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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.

This will be my final message as chair. On January 1, 2008, I become Past-Chair and look forward to supporting the new Board and Susan Cardinal, our incoming Chair. I extend my thanks to Ted Baldwin, our outgoing Past-Chair, for all his fine counsel and performance of his duties in that capacity. It will be great to work with Susan and the new Board as we kick the year off with a board meeting at the January Leadership Summit in Louisville.

You've heard me mention many times what a terrific learning and networking opportunity the Leadership Summits are. Details of the summit have been announced, so do consider joining us from January 23-26, 2008. All members are welcome.

I hope after the board meeting that Sue and I can report progress on a number of initiatives, including:

- A central awards committee to review the criteria for and oversee the Sparks Award, the ACS Publications New Professional Award (sorry, I got the name wrong in the last

issue), and the newly authorized occasional Chemistry Division (DCHE) Distinguished Service Award.

- An International Members Initiative Task Force to brainstorm about ways to attract more international members to our Division.
- A new divisional strategic plan.

I have no question that the Division and the program planning for Seattle 2008 are in the best possible hands. I am looking forward to being able to step back from the day-to-day affairs of the Division to focus on informal contact with members and potential members. Membership is what it is all about. I would have never survived the year without everyone's patience and faithfulness. Stay in touch. ❖

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## **Message from the Chemistry Division Chair Elect**



Greetings from your Chair-Elect. Hope you have had a lovely fall with fresh apples, pumpkins and a creative and entertaining Halloween. In Rochester, NY, the weather has been unbelievably warm, feeling more like summer, but the shorter days and turning leaves signal winter's approach.

2008 will be a year of transition, as several Board positions will be changing hands. I am so grateful to all our volunteers and I'm especially appreciative of the service that our outgoing board members have provided us. Thank you to Ted Baldwin, Past-Chair, Loren Mendelsohn, Mentorship Chair, Jim Martin, Membership Chair, Judith Currano, Professional Development, and Teri Vogel, Webmaster.

I expect great things from our new board members and appreciate their willingness to serve. Congratulations to Luray Minkiewicz, our new Chair-Elect (2008), Cathy DiPalma, Program Planner (2009 meeting) for the MRM section and Margarete Bower our returning Secretary. Please welcome Denise Calihan, Mentorship Chair, Judith Currano, Membership Chair, and Ted Baldwin, Professional Development Chair.

Please consider attending the Leadership Summit (<http://www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/LeadershipSummit/08leadsummit/index.cfm>) in Louisville, KY on Jan 23 – 26, 2008. I've scheduled a board meeting for January 26 at 9 am. All board members and others interested who can not attend in person are encouraged to teleconference. I'll be in touch

closer to the meeting with details. Please let me know if you wish to participate.

Next year's annual conference (<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2008/index.cfm>) in Seattle, WA on June 15 – 18, 2008, has been on my mind. Rachel Ellison, Nora Stoecker and I are busy entering details into the online program planner. We've decided to pursue the following CE Courses, programs and receptions: Diving into Patents: A Primer for Librarians; Chemistry for the Non-chemist Librarian; Chemical Information Sources, Requests and Reference; Exploring the Generational Element: Chemistry Academic Roundtable; Hot Science Technology Sampler; Electronic Notebooks; Corporate Roundtable; Vendor Roundtable on Materials Resources; Speed Networking Reception; Newcomers Lunch; and Chemistry No-Host Dinner.

We are also cosponsoring the following programs: All Science Poster Session on Collaborative Communities, Science of Coffee, Biofuels/alternative fuels (Alternative fuel technologies for a healthy planet), and Nanomaterials and the Environment.

Thank you to all who have sent us ideas, agreed to teach, speak, moderate, sponsor the programs, serve on the Board, provide feedback and plan to attend. I look forward to working with you!

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