri Smith, Ann Wehner

Public Relations Competition Awards

STC Houston receiving Society award:

Year	Award	Manager	Contributors
2004	Excellence Specific Event or Service Publicity	Rebecca Taylor	Jewel Darby
2004	Merit Chapter Public Relations Program	Rebecca Taylor	Jewel Darby
2003	Merit Promotional Communications	Rebecca Taylor	Deborah Crockett, Deborah Silvi
2002	Excellence Special Events	April Cooper McAnespy	Kate Gilvary Compton, Rebecca Taylor
2001	Merit Promotional Communications	George Slaughter	Kate Gilvary Compton, April Cooper McAnespy
1997	Distinguished	JoCarol Gau	Dennis Hutchison, Ann Liggio, Nancy Parra, Deborah Silvi, Jeff Staples
1995	Achievement	Ann Liggio	JoCarol Gau, Bill Gearhart, Gary Higgins, Jeff Staples

Society SIG Awards

STC Houston members receiving Society award:

Year	Award	Recipient
2003	Distinguished SIG Service Award Quality SIG	Jeff Staples, Managing Editor of <i>DocQment</i>
2003	Newsletter Competition Merit Award Quality SIG (<i>DocQment</i>)	Jeff Staples, Managing Editor
2002	Distinguished SIG Service Award Marketing Communication SIG	Deborah Ausman, Managing Editor of <i>Impact</i>

SIGs and Satellites

Founded by STC Houston:

1998	Information Mapping SIG
1997	Louisiana Gulf Coast Satellite
1997	Multimedia SIG
1997	Student SIG
1996	Bryan/College Station Satellite
1996	Marketing SIG
1995	Online Documentation SIG
1995	Job Club
1995	1960 Area SIG
1992	Consultants and Independent Contractors SIG
1990	PC Help Group

Student Scholarships

Founded by STC Houston:

Year	Founders	Competition Level	Scholarship	Managers (University of Houston Downtown)
1987	Connie "C.J." Bibus, Adele Triggs Dillon, Sherry House Kleban	high school	<i>Marx Isaacs Scholarship</i> (named in 1997)	Stephanie Turner (Sept 2005), Patricia Goleman (2002–2005), Ann Jennings (1998–2002), Chris Birchak (1987–2002)

Annual Conferences

Hosted by STC Houston:

Year	Conference Manager	Location	Chapter President
1985 (last time host chapter handled all activities without management company help)	Sherri Smith	Westin Galleria and Westin Oaks	Barbara Brogan
1973	John Colby	AstroWorld Hotel	Linda Swift

Region 5 Conferences

Hosted by STC Houston:

Year	Conference Manager	Location	Chapter President
2001	Nicole Wycislo	Westchase Hilton & Towers Hotel	George Slaughter
1994	Amy Sharp Deborah Silvi	Histonian Hotel	Ann Blankinship

Region 5 Director-Sponsors

STC Houston members serving as elected Society officer:

2002 – 05	Linda Oestreich
1987 – 90	Sherri Smith
1981 – 84	Janis Raymond Hocker
1978 – 81	Joe Rice
unknown	Roy Magin

Society Presidents

STC Houston members serving as elected Society officer:

1987 – 88	Janis Raymond Hocker
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STC Houston Presidents

STC Houston members serving as president:

2004 – 05	Cindy Pao
2003 – 04	Jocelyn Williams
2002 – 03	George Slaughter
2001 – 02	George Slaughter
2000 – 01	Deborah Long
1999 – 00	Janette Sexton
1998 – 99	Janette Sexton
1997 – 98	Deborah Silvi
1996 – 97	Jeff Staples
1995 – 96	Berry Davis
1994 – 95	Ann Blankinship
1993 – 94	Gary Higgins
1992 – 93	Deirdre “De” Murr
1991– 92	Thomas Williams
1990 – 91	Adele Triggs Dillon
1989 – 90	Connie "C. J." Bibus
1988 – 89	Ruth Hafele
1987 – 88	Gary Foster
1986 – 87	Sherry House Kleban
1985 – 86	Barbara Brogan
1984 – 85	Joseph Quinn
1983 – 84	Jackie Blaine
1982 – 83	Elizabeth Cooper
1982	Lorie Harju
1981	Joe Simmons
1980 – 81	Sherri Smith
1979 – 80	Janis Raymond Hocker
1978 – 79	Jane Murtishaw
1977 – 78	Robert Rader
1976 – 77	Anita Martinec
1975 – 76	Linda Swift
1974 –75	Milton Crusius
1973 – 74	Sandra Coulter
1972 – 73	Fred Harbaugh
1971 – 72	Napoleon Johnson
1970 – 71	Joe Rice
1969 – 70	Roy Magin
1968 – 69	David Holman
1967 – 68	David Holman
1966 – 67	Howard Cole
1965 – 66	Duncan Allen

1964 – 65	Dale Miller
1963 – 64	Marx Isaacs
1962 – 63	John Colby

STC Houston Firsts

First achievements of STC Houston:

Year	Activity	Manager	Chapter President
2004	Online mentoring program	Cindy Pao	Jocelyn Williams
2004	New design for Online Employment Forum	Steve Shriver	Jocelyn Williams
2004	Online Forums (technical and other)	Rebecca Taylor	Jocelyn Williams
2003–2004	Online salary survey	Paul Mueller	George Slaughter Jocelyn Williams
2001	Online newsletter	April Cooper McAnespy (Communications director), Rebecca Taylor (managing editor)	George Slaughter
2001	Online job board	Gary Foster	George Slaughter
1995	Online downloadable member directory	John Reynolds III	Deborah Silvi
1994	Web site	John Reynolds III	Jeff Staples

Sustaining Member Companies

Houston-area companies that have been Sustaining Society members:

2000 – 01 Ergos Technology
 1997 – 99 Berger & Company (later Modus Solutions)
 1995 – 97 Nightrider Business Document Service
 1981 – 82 Instrument Society of America (ISA)
 1980 – 81 Brown & Root

Houston Charter Founders

STC Houston founders:

John Colby	Humble Oil and Refining (ExxonMobil)
Louis Dartez	unavailable
Bruce Greek	American Chemical Society
Marx Isaacs	National Association of Corrosion Engineers
Dale Miller	National Association of Corrosion Engineers
Max Noles	unavailable
Virginia Parker	Texas Medical Center Library
James Prescott	McGraw Hill Chemical Engineering Magazine

Chapter Meeting Locations

Locations where STC Houston members have met:

Westchase Hilton Westheimer and Briarpark, Houston	September 1999—present
Holiday Inn Select Southwest Freeway, Houston	September 1996—June 1999
Stouffer Presidente/Renaissance Hotel Southwest Freeway, Houston	September 1992—June 1996
HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society) Buffalo Speedway, Houston	May 1991—June 1992
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza West Loop South, Houston	September 1984—April 1991
Harris County Heritage Society Tea Room Bagby, Houston	September 1983—June 1984
Graphic Arts Building W. Clay, Houston	February 1983—June 1983
The Summit Club Main Street at Jefferson, Houston	September 1981—December 1982
Harris County Heritage Society Tea Room Bagby, Houston	September 1980—June 1981
HESS (Houston Engineering and Scientific Society downtown Houston	1970s
Geo Club, Greenway Plaza, Houston Ramada Inn, Clear Lake Suzanne's Cafeteria, Houston	1960s