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Thanks for a GREAT year!

The Reach Report

My year as President of the Carolina Chapter has been phenomenal. I have had the privilege and joy of working with some of the most talented and dedicated members of our chapter. These leaders include:

- Amelia DeLoach** Vice President
- Michael Harvey** Treasurer
- Cindy Richardson Decker** Secretary
- Amanda Worthington** Programs Manager
- Carol Ericson** Hospitality Coordinator
- Emily Toone** Membership Manager
- Barb Retzlaff** Communications Manager
- Ven Carver** Public Relations Manager
- Kay Ethier** Print Newsletter Editor
- Mark Hoskins** Web-based Newsletter Editor
- Kim Flint** Web Site Coordinator (with assistance from **Sheila Loring** on the events and summer conference pages)
- Chris Benz** Immediate Past President
- Liz Wing** Nominations Manager
- Chuck Allen** Employment Managers
- and **Viola Suddaby**
- Catherine Goodfellow** Education Liaisons
- and **Stan Dicks**
- Suzanne Norris-Thomas** Training Manager
- Jodi Pollock** Competitions Manager
- Hope Williams** Technical Publications Competition Manager
- Diane Feldman** Online Communications Competition Managers
- and **Ann-Marie Grissino**
- Annie Janis** Summer Conference Manager
- Mike Uhl** Strategic Planning Manager
- Bill Albing** Related Organizations Liaison

That's quite a list of volunteers who help bring you some of the benefits of your membership. Without their volunteer efforts, we could not offer competitions, newsletters, programs, our Web site, scholarships, a summer conference, and many other networking and mentoring opportunities. The administrative council's outstanding efforts to help us reach beyond our grasp has been truly inspiring this year.

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A listing of other committee managers, with their contact information, is on the Carolina Chapter's Web site at www.stc-carolina.org.

Adobe Software Meeting

NC FrameMaker Users Network meets this fall

Plan now to attend the next NC-FUN on September 21. Meeting details are being pulled together and will be available from the STC main Web site under the SIG information. (The NC-FUN is now an STC SIG!)

September 21, 2000

What: NC-FUN

When: 3:30 p.m. Snacks; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Meeting

Where: Bright Path Solutions, 100 Park Drive, RTP (directions will be posted on the STC Carolina Chapter's Web site, or are available from Bright Path's Web site at www.travelthepath.com.)

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I am looking forward to another year on the Administrative Council as Immediate Past President, as **Emily Toone** takes over the reins as President, with **Kay Ethier** as her Vice President. I know that they have some great ideas brewing about what we can do with the upcoming year. Assisting Emily and Kay will be the following leaders:

Michael Harvey Treasurer
Cindy Richardson Decker Secretary
Alice Mann Program Managers
and **Amanda Worthington**
Catherine Goodfellow Membership Manager
Doug Holzworth Communications Manager
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Kim Flint Web Site Coordinator (with assistance from **Sheila Loring**)
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and **Rich Vasconi**
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Several leaders are staying on in the same roles or as administrative council members; now that's dedication! We also have some new leaders and volunteers within our ranks, and we welcome them and thank them for reaching out to their chapter to help us achieve much more in the coming year.

The following positions are currently open, if you are interested in assisting us in the coming year:

Nominations	★	Competitions	★	Strategic Planning
Publication Relations	★	Hospitality Coordinator		

If you'd like to find out more about how our chapter is run, please feel free to attend a leadership meeting next year. Those meetings are open to all members who wish to listen in, offer up opinions and ideas, or make proposals about the projects we should undertake.

We have one of the largest chapters in the society. One of the most solid, sustaining chapters. It is with the help of volunteers like those listed in this article that we continue to achieve great things for the Carolina Chapter members. It's been a great year. Thank you all for making it so very, very great.

A Word from STC's New President

An open letter to STC members

Hello, and Happy STC New Year! We are just coming off of another very successful STC Annual Conference, this 47th edition having taken place in Orlando! If you were there, you would have to agree that it was the best yet in terms of the number and variety of sessions. Also, from my vantage, it appeared that everyone enjoyed all the conference activities from our keynote **Thomas Koulopoulos** through our sidesplitting closing speaker **Bill Herz!**

If you were not at this year's 47th annual conference, it is not too soon to start planning to attend next year's edition, which will be in Chicago on May 13-16, 2001. Like nothing else, the STC annual conference provides us with the setting to celebrate our profession, renew and make new professional acquaintances, and expand our technical and professional knowledge.

For me, STC's 47th Annual Conference was most special in that I begin my one-year term at the "STC helm," a privilege for which I am most appreciative. And now that the conference is over, I look forward to getting to work on this year's agenda. And along these lines, I would like to introduce you to this year's elected STC board of directors:

Mary Wise, Washington DC Chapter Immediate Past President
Judy Glick-Smith, Lone Star Chapter First Vice President
Ed See, Mid-Hudson Chapter Second Vice President
Jean Gabriel, Orange County Chapter Secretary
Martha Collins, Suncoast Chapter Treasurer
Kitty Aughey, Rochester Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 1
Chris Benz, Carolina Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 2
Rob Houser, Atlanta Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 3
Thea Teich, Southwestern Ohio Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 4
Suzanna Laurent, Oklahoma Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 5
Susan Jensen, Twin Cities Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 6
Ellen Fenwick, Snake River Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 7
Andrea Ames, Silicon Valley Chapter Director-Sponsor Region 8

In addition to the elected members, this year's STC board of directors includes seven assistants to the president, or APs for short. These individuals participate in the board meetings and also manage a subset of the Society-level committees. This year's APs are:

Sandi Harner, Cedarville Coll. Student Chapter Academic and Research Programs
Lory Hawkes, Lone Star Chapter Communications
Michelle Ratcliffe, Suncoast Chapter Competitions
Deb Sauer, Boston Chapter Conferences
Laura Ramsey, Puget Sound Chapter External Relations
Carolyn Watt, Toronto Chapter Professional Development
Ray Urgo Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

All of us are going to be very busy over the summer, helping to advance this year's objectives, and, of course, preparing for the fall 2000 meeting of the STC board. This year, the fall board meeting is to be held on September 14-17, 2000 in Winnipeg, MB, hosted by the Manitoba Chapter. With the exception of an executive session, all STC board of director meetings are open to all members. So, if you are in the area, please stop by. (Location details will be forthcoming!)

The theme of the 2000-2001 STC year is *Providing Value*. Needless to say, all of the efforts to make our organization successful takes the efforts of literally hundreds of individuals—individuals just like you! If there is an area of STC at the Society level that is of interest to you, let me or another member of the board know. Or, e-mail me: **onwritetrk@aol.com**.

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Carolina Resources

STC Carolina Web site:
www.stc-carolina.org

Meeting Telephone Message:
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Online Newsletter:
www.stc-carolina.org/pubs/communique/index.html

STC Metrolina (Charlotte)
Web site:
www.stc.org/region2/mnc/

STC Piedmont (Greensboro)
Web site:
www.stc.org/region2/pd/

Monthly meeting announcement

July 13, 2000

What: Everything You Wanted To Know about Our Chapter But Were Afraid To Ask
Phone: Chapter meeting message - 919.406.6600

Several of the chapter leaders are going to be there discussing what they do and how our chapter works. Before the meeting, attend the Chapter Leadership meeting at the same location, starting at 5:00 p.m. Both meetings hosted by EMC2. For info, call the phone above or see www.stc-carolina.org/www/upcoming.shtml.

Also—*Plan ahead!* Joe Welinske has been confirmed for the October Membership meeting!

Other meeting announcements

July 6, 2000

What: Management SIG Meeting

Contact Steve Pope (popes@heist.com) for meeting information.

July 15, 2000

What: Vision Day 2000 (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

The annual get-together of members and board to discuss the coming year. This year, we are hosted by incoming President, Emily Toone. Directions and information are available via www.stc-carolina.org.

July 17, 2000

What: Consulting and Independent Contracting (CIC) SIG Meeting

See www.stc-carolina.org/www/PICs/cic/ for details.

Also—*Plan ahead!* The next meeting is August 21.

July 18, 2000

What: Training Committee Monthly Meeting

For details, view www.stc-carolina.org/www/edtraining2.shtml.

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