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Society for Technical Communication

STC

UW-Stout Chapter Newsletter

What 's New?

STC Membership Offers More Value

By Renee Currington

At its September meeting, STC's board of directors voted to expand the student membership category under the new membership model.

Student members will still receive online access to Intercom and Technical

Communication (not paper copies) and will be unable to vote in STC elections. However, they will now be able to join an unlimited number of SIGs and up to two chapters (one student and one professional) at no cost. Students may join additional chapters at a cost of \$10 per chapter.

These additional benefits will allow students to better understand the practice of technical communication, learn networking skills, and appreciate the value of a professional community. By investing in our students, we also invest in the futures of STC and the profession.

An article on the new membership categories, including these

latest changes, will appear in the November 2004 issue of Intercom. If you have any questions regarding the new membership categories, please contact the Transformation Committee at transform@stc.org

STC Special Interest Groups

- AccessAbility
- Canadian Issues
- Consulting and Independent Contracting
- Education and Research
- Emerging Technologies
- Environmental, Safety, and Health Communication
- Illustrators and Visual Designers
- Indexing
- Information Design
- Instructional Design & Learning
- International Tech. Comm.
- Lone Writer
- Management
- Marketing Communication
- Online Information
- Policies and Procedures
- Quality
- Scientific Communication
- Single Sourcing
- Technical Editing
- Usability

STC Officers Hold Meetings in Cyberspace

By Renee Currington

UW-Stout's STC officers are experimenting with online chat as opposed to meeting in person. In some cases it has been more practical.

"Over the summer we were often separated by whole states," says Laurel. "We had a lot to do, but we simply couldn't meet."

Under the right circumstances, online meetings could increase participation, especially from students who commute.



While meeting online offers some flexibility, STC prefers to meet in person.

Who Are They?

Production Staff:

Manager:

Laurel Verhagen

Chief Copyeditor:

Priscilla Williams

Photographer:

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Jennifer Guggenheimer

Michael Martin

Lara Monk

Jennifer Mottl

Sarah Rassbach

John Romanshek

Heidi Sleep

Katie Triphan

Teacher Feature

Education:

Ph.D. 1980 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Professional Interests:

Science Fiction/ Fantasy Literature
Professional Writing

Hobbies:

- Piano
- Reading
- Travel
- Philosophy
- Music
- Theatre

Courses Currently Teaching:

English 101-025 MWF 12:20-1:15,
HH 312

English 101-012 MWF 1:25-2:20,
HH 312

English 320-001 TTh 11:15-12:40,
HH 407

English 320-005 TTh 12:55-2:20,
HH 413



Professor John G. Collins

Courses Previously Taught:

English 101-030 TTh 12:55-2:20,
HH 301

English 247-001 MWF 11:15-
12:10 , HH 433

Prisma International

Located in Minneapolis, Minnesota/USA, Prisma has been providing high-quality translation service to a wide variety of clients in a broad array of fields since 1981. Prisma's staff comprises in-house translators, project managers, production specialists, information technology specialists and marketing experts. Industry leaders representing the branches of cosmetics, athletic equipment, medical devices

and machinery belong to Prisma's numerous most important clients.

During my internship I had to work on a whole bunch of different projects, varying from glossary work over research to translations. I gained lots of experiences and learned to work in a team. I could extent my knowledge of vocabulary in various fields and gain specific terminology in these fields as well as aquring new skills in the areas of machine-assisted translation and desktop publishing.



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"It has worked, but there are some things I don't like about it, says Priscilla Williams, STC President. "I like to see people's faces when they react to my ideas." Others worry that no one is really paying attention.

"If I was at home right now," Mike Schaefer said during a meeting, "I know I would be watching football. It's just too easy to get distracted."

The executive board has one on-line meeting per month. They have not attempted to conduct an on-line informational meeting with other members.

Career

New Internship Posting:

Utne Magazine seeks layout designers. This position is unpaid, but great for experience.

For more information on internships e-mail:
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Industry Tools

Inside RoboHelp

Macromedia RoboHelp is the fastest, easiest way to create professional Help systems and documentation for desktop and web-based applications, including .NET and Rich Internet Applications. Create Help systems that include Help topics, Table of Contents, Index, Glossary, context-sensitive Help, and more. Generate Help systems in any popular online Help format, plus press-ready printed documentation.

RoboHelp Products

The RoboHelp family consists of a range of software products designed to meet a variety of needs. See how the products compare.

RoboHelp Office

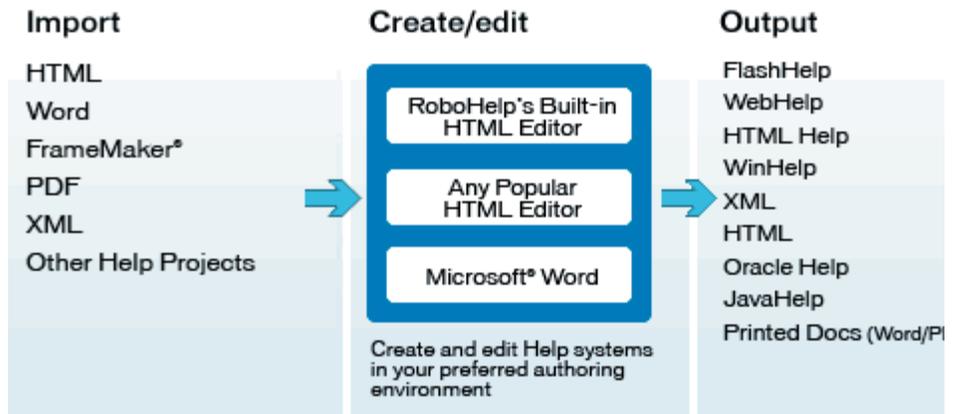
RoboHelp Office is the industry standard in Help authoring. With RoboHelp Office, you can work in RoboHelp's built-in HTML editor, any popular editor such as Dreamweaver, or Microsoft Word.

RoboHelp Office Pro

RoboHelp Office Pro contains all of the features of RoboHelp Office, plus powerful server-based features such as real-time analysis of end-user activity and natural language search.

RoboHelp Office Pro for .NET

RoboHelp Office Pro for .NET contains all the features of RoboHelp Office Pro, plus additional features.



<http://www.macromedia.com/software/robohelp/?sdid=AFZK>

TCRC to Become More Useful for Students

Thanks to the efforts Helen Quinn and Sylvia Gengenbach, former members of the English and Philosophy Department, the TCRC was first approved in May of 1983 with an \$8000.00 grant from the Stout Foundation. It became operational that fall, with two personal computers, one printer, and \$2000.00 worth of software. It was located in the basement of Harvey Hall where the current Stout Solutions Research Promotion Services offices are now housed. In the late fall of 1983, another \$15,000.00 was set aside by the Liberal Studies Council to upgrade the lab. With this money, five computers and two printers with accompanying software and furniture were added to the lab.

As equipment and student use expanded, the TCRC outgrew its space in the basement of Harvey Hall. By the mid 1980's, it

had moved to its present location in Harvey Hall 205, and boasted eleven computers. Another lab modernization took place in 1988, adding sixteen computers and a local area network. In 1994, twenty of the computers were upgraded and ten were equipped with Ether-



The Technical Communication Resource Center changes for the first time in years

net connections, allowing internet access. Since 1998, equipment and software upgrades have taken place each year.

Useful Links for Technical Communicators

Online Dictionary:

<http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/dictionaryhome.aspx>

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STC Career Month

November

2004

	1 Executive Meeting	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8 2005-2006 Officer Nominations Employment Presentation	9	10 Lunch Meeting Time: 12:30 p.m. Place: Terrace	11	12	13
14	15 Executive Meeting Portfolio Presentation	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29 ONLINE Executive Meeting	30				

Meeting Times

- Informational Meetings: 5 p.m., Harvey Hall 425
- Special Presentations: 7 p.m., Harvey Hall 425
- Executive Meetings: 5 p.m., Harvey Hall 425

All students are welcome to attend all meetings.

STC Officers

- President: Priscilla Williams
- Vice President: Mike Schaefer
- Treasurer: Laurel Verhagen
- Secretary: Renee Currington

Contact us

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