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Materials Research & Manufacturing Section

Betsy Aldridge, 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.

Get back, JoJo. Yes, I'm back as your 2007 Chair of the Materials Research and Manufacturing Section (MRM) of the Chemistry Division. I've really enjoyed getting to know the Chemistry Division folks and expect another invigorating year working with them to keep the Section going and growing. A big bravo to Marty Rhine and Ted Baldwin for leading the successful transformation of MRM into a Section of Chemistry last year.

I'm excited to be representing the Section at the Leadership Summit and will report on that experience in the next SciTech issue. "Sticky ideas" is one of the speaker topics...hmmm... We'll be continuing to plan in Reno for the 2007 conference which is being held in Denver in June. The 2007 theme is appropriately "Climbing to New Heights." To learn more about MRM program involvement, please read the 2006 Annual Report included in this issue.

We're already getting serious about the 2008 Seattle conference planning as well. Program Planning Chair Nora Stoecker (nkstoec@sandia.gov) is seeking ideas for the conference. The conference theme is "Breaking Rules, Building Bridges." So use that as a springboard (could be dangerous...no, don't jump off a bridge; let's build a bridge of program ideas!).

2008 program ideas which have come forward so far are:

- Science of Coffee (especially since 2008 is in Seattle!)
- Materials and manufacturing associations -

what's out there, how could we partner with them, what valuable information do they provide, etc.?

- Collection development sources for materials science and manufacturing: books, bibliographies, journals, websites - could be a moderated "roundtable discussion of "must have" and/or "new & interesting" sources.
- Nanomaterials

I've provided the 2006 MRM Annual Report to you which includes goals for 2008. Please let me know what you think, what you'd like to see happen in the Section in the future.

FLASH!! We're looking for nominations or volunteers to provide leadership as future Chairs of the Section. If you have interest or know someone who would be great, send them Marty Rhine's way (mrrhine@yahoo.com).

And, if you'd like to help our other committee chairs, Bette Finn, Membership, Earl Mounts, Strategic Planning, and Carol Tower, Materials/Manufacturing Association Liaison, do let us know. We have some other areas which could be activated if you'd like to get more involved, such as MRM web, information literacy, professional development, and mentoring. WE NEED YOU! And I'm sure you've heard it said, and I've experienced it's true, that we get out of an association what we put into it!❖

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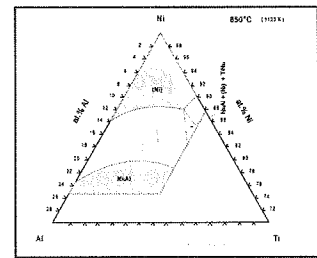
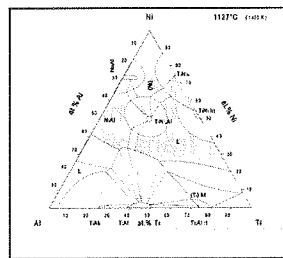
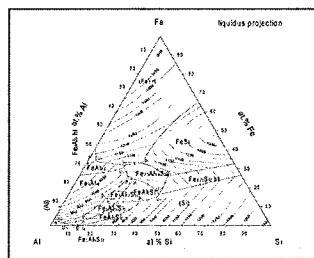
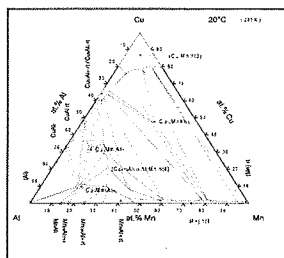
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2006 Annual Report – Materials Research & Manufacturing Section of the Chemistry Division

At the beginning of 2006 the Materials Research & Manufacturing Section (MRM) membership was a fraction of the former Division membership. This probably occurred because it was not possible to choose MRM Section membership except by write-in on the renewal forms at year-end 2005.

Members of the MRM Division in late 2005 who were not members of the Section in 2006 were contacted. Many indicated their intention to continue as members of the Section; however, some joined other Divisions instead, especially Engineering and Sci-Tech. It was many months before one could select the MRM Section to find members in the SLA online Membership Directory. The Directory showed 39 members as of 12/11/06, slightly more than half the MRM Division membership a year ago. We know of members who indicated they belonged to the MRM Section, but whose names do not show up in the Directory, so 39 is not an accurate total. Membership Chair Bette Finn is persistently working with SLA headquarters to remedy the situation. We are happy to note that some new members have joined the Section this year.

Attendance at the Six Sigma roundtable discussion at the Baltimore Conference was less than the attendance in 2005, but the content was substantial, thanks to Betsy Aldridge's soliciting presentations from SLA members /corporate librarians she knew who had conducted Six-Sigma projects.

Our Denver programs will be an IHS tour with the Engineering Division as lead division, and a session on Hybrid vehicles with the Transportation Division as the lead division.

Volunteers functioning so far, all in cooperation with similar Chemistry Division committees, are:

Strategic Planning- Earl Mounts
Membership- Bette Finn
Program Planning- Nora Stoecker
Nominations- Marty Rhine
Materials/Manufacturing Associations Liaison- chaired by Carol Tower
List Owner - Patricia Cromi.

Goals for 2007:

- 1) Help with the Hybrid Vehicles and IHS Field Trip programs at the Denver 2007 conference;
 - 2) Plan at least one solid materials/manufacturing program for the Seattle 2008 conference;
 - 3) Increase participation of MRM Section members in all Chemistry Division programs and continuing education offerings;
 - 4) Increase section membership;
 - 5) Increase member involvement in leadership and liaison with the Chemistry Division;
- 3) Contribute to the strategic planning process of the Chemistry Division

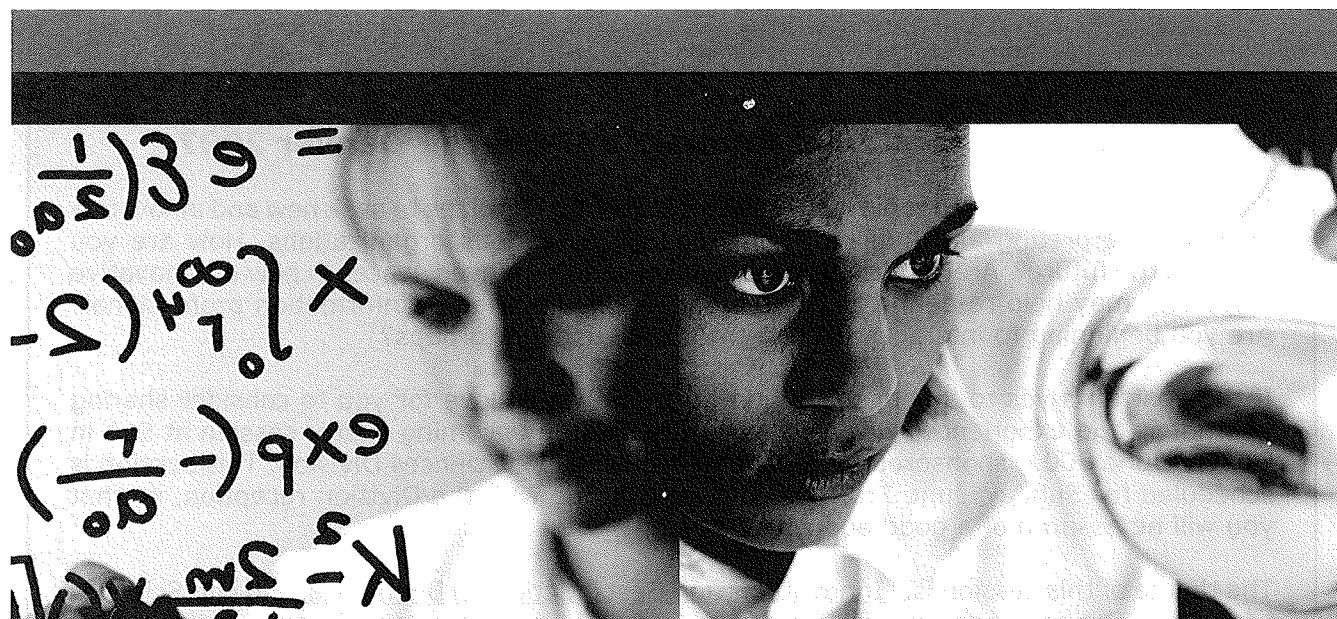
Anticipated resources needed from Chemistry Division for 2007:

Financial resources:

- 1) Reimburse Chair for 2007 registrations to Leadership Summit and Annual Conference;
- 2) Help pay for part of the Engineering and Transportation Division expenses for the 2007 programs (if needed).❖

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If the answer is yes to any of these questions, we would love for you to consider sharing your ideas and experiences with your colleagues in the upcoming poster session at SLA in Denver, June 2007, sponsored by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. This session is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd, 7:00 pm, to coincide with the Division reception, so that you will be assured of a good audience.

The theme of this session is, "Innovations and Best Practices in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries." The poster session will provide an informal and lively venue for sharing innovative ideas on topics that concern us all. How are we defining or re-defining ourselves in these changing times? How do we see ourselves ten years down the road, and how is this vision beginning to manifest itself in the way we operate now? What are we doing to make ourselves leaders in our fields and our institutions? If such questions are of importance to you, please consider submitting an abstract for possible inclusion in the poster session. This is a theme that should engage us all, for it concerns the future of our profession.

Guidelines for materials and layout of poster presentations are available on the SLA Chemistry Division website at: <http://www.sla.org/division/dche/poster.html>

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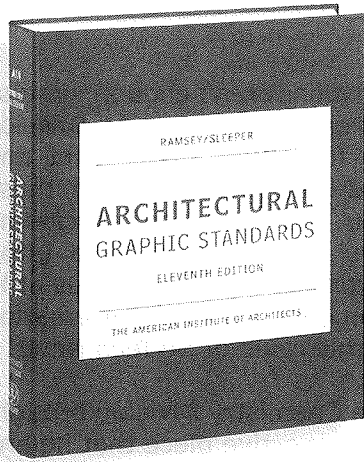
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The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2007. Any SLA Member is welcome to submit an abstract for consideration. In the event that a greater number of submissions are received than can be accommodated, members of the sponsoring Division will be given first preference. All applicants will be notified no later than April 1, 2007 as to whether or not their proposal has been accepted.

Contact Eleanor MacLean at the address given below if you have any questions about this session.

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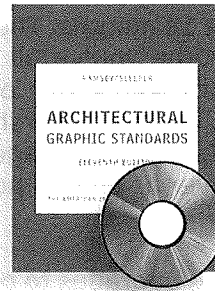
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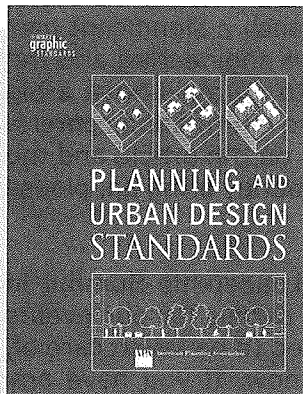


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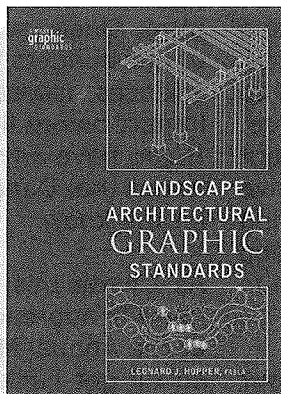
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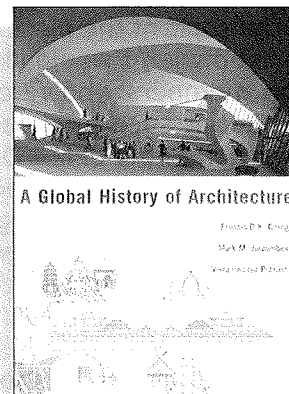
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