
Get Involved with EBSTC

The East Bay Chapter is a very active chapter with many exciting opportunities for anyone interested in getting involved. The chapter offers volunteer positions to fit any level of commitment—short-term, long-term, or one-time-only.

EBSTC has won several STC awards due to the outstanding efforts of our volunteers. Get involved, have fun, and add valuable skills to your resume while building a network of other professionals.

For more information about getting involved with EBSTC, contact one of the chapter leaders listed on our website at www.ebstc.org/leaders.html.

Additional Member Benefits

When you join EBSTC, you receive many benefits.

- *Intercom*, the monthly STC magazine
- *Technical Communication*, the quarterly journal of the STC
- Online STC membership directory
- Online international job listings
- Annual STC salary survey
- 20% discount at O'Reilly books (EBSTC members only)
- Reduced meeting fees at all NorCal chapter meetings (Berkeley, East Bay, North Bay, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Silicon Valley)
- Annual STC conference that features sessions on hundreds of topics.

Join STC

To join STC, go to the website at www.stc.org and complete an application. Remember to choose the East Bay Chapter—The Friendly Chapter!



Creating and supporting a forum for communities of practice in the profession of technical communication

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East Bay Chapter of Society for Technical Communication



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What is STC?

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is an international professional organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. STC has more than 18,000 members worldwide.

Technical communicators work in many different occupations, but their common goal is to make scientific and technical information understandable to those who need it. Technical information is presented in many forms such as user manuals, online help systems, policies and procedures, illustrations, web pages, and computer-based training. Technical communicators have many different titles including:

- Technical writer and editor
- Trainer
- Information architect
- Graphic artist
- Web page designer
- Translator
- Multimedia specialist

The East Bay Chapter of STC (EBSTC), established in 1962, serves members in the Northern California corridor of Highways 580 and 680. Our members work in such diverse fields as software application development, hardware manufacturing, research, electronics, and telecommunications. When you join STC, you can choose to join our chapter and enjoy the services available to our members.

What Does EBSTC Offer?

EBSTC offers many services to its members:

Monthly Meetings

Chapter meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. Guest speakers and panels present programs that pertain to working in the field of technical communication. Meetings provide a way for you to meet other professionals and to learn about the latest trends and tools.

Employment Assistance

EBSTC helps members with job-hunting skills by providing speakers on different topics such as interviewing, writing resumes, and creating portfolios. Job leads for positions in the Bay Area are provided on the chapter website. On occasion, resume and portfolio reviews are provided and recruiters attend chapter meetings.

Website

EBSTC's website contains information on chapter and STC events, the chapter newsletter, and other useful information.

Chapter Newsletter

Devil Mountain Views, the chapter's online, award-winning newsletter is published bi-monthly to inform members about monthly meetings, special events, STC and chapter news, volunteer opportunities, employment issues, and other pertinent current events.

The newsletter has won many awards in the international STC newsletter competition.

Special Interest Groups

EBSTC supports different Special Interest Groups (SIGs), which focus on a specific area of technical communication. The SIGs change to suit the needs of the chapter membership. The chapter has had SIGs on consulting and independent contracting, networking, and professional development.

Touchstone Technical Publications Competition

The six Northern California chapters (Berkeley, East Bay, North Bay, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Silicon Valley) sponsor the annual Touchstone Technical Publications Competition. This prestigious competition is one of the largest in the world, receiving over 400 entries each year. Original works in various categories are judged by a volunteer panel of experts. Top winning entries advance to the STC's International Technical Publications Competition.

Scholarships

The six Northern California chapters established the Kenneth M. Gordon Memorial Scholarship to provide funds for deserving technical communication students. The late Dr. Gordon was a technical editor at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

For more information, visit www.ebstc.org

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