Mission: STC advances the theory and practice of technical communication across all user abilities and media.

From the President’s Desk

A Chapter Achievement Awards Primer - Part II

The community achievement awards (CAA) program recognizes STC chapters and special interest groups (SIGs) for exceptional accomplishments in meeting Society goals. The awards program recognizes, in a visible and meaningful manner, communities that demonstrate outstanding, innovative, and sustained performance in advancing the goals of the Society.

One such activity is item PM3 which involves having community members tell their powerful stories about what STC has done for their careers, knowledge, and networking. STC is an organization that exists for the benefit of its members and we truly want to know how we are delivering member value to you.

If you care to share your story, please drop me a line at president@stc-orlando.org and help us maintain our Excellence status and possibly even regain our Distinction title! Plus, you will earn valuable active member points that could lead to an active member polo shirt.

Don’t Miss the Next Meeting!

From Use Cases to User Manuals: A Beginner’s
This topic addresses the crossover and blend of technical writing skills with other IT project skills, including business analysis (BA). It addresses how to apply specific BA skills - the development of UML artifacts - and then how to gain content reuse from these BA skills by evolving the UML artifacts into traditional technical communication deliverables - in this case, user guides.

**Presented by Mark Hanigan and Cindy Skawinski**

*Mark Hanigan is an independent contractor consultant for his own company, On the Write Track and has a career that spans more than 25 years.*

*Cindy Skawinski has been a trainer, instructional designer, technical communicator, and business analyst for five years. She currently works at Walt Disney World as a cast member.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
Winter Park Civic Center
6:30 p.m. Networking / 7:00 p.m. Meeting
RSVP to president@stc-orlando.org

**Upcoming Live Web Seminars**

11/14/2007 - Pattern Language as a Workshop Management Tool
Presenter(s): Michael Hughes
Member Price: $79

11/29/2007 How to Use Audacity Digital Software to Produce a Podcast
Presenter(s): Jerry Franklin
Member Price: $79

For more information visit:
http://www.stc.org/webinars/webinars.aspx

**Membership at a Glance**

Total members: 14,706

Members residing in the U.S.: 12,375
Members residing in Canada: 1,394

Members residing elsewhere: 937

Total communities*: 155

*Includes 104 professional chapters, 30 student chapters, and 21 SIGs

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**Referendum Approves Bylaws for STC**

The STC bylaws referendum ended at noon EST on November 1st. In total 802 votes were cast as follows:

For 775 votes (96.63%)
Against 27 votes (3.37%)

STC’s new Bylaws are posted online [here](#).