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Materials Research & Manufacturing Section

Nora K. Stoecker, Chair

Members of the Materials Research and Manufacturing Section of the Chemistry Division share information concerning all phases of materials procurement, production, applications, and handling by means of educational activities, cooperative programs, publications, and Section-sponsored events at annual conferences.



Enjoying your Summer? I'm trying to – and keeping almighty busy at the same time. What ever happened to the "lazy days of summer"?

MRM Business Meeting

The Materials Research & Manufacturing (MRM) Section held its annual business meeting on Friday May 23rd, as an online meeting. Six MRM Board members and the Chemistry Division (DCHE) Board Secretary were in virtual attendance. Next time we'd like to have some members join in. They were all too busy or shy this time.

The minutes have been drafted and will be distributed to the MRM website and members.

Meeting highlights:

- Cathy DiPalma, Technical Information Specialist at Saint-Gobain NorPro, is the Section's current Chair-elect, as well as the 2009 conference planner. During the business meeting Cathy was unanimously approved as the 2009 Chair.
- Jack Bashian, Publisher with Smithers Rapra (and a new MRM member), was appointed Chair-elect for the Section, and will also serve as the Section's conference planner for the 2010 conference.
- MRM has 51 members according to SLA HQ, though problems tracking section members continue. If you think you are an MRM Section member, please go to the membership directory at the SLA website and double-check your record. Not all the records are correct.
- 2009 conference planning highlights were reported. The MRM Section was exploring the possibility of bringing an NSF program to the conference, but is also exploring ideas with a materials science publisher. More to come.
- The MRM Section strategic plan has four goals and four remaining years to the plan. We discussed focusing on one goal per year – with the balance of 2008 to be focused on "communications" with Section members.

Jack Bashian

2009 Chair-elect Jack Bashian is the U.S. Publisher for Smithers Rapra, publisher of polymer-related books and journals, as well as the Polymer Library Database. Jack has been in the book publishing world for more than 20 years. Prior to joining Smithers Rapra he held sales and marketing positions at Wiley, Ingram, books.com, and BookMasters, Inc. Jack and his wife Veronica live in Hudson, Ohio, with their four children.

Member Highlights

I couldn't get any of the section members to 'fess up' to any of the notable things that have surely been occurring in their lives – at least not this month. So I'll do a little bragging myself this time – to show everyone how easy it is! Nora Stoecker (that would be me!) successfully coordinated the Materials Science Resources Forum at the 2008 annual SLA conference in Seattle, WA.

Speaking of the conference

Once again a big thank you to the Taylor & Francis Group for supporting the MRM section Materials Science Resources Forum session.

Representatives from ASM International, Elsevier, FIZ-Karlsruhe, ProQuest, and Springer provided information about their materials science offerings to a full room of engaged attendees. Tracy Landfried, ARL, Earl Mounts, Alcoa, and Nora Stoecker, NKS Information Services and Sandia National Laboratories, moderated. The vendor presentations will be available online.

Warm regards,
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