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Next Meeting

Date and time: TBD

Program: TBD

Location: Virtual

Presidents' Prose

by Kelly Schrank, President

New this year, the President's Prose becomes a blog post! Kelly's [November update](#) is posted.

Redact Room

by Ann L. Wiley, Editor

The chapter's attention now turns to Spectrum 2020, March 21 to 23, at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The Rochester Chapter invites you to join STC and the chapter, and to volunteer. Experience the rewards of working with the chapter's dedicated team. We always welcome more volunteers to help. And as always, feature articles and other contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Contact the [editor](#). Update: Spectrum 2020 was [postponed](#) due to public health measures adopted to control spread of the COVID-19 virus. At the same time, Spectrum 2021 dates were set. The conference will be virtual, and in-person too when we can gather. See you at Spectrum!

Meeting Report

Date and time: February 25, 2020 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Program: Free networking event

Location: Nosh, 47 Russell Street, Rochester, NY 14607

Details: <https://stc-rochester.org/stc-rochester-february-networking/>

More than a dozen members and guests gathered at the Nosh for an evening of conversation and networking featuring promotion of Spectrum workshops and support for attendees entering the profession. See the October to December issue for the November meeting report. The chapter did not meet in December, 2019 or in January, 2020. Hannah Morgan was scheduled to speak in January, and will speak later in the year. The March meeting at Spectrum 2020 was postponed due to public health measures adopted to control spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Council Notes

The Council meets online on the first Tuesday of most months at 7:00 PM to review committee reports and identify action items and who will be responsible. The Council met online on January 21, February 4, and March 3, 2020. Reports are reflected in the Chapter Chronicle.

Date and time of the next Council meeting: April 14, 2020

Contact: [Chapter president Kelly Schrank](#)

Chapter Chronicle

Membership

The Rochester chapter had 64 members as of December 21, with 11 new members since January 1, 2019. As of January 21, the chapter had 66 members, with several not renewed for 2020. Members who renewed by January 31 are eligible to vote in the STC elections. The Rochester Chapter values your membership—[every member matters](#). If you haven't yet renewed, please [renew](#) now and enjoy another year of membership benefits.

Education

The [2019-20 Heritage Award college scholarship](#) cycle has begun, with updating the contact list. For more news of interest to students, see Educational Opportunities and Society News.

Mentoring

Bobbi Werner is updating mentoring documents to be shared with RIT students. Two students are seeking mentors, and several mentors are available to work with students. If you would like to be a mentor or to have a mentor, contact mentoring manager [Bobbi Werner](#).

Employment

Employment manager Laurie Fiaretti posted four job notifications in January, one with multiple opportunities. Chapter members may request to receive chapter employment emails with notices of job opportunities. These include job openings received from employers and recruiters, and job openings that Laurie has found on job boards, using key words for a broad range of technical communication roles including technical writer, technical editor, documentation specialist, editor, and project manager. Laurie also posts [job openings](#) on the chapter website.

Website and Social Media

The site is updated and backed up and a new design for the site is being developed. Webmaster Sarah Rowe will be asking for feedback from non-Council members in the next stage of design.

Competition

This year the STC Alliance Competition includes the Washington DC-Baltimore, Atlanta, New England, New York, Philadelphia, South-Central Texas (formerly Houston), and Rochester chapters.

Entries were due by 6:00 p.m. on December 6. A total of 63 entries were submitted, which is a huge increase over last year, when we had 26 entries. Washington, DC-Baltimore joining the STC Alliance resulted in at least 20 new entries to the competition. A total of 49 judges have signed on thus far, including four judges from STC Rochester, three of whom are judging for the first time in the regional competition. I'm hoping for at least 5 judges from the chapter.

Please contact [Bobbi Werner](#) with any questions. Bobbi is the Rochester Chapter representative and Awards Manager for the competition.

Spectrum 2020

The 61st annual chapter conference, Spectrum 2020, The Expanding Spectrum of Technical Communication, will be held March 21 to 23, 2020 at RIT. The keynote speaker is Kirk St. Amant. Visit the [program page](#) for more information. If you would like to volunteer, contact spectrum@stc-rochester.org. Update: Spectrum 2020 was [postponed](#) due to public health measures adopted to control spread of the COVID-19 virus. At the same time, Spectrum 2021 dates were set. The conference will be virtual, and in-person too when we can gather. See you at Spectrum!

Community Achievement Award and Pacesetter Award

Rochester Chapter applications for the 2020 Community Achievement Award and Pacesetter Award, documenting the work of the chapter for 2019, have been submitted. In 2019, the chapter won the Platinum Community Achievement Award and a Pacesetter Award, and was named Community of the Year.

Summit

The 2020 Summit is being transformed into a virtual conference in accordance with public health measures adopted to control spread of the COVID-19 virus. Visit the STC website for [conference details](#).

Educational Opportunities

Visit the STC website to see all of the Society's current [educational offerings](#). STC offers a [webinar](#) each Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET. Recorded webinars are available for [purchase](#) through STC by members and by non-members (at a higher price).

Society News

[Join](#) or renew via the STC website. [Early registration](#) for the STC Summit is open.

Visit [STC's Notebook](#) for the latest STC news.

Resource Reviews

[Reviews of resources](#) are published periodically

Feature Articles

The chapter invites original articles for the blog on this website. The newsletter links to these features and they are archived with each issue. Contact the [editor](#). The [September, 2019 feature by Wendy Ross](#) discusses diversity, equity, and inclusion in technical communication.