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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.

Denver was fun, wasn't it. Great weather, great food, great networking, and great programming. I will resist the temptation to give an extended report of the conference for fear of leaving someone or something out. It was gratifying to see everything go off with nary a hitch, an event that, for Marie Fraties-Block and I, was 18 months in the fashioning. My thanks to all the volunteers who lined up sponsors, made travel plans, organized one of the best open houses ever, moderated, and presented. We are in the process of getting permission to mount the presentations at our web site: <http://units.sla.org/division/dche/2007/schedule.htm>.

Congratulations are due our newly elected 2008 Chair-Elect, Luray Minkiewicz, and our 2008-09 secretary currently serving in the position, Margarete Bower. Margarete is in the process of finalizing the minutes to our June board meeting and annual membership meeting. Per usual, these will be posted to web as soon as they are reviewed.

So what will our Division be up to now that Denver is over? We are developing a central awards committee to review the criteria for and oversee the Sparks Award, the ACS Publications New Publications Award, and the newly authorized occasional DCHE Distinguished Service Award.

Jim Martin has agreed to lead the International Members Initiative Task Force to brainstorm ways to attract more international members

to our Division. This dovetails perfectly with SLA's goals to increase their international presence significantly.

Our Materials Research & Manufacturing (MRM) Section has developed a strategic plan. We need to play catch up and revise our Divisional strategic plan by early next year. By the way, please note above the correct name of our Section. There are several "creative" variants out there, sometimes even in official SLA material and directories.

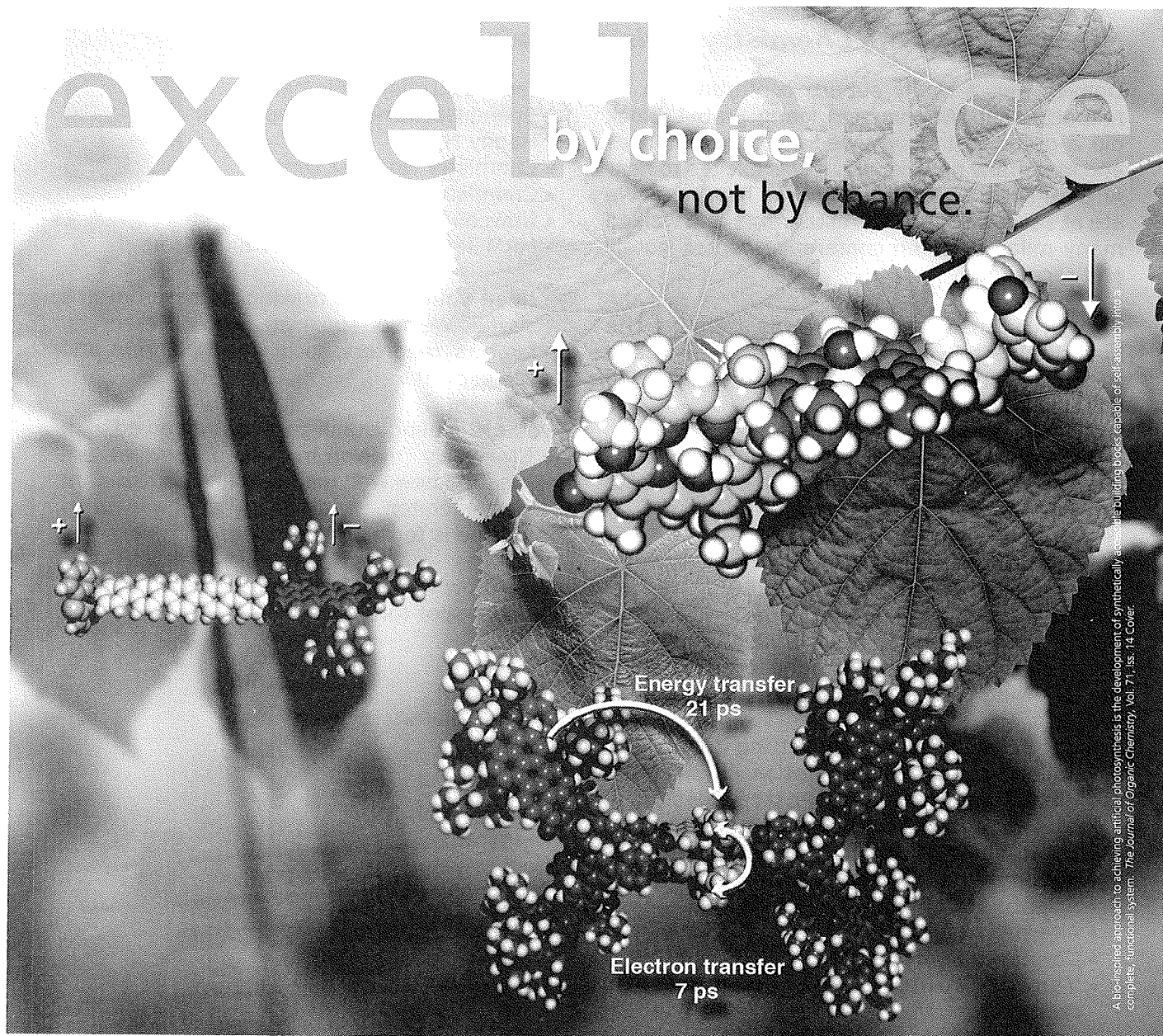
We are planning a board meeting at the January 2008 Leadership Summit in Louisville, KY. This will help keep our Division moving forward. Please consider attending this summit if you are on the board, have any interest in leadership positions, or simply want to see how SLA operates. The summit is open to all members.

I hope to finally have time to contact members and potential members. We are a membership organization so this is fundamental. I know times are changing and are tough for libraries, but that is all the more reason to maintain a strong division and convince people of the value of the services and networking provided by our division. Again, many thanks to all who contributed to making Denver a great success. Feel free to pick up the phone or send me an email at any time.❖

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The conference center welcomed us.



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Message from the Chemistry Division Chair Elect

Denver was a really superb conference in all respects. Ben Wagner and Marie Fraties-Block did a great job! I renewed old acquaintances and met many new people. I was excited to hear Al Gore speak. Scott Adams was hilarious. We ate at several top-notch restaurants and walked many miles between conference center, hotels and receptions.

The Division open house was held at the historic Byers-Evans House. Ted Baldwin and Judith Currano entertained us with their period costumes and songs.

If you are wondering about the programs, Meghan Lafferty did an excellent job of recruiting reporters to summarize them for us.

Not surprisingly, the major focus of my conference experience was planning for 2008! Rachel Ellison, Nora Stoecker and I met with other Seattle planners and shared our ideas and plans. Now we are actively collaborating and developing the following programs:

- Hot Science Technology Petting Zoo,
- Collaborative Communities in Physical and Virtual Environments Poster Session in conjunction with All Sciences Reception,
- E-notebooks,
- Nanomaterials / Nanotechnology,
- Science of Coffee,
- Alternative fuels,
- Corporate Round Table,
- Vendor Round Table on materials resources,
- Chemistry Academic Round table: Exploring

- the Generational Element,
- Speed Networking Reception or Happy Hour,
- Chemistry No-Host Dinner,
- Chemistry Open House,
- Newcomers lunch,
- MRM section breakfast or dine-around



We need your help in making these programs successful. We need speakers, poster presenters, moderators, reporters, social event planners and Seattle experts!

If you are feeling the urge to get involved with the Chemistry Division in a major way, we are looking for a new web manager and an assistant newsletter editor. Additionally a new Awards Committee is forming and needs members.

Let us know what you are interested in and we will find a spot for you.❖

Regards,
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A non-human conference attendee who unfortunately had to participate from the sidewalk.