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Materials Research & Manufacturing

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Members of the Materials Research and Manufacturing Division share information concerning all phases of materials procurement, production, applications and handling by means of educational activities, cooperative programs, publications and Division-sponsored events at annual conferences.

I thank the members of the Materials Research & Manufacturing Division (DMRM) who voted for the future of our group, even the one who voted to dissolve. The SLA Board has yet to take action on DMRM becoming a section of the Chemistry Division (DCHE) but since so many members of DCHE voted to accept us, I see no problem. I hope I didn't miss anyone when I notified DMRM members of the result of our vote and the DCHE vote via e-mail and letter. I used the current online directory each time, but I suspect errors in that.

I know that some of you are already members of DCHE and some of you will feel more comfortable joining a different division instead. We will miss you. My college major was chemistry, so I may feel more comfortable with DCHE than many of you.

I hope all of you, including those who didn't vote, will consider volunteering for one of the committees of DCHE. Betsey Aldridge is on the "merger" committee with me. She is also working on the roundtable session on Six Sigma for the 2006 conference in Baltimore. I hope our other committee chairs will volunteer for their counterpart committee in DCHE. DCHE committee chairs are determined for the current term which ends with the calendar year 2006, but I'm sure members from our group would be welcome.

Who will be the leader of the MRM section at the end of my term (end of 2006)? I have been active in SLA and DMRM since I became the newsletter editor the year I rejoined SLA in 1987. I hope to continue to be active as a member of some committee, but will decline two terms as section leader.

I worked with the Princeton Area Librarians in 1966-67 to form the Princeton-Trenton chapter which celebrated its 20-year anniversary the year I rejoined. When I first joined, I was a solo librarian—in those days an oxymoron. I soon decided that a "real" librarian would have never taken the job and I quit to return to library school full time. That never happened, but the solo experience gave me the impetus in 1988 to found the Solo Caucus which became a Division in 1991. I have remained active since my retirement in 1992 because I already knew so many people in SLA. The conferences are like a reunion to me. Organization activity isn't everyone's cup of tea, but I urge all of you to try it. I hope you will like it as much as I have.

If I have left any questions in your mind unanswered, please ask. ❖

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