

SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION

Community Dissolution Policy

I. Purpose:

To provide governance for STC communities that wish to dissolve.

II. Policy:

To ensure that all efforts are made to retain a community of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), a community that wants to dissolve is expected to adhere to this policy and its associated procedure.

III. Definitions:

- A. Community: A Society community is a group of members, organized geographically, virtually, or in some other fashion, that is recognized by the Board of Directors and which engages in activities and initiatives consistent with the charitable, scientific, and educational mission of the Society of advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. Society communities shall be included in the group tax exemption of the Society; shall be able to use the Society name, logo, trademarks, and other Society intellectual property, as set forth in the policies and procedures of the Society; shall be eligible for funding by the Board of Directors; and may receive guidance, mentoring, training, and other assistance from the Community Affairs Committee (CAC).
- B. Community Leader: The president, manager, vice president, assistant manager, any other officer, or the admin council of a chapter or special interest group (SIG).

IV. Policy Elaboration:

- A. Communities of 60 members or more are considered viable communities and are discouraged from dissolving. These communities must complete a waiting period of at least one year while working with the CAC in order to be considered for dissolution.
- B. Communities wanting to begin the dissolution process must work with the CAC to complete the steps in the Community Dissolution Procedure, understanding that dissolving the community can take one year or more even for smaller communities.
- C. The Board of Directors will consider a community's dissolution after the community has completed the procedure and received documentation from the CAC, through the Chair of the CAC.
- D. Communities wanting to dissolve should make every effort to complete the Community Dissolution Procedure and have their dissolution approved by the Board no later than August 31 of the membership year so that members do not renew their membership in the community.
- E. Community dissolutions will be effective on January 1 of the year following the Board's approval.

V. References

Community Dissolution Procedure

VI. Policy Review and Approval

This Policy has been reviewed and approved by the STC Board of Directors.