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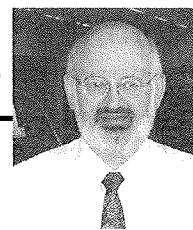
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## Chemistry Division

## A. Ben Wagner, 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.

As I write this message, the final deadlines for the 2007 Denver Annual Conference on June 3 through June 7 are just a few days away. I want to again express appreciation for my co-planner, Marie Fraties-Block of BASF Corp, and for the assistance we received from Betsy Aldridge, Materials Research & Manufacturing Section Chair, and Nora Stoeker, 2007-08 Section Program Planner.

By the time you read this, the conference online planner will be completely up-to-date with information about the complete Denver schedule at <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/planner/index.cfm>.

In addition, our divisional web site will continue full details about the entire Chemistry Division events at <http://units.sla.org/division/dche/2007/index.htm>. If you are a member of our Chemistry Division, be certain you are a subscriber to our divisional list or you will miss many announcements. See <http://units.sla.org/division/dche/listserv.htm> for details.

Following is an outline of our Denver program. I am particularly excited about our Tuesday night Open House that will be held in an historic house, the Byers-Evans House Museum. Check out the fine Continuing Education classes and note that two of the four classes have a limited number of seats at a special student rate. All members are welcome to our Tuesday morning Annual Meeting Breakfast and Sunday morning board meeting.

We have a number of initiatives in various stages of completion including our Chemical Information Literacy Committee (note the meeting in Denver), a just forming International Membership effort, and some proposals regarding awards and scholarships. See you in Denver!❖

A. Ben Wagner  
Chair, SLA Chemistry Div. & Denver 2007 Co-planner  
Science and Engineering Library, University at Buffalo

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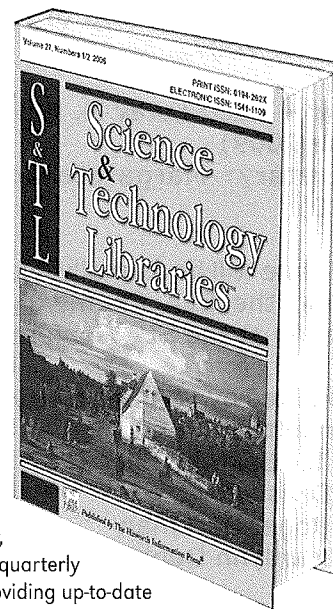
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## **SLA Chemistry Division – Board Candidates**

The SLA Chemistry Division Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate for 2007:

Chair – Elect: Luray M. Minkiewicz (Term 2008, Chair 2009)

Secretary: Margarete Bower (Term 2008-2010)

The slate will be formally accepted and approved during the SLA Chemistry Division Business Meeting at the SLA Conference in Denver.

Submitted by SLA Chemistry Division Nominating Committee

Ted Baldwin, Chair (Past Chair, SLA Chemistry Division)

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### **Chair-Elect: Luray M. Minkiewicz**



Luray is currently the Archivist for the SLA Chemistry Division, a position she has held for the past two years. She is also President of the SLA Philadelphia Chapter in 2007. She has held other elected positions in her Chapter as Secretary and Director, and has

chaired various chapter committees throughout the years: Career Guidance/Student Awards, Vendor Relations, Strategic Planning, and the Knower Committee. In the past, she has also helped with the Philadelphia Chapter Bulletin, Long Range Planning, and programs.

She is currently employed at the DuPont Co. (Wilmington, DE) as Content Strategist. In her 18-year career at DuPont, Luray has also held positions at the Lavoisier Library and in the proprietary information and patent searching groups. Previous to DuPont, Luray worked in libraries at Thiokol Corp., Chemical Division, Trenton, NJ and Mobil R&D, Paulsboro, NJ.

Luray obtained her MS in Library & Information Science from Drexel University, and also holds BS and MS degrees in chemistry from Penn State and Univ. of Penn respectively. She is a member of ACS, Division of Chemical Information. At home, she and her husband are beginning to enjoy the "empty nest". She is active in her

church and tries to adhere to the South Beach Diet (a never-ending story).

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### **Secretary: Margarete Bower**

Margarete Bower joined the University of

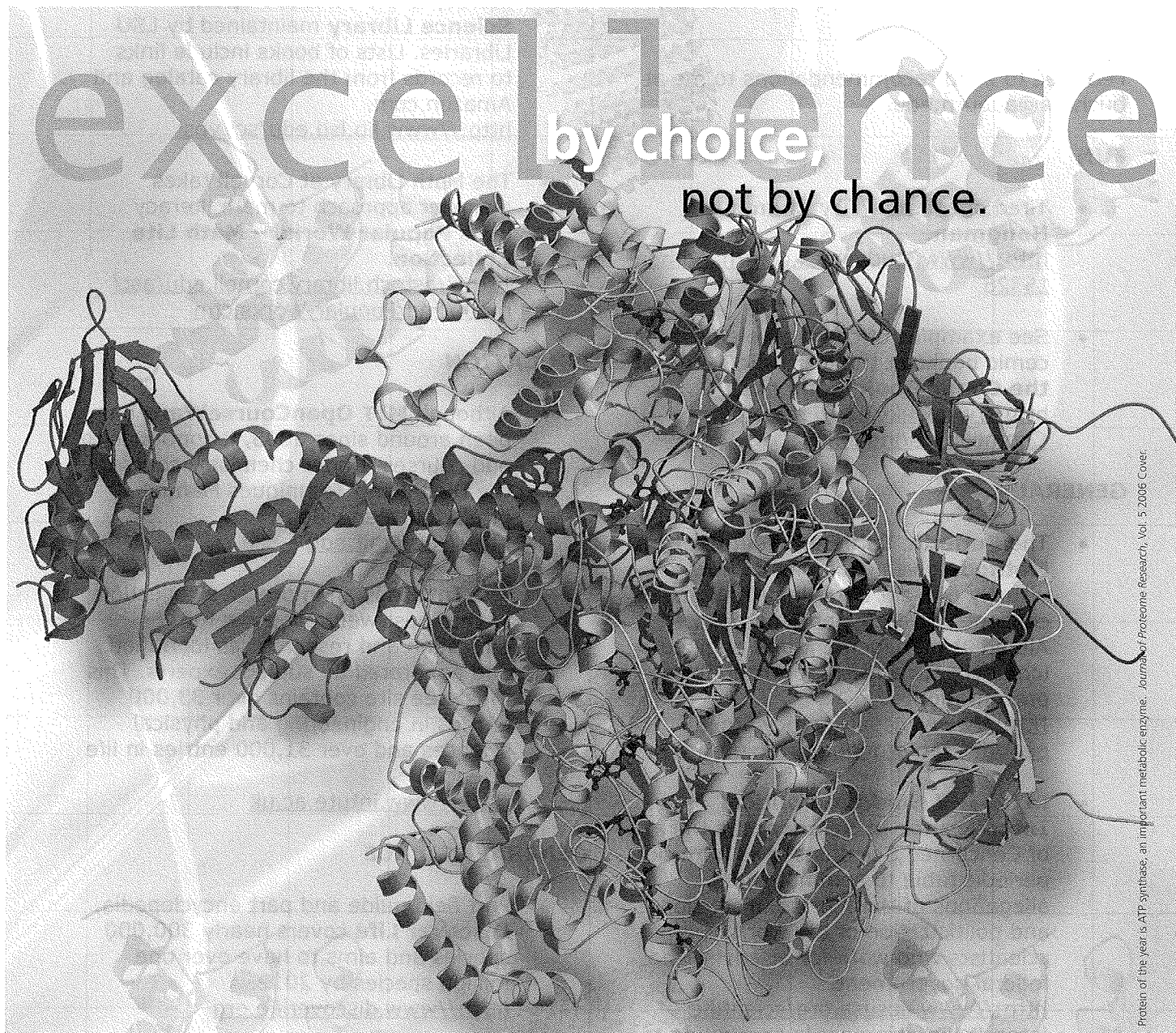


Pittsburgh in 1990 as head of the chemistry library. The following year, she joined SLA and began attending national conferences and local chapter events. She has been a member of the SLA Chemistry Division's

Ad Hoc Committee on Information Literacy since its inception in 2004, and is currently serving a one-year appointment as SLA Chemistry Division Secretary.

At Pitt, she is also responsible for the computer science collection, and is currently acting head of the biology/neuroscience library. Before joining the library, she spent a few years teaching chemistry and working in a post-doc position. Margarete has a B.S. in chemistry from Allegheny College, a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Michigan, and an M.S.L.S. in library science from Clarion University.

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