The Northern California chapters of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) sponsor an annual technical communication competition. Some entries from this competition advance to the STC International Summit Awards.

Distinguished

The entry is clearly superior in all areas. It contains no major flaws, and few, if any, minor flaws. It applies the principles of technical communication in an outstanding way, particularly in the way it anticipates and fulfills the needs of its audience. We submit winners in the Distinguished category to the International Summit Awards competition, where they compete with entries from around the world.

Preventing Serious Injuries and Fatalities Field Guide
Chevron
Liz Miller Virginia Yi Wai Tu
Victoria Merkel Kelly Doughty

Sonoma Medicine
Sonoma County Medical Association
Steve Osborn Linda McLaughlin Rachel Pandolfi
SCMA Editorial Board

Excellence
The entry clearly demonstrates an exceptional understanding of technical communication principles. It consistently meets high standards in all areas. It might contain a single major flaw or a few minor flaws. Winners in this category are eligible to enter the International Summit Awards competition.

Moxy Help
Advent
Kira Pettersons Tim Schuman John Biasatti

Aurora
Fred Wickersham Janardhan Gottipati Nageswara Gokanakonda
The entry consistently meets high standards in most areas. It might contain a small number of major or minor flaws but it still applies technical communication principles in a highly proficient manner.
Judges

The following people evaluated the entries: Gwendolynne Barr, Rebecca Firestone, Gillian Flato, Sushruti Karthik, Ed Kopakowski, Michael Meyer, Joy Montgomery, Chris Muntzer, Bruce Poropat, Frank Ripp, Vince Swanson, and Prescott Williams

Volunteers

The following people volunteered in non-judging roles: Guy Haas, Judith Herr, Misty Herr, Joe Humbert, Patrick Lufkin, and Richard Mateosian

Gold Sponsors

Touchstone thanks our gold sponsors, Doc-to-Help, MadCap Software, Syncro Soft, the Intelligent Content Conference, and University of Chicago Press for valuable software packages to use as door prizes. We appreciate their support of the technical communication profession.

Platinum Sponsor Adobe Systems

Touchstone thanks our platinum sponsor, Adobe Systems, for a generous cash grant to the STC Berkeley Chapter to support the Touchstone awards event and for a copy of Technical Communication Suite 4 to use as a door prize. We appreciate Adobe’s support of the technical communication profession.