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- Or, download a membership application from that page or, request one from the Society office by calling 703-522-4114.
- Choose Washington, DC - Baltimore as your local chapter

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For more information

Contact one of the chapter leaders listed on wdcb.stcwc.org/about-us/chapter-officers/



I am lucky enough to belong to the STC Washington DC - Baltimore chapter. Our members include long-time professionals with a solid foundation in the tools of our trade, newer technical communicators who are excited about rising trends in our field, and students who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Join us! – Viqui Dill

Chapter membership lets me meet other professionals, exchange ideas, and catch up on the latest technical communication news. I got a new job by meeting a manager at a chapter event and got a consultant stipend in southern France with a friend I made at an STC Summit. Your next big opportunity could be sitting at your table. – Cynthia A Lockley

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About STC

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is a Section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational, scientific, and charitable organization dedicated to furthering the art of communicating technical information. STC offers its members the industry leadership and education, professional networking, and information required for supporting all aspects of the rapidly evolving world of technology. STC is a professional organization serving the technical communication profession. The Society was founded in 1953, has 61 chapters, 12 SIGs, and over 6,000 members world wide. STC members include

- Consultants
- Educators and students
- Graphic artists and designers
- Human factors engineers
- Information planners
- Instructional designers
- Interface designers
- Journalists and publishers
- Managers and supervisors
- Marketing and public relations communicators
- Multimedia artists
- Photographers, film, and video production specialists
- Researchers
- Software engineers
- Technical communicators
- Technical, medical, and scientific illustrators
- Technical, medical, and scientific writers and editors
- Translators
- Web designers, developers, and webmasters

What is a technical communicator?

Technical communicators translate technical information into plain language that is easily understood by the user. They can convey scientific and technical information precisely, accurately, and clearly. Technical communication is recognized as an increasingly essential occupation in business and government. Technical communicators work with scientists and engineers in offices, factories, banks, hospitals, laboratories, from home, and on military bases. They work on a team, by themselves, as staff writers, managers, contractors, and consultants.

Be a leader

The Washington, DC - Baltimore Chapter (WDCB), founded in 1955, is one of the largest in the Society. Our members share their expertise with the community and with newcomers to the technical communication field in many ways:

- Professional development seminars
- Employment resources
- Annual technical communication competition. We sponsor and enter our Distinguished award winners in the STC international competition.
- Discussion lists

See events.stcwc.org for details about our activities. Events are held in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to accommodate members throughout the Washington, DC and Baltimore metropolitan area.

The strength and camaraderie of the chapter are reflected in its award-winning website and its awards from the Society. Recent awards received are

- APEX® Awards for Publication Excellence for the Web site: 2005, 2009, 2015
- Chapter Achievement and Pacesetter Awards: 1988, 1995, 2001-2004, 2006-2009, 2012, 2014, and 2015
- Chapter Newsletter Competition: 1986, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006
- Chapter Public Relations Competition: 1986, 2000, 2002



Get involved

Our chapter is active and exciting, and you help keep it that way! Volunteering builds your network and gives you new skills to highlight on your résumé.

Like to see your name in print? Plan events? Judge a competition entry? We offer long-term, short-term, or one-time-only commitments. Whatever your strength and interest, the Washington, DC - Baltimore Chapter has an outlet for you!

Fill out our volunteer signup form at wdcb.stcwc.org/about-us/volunteers/volunteer/

Serve the community

The STC Washington, DC - Baltimore Chapter provides educational and charitable opportunities to our entire community. Some of our outreach activities include

- Mentoring and community service activities
- Presentations in classrooms and at student career days

How can you help?

Interested in the aims of the Society and willing to support the work of your chapter?

Be a corporate sponsor by helping us in any of the following ways:

- Host a monthly event at your site
- Sponsor event expenses such as food or printing
- Donate equipment for use in presentations or display of winning competition entries
- Join STC as a corporate sponsor
- Be a partner with the chapter

For more information about corporate sponsorship and sustaining organizations, see wdcb.stcwc.org/about-us/chapter-partnerships-sponsorships/