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## **Word Lovers and the Grammatically Challenged Unite!**

*The Society for Technical Communication presents an irreverent night of grammar gotchas and editing exercises*

**Dallas, Texas—March 22, 2006**—Local Information Architect and regional STC speaker, Elisa K. Miller, will address the April meeting of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) Lone Star Community (LSC). The dinner meeting is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza North Dallas/Addison Hotel, 14315 Midway Road, Addison, Texas.

"Ever been corrected for the proper use of the word 'comprise'? Know how to change a sentence around to include active verbs? Are you the person that the rest of your team comes to for editing expertise?" asks our scheduled speaker Elisa K. Miller, "If so, this is the meeting for you!" In her presentation, *When Bad Grammar Happens to Good People: A guide to editing those who make up their own words*, Ms. Miller will share her "...guide to excruciatingly correct grammar, outrageous word play and randy resources."

"Ms. Miller will undoubtedly entertain us all as she helps us learn new ways to recognize word blunders before they become etched in history," said Louellen S. Coker, LSC president. "Even more importantly, everyone will add a new skill to their arsenal. Specifically, a method for massaging the language of 'those who make up their own words!'"

Ms. Miller is a senior member of STC, a recent recipient of the Distinguished Chapter Service Achievement award, and a longtime writer and editor. She has a BA in Journalism and still works as an editor—now for the online journal [www.boxesandarrows.com](http://www.boxesandarrows.com). She also has a Master's degree in Instructional Technology and spends the rest of her time working as an Information Architect, Interaction Designer, and Usability Specialist on projects for Perot Systems.

The meeting is open to visitors. Registration and networking begin at 5:30 p.m. The Newcomers (SIN) SIG meets at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the topic *Writing for STC Publications*. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m.; and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. Dinner costs \$20 for STC members and \$25 for non-members, with reservations. Without reservations, costs for the dinner and program are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

The cost for “program only” attendance is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members, with reservations. Without reservations costs for the program only are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. The program is always free to students with reservations and valid student IDs. The registration and reservation deadline is 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2006. You can register by visiting the LSC website at [www.stc-dfw.org](http://www.stc-dfw.org). Information on other charges is available at the LSC website.

### **About STC and the Lone Star Community**

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is an individual membership organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of technical communication. It is the largest organization of its type in the world. Its 18,000 members include technical writers and editors, content developers, documentation specialists, technical illustrators, instructional designers, academics, information architects, usability and human factors professionals, visual designers, Web designers and developers, and translators—anyone whose work makes technical information available to those who need it.

The Lone Star Community (LSC), one of the largest STC communities in the U.S., received the Award of Merit in the international STC Chapter Achievement competition for 2004-2005. The LSC has received awards in this competition for three consecutive years. Drawing over 250 members from all over the Dallas-Fort Worth area, the LSC promotes professional growth through meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, mentoring, and networking. For more information about the STC Lone Star Community, visit their website at [www.stc-dfw.org](http://www.stc-dfw.org).

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