Greetings to all Chemistry Division members. This is my last column as Chair of the Chemistry Division.

The year has gone by quickly and I am now looking forward to handing over the reins to our incoming chair, Valerie Tucci. As you know, Val has been busy planning the 2014 Annual Conference in Vancouver. The program lineup looks exciting and I hope many of you are able to attend the conference and participate in the Chemistry Division’s programs and events in Vancouver. This will be a short column as the year is winding down. I had fun planning the 2013 conference with my co-planner Luti Salisbury. The Chemistry Division programs were a success thanks to all the volunteers - too many to name in this short space! Now all eyes and efforts are upon Vancouver in 2014.

Congratulations go to Ye Li from The University of Michigan who was recently elected Chair for 2015. Ye won the Marion E. Sparks Award for Professional Development in 2010. Congratulations are also in order for Linda Galloway from Syracuse University who will serve as Secretary for a two-year term beginning in 2014. Linda was the winner of this year’s ACS Publications SLA Travel Scholarship. Both Ye and Linda have been active members of SLA and the Chemistry Division.

My year as chair has been rewarding in many respects. I have gotten to know and work with many more members than I knew before my years as chair and chair-elect. I have also learned a lot about SLA and how it works to help us grow professionally. It is certainly a great resource for bringing us together to share and learn from one another.

I hope you will consider volunteering some of your time to help make the Chemistry Division and SLA even stronger and more vibrant. There are many ways, big and small, to help out. Please reach out to me or Val if you are interested in volunteering.

With that I would like to thank the other members of the Executive Board for all their hard work this year: Marie Fraties-Block, Past Chair, Valerie Tucci, Chair-Elect, Yan He, Treasurer, and Lee Pedersen, Secretary. And many thanks also go to the Advisory Board (in alphabetical order): Bill Armstrong, Ted Baldwin, Denise Callihan, Judith Curran, Meghan Gamsby, Linda Maddux, Luray Minkiewicz, Mindy Peters, Karen Salazar, Luti Salisbury, and Claire Stokes.

Many, many thanks to these folks and the many others who helped me and the Chemistry Division this past year!

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