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Chemistry Division

Teri Vogel, Chair



The Chemistry Division is concerned with chemistry and chemical technology, and the economics, educational advances, and information handling of developments in the field of chemistry and related subjects.

We made it through the challenging heat and humidity (and amazing restaurants) for another successful SLA conference. It was great catching up with friends and colleagues, and meeting new Chemistry Division members—many of whom attended our Newcomer's Lunch. We received great feedback on the programs along with some good ideas for future sessions.

Many DCHE members worked hard on this conference as co-planners, instructors, speakers and moderators (<http://dche.blogspot.com/2010/06/2010-conference-thanks.html>). We also received critical financial support from our sponsors: ACS Publications, CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service), Elsevier, GLTaC, Inc., Knovel, Nature Publishing Group, ProQuest and Dialog, RSC Publishing, Springer, SRI Consulting, and Wiley.

At the Business Meeting, we accepted the Nominating Committee's report. Marie Fraties-Block will be our Chair-Elect for 2011, and Yan He will be our Treasurer for 2011-2012.

Some of the conference handouts and presentations are already posted or linked from the Chemistry Division website (<http://units.sla.org/division/dche/2010/index.htm>), including the Collection Intelligence and Data Curation presentations, the audio for the Science Information on Mobile Devices presentation, and the Resources for Polymer Information bibliography. Also in this issue of *SciTech News* you'll find reports from the various sessions, including the All Sciences Poster Session & Reception. And speaking of the poster session, those posters will also go online soon, in time for the Web Conference that's tentatively scheduled for October.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to read the Closing Session remarks from the SLA

President, CEO and Treasurer (<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/governance/bodsection/ceocorner/index.cfm>) or watch them online at <http://www.slatv.org/channel.cfm?s=157&c=762>. SLA is dealing with unprecedented budget challenges, and the changes they make to ensure the sustainability and long-term financial health of the Association will impact all Divisions and Chapters.

On the DCHE front, there's still more to do this year and more opportunities to get involved. Let me know (tmvogel@ucsd.edu) if you're interested in serving in one or more of these areas:

- Strategic Planning – Linda Shackle has created an excellent first draft of our 2011-2013 strategic plan which identifies 4 strategic directions, and now we need to identify actions and outcomes for each.
- Membership Committee.
- Professional Development Committee (especially as we start exploring training opportunities beyond the conference).
- Sponsorship Committee.
- Alignment Ambassador – As the Alignment Project moves forward, we need someone to keep us updated as SLA moves forward on various initiatives, including plans to shape new mission, vision and core values statements; unified branding; and a toolkit of Alignment resources.

Planning has already begun for the 2011 Conference in Philadelphia. If you have program ideas, want to help with the planning or even help with a program, please contact your Chair-Elect Bill Armstrong (notwaa@lsu.edu). ❖

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