SOCIETY NEWS



Artie Ann Berry, New Publications Assistant

ARTIE ANN BERRY joined the staff this past October as a Publications Assistant. She is primarily responsible for styling manuscripts for the Journal of the Electrochemical Society. Her responsibilities also include incorporating author corrections, ensuring that they are

consistent with Journal style.

Artie Ann began her career as an advertising copywriter in the Trenton, New Jersey area, writing newspaper and magazine ads, posters and flyers. Much of her technical expertise was gained later, while editing and writing medical marketing copy for several pharmaceutical marketing firms located in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She said, "It was exciting to be able to use a flair for writing as well as an interest in science and chemistry. That work was enjoyable, because it allowed me to be a middle man, or, in some cases, a translator, between the scientists and specialists and their audience. That audience comprised peers and other professionals, as well as the sales representatives and patients who needed to understand the importance of a particular drug that had just become available, and something about the drug's mechanism of action and its contraindications.

"It's vastly more rewarding though, to work with professionals in the field of new technologies in electrochemistry. Chemistry is my field of interest, and I consider myself fortunate to be involved with the Society, which is so dedicated to maintaining a constant flow of cutting-edge information to its members, and to the world."

Artie Ann is a 1995 graduate of Trenton State College, where she earned her B.A. in Journalism with a minor in Chemistry. In her spare time, Artie Ann, known to her coworkers and friends as "RT," enjoys long-distance running. Although she began competing in 5 and 10K races as recently as September, 1997, she has set her sights on running a marathon this year.

"We're very pleased to have RT join the publications staff," said Mary Yess, ECS Publications Manager. "She brings to the position a good background in science and a sensitivity to the Society's goals in publishing the **Journal**."



New Role for Paul Cooper

PAUL COOPER has recently moved into a new role for the Society: that of Production Coordinator for the journals area. With the new *Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters* (*Letters*) (coming July 1998) soon to join the Society's publications lineup, Paul was recruited to turn his production skills to helping launch this new, rapid-publication, elec-

tronic journal. Paul is now responsible for coordinating both the paper and online production of *Letters* and will be doing the same for the production of the online edition of the **Journal of The Electrochemical Society** (the **Journal**).

Paul joined the Society in 1991, having graduated from Saint Joseph's University with a BA in English and a minor in

international relations. During his first year with the Society, Paul's primary responsibilities were styling manuscripts for the **Journal** and the production of the Proceedings Volume Series.

From 1992 to mid-1997, Paul was asked to undertake the production and advertising work for the then new members magazine, *Interface*, working closely with other ECS staff and an outside consulting firm on the design and implementation of the new publication. During that time Paul also continued to work on the production of the proceedings volumes, redesigning the covers and helping the Society move toward more casebound books, as well as designing and producing a number of other items such as flyers and forms.

"Paul has proven himself invaluable in getting *Interface* off the ground and in growing its advertising revenues, almost doubling it in just five years. We will continue to depend on him as a key player, particularly in the production of our exciting new journal," said Mary Yess, ECS Publications Manager.

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Contributing Membership Off to Good Start

The Society's Contributing Membership program was off to a good start in 1998. Advance Research Chemicals, Inc., located in Catoosa, Oklahoma (US), joined as a Sustaining member. The Society also welcomed Mine Safety Appliances Company, of Sparks, Maryland (US), to the same category. The company is dedicated to the development, engineering,

production, and testing of specialty, high-reliability batteries, battery materials, and battery components.

Two Contributing members upgraded their categories for the new year. **Eveready Battery Co., Inc.**, makers of the Energizer® battery, first joined the Society's membership ranks in 1945. Visit the company's home page at **http://www.eveready.com**. The Society welcomed the company's upgrade to the category of Patron this year.

Nacional de Grafite, **LTDA**, of Saõ Paulo (Brazil), joined the program in 1996, and in 1998 became the first member in the new category of Sponsoring Members.

The Society thanks these companies for their support of its educational programs. For more information about the Contributing Membership program, contact Barbara Baggott at ECS Headquarters, or visit the ECS Web site at: http://www.electrochem.org/contributing.html.

LEVELS AND BENEFITS

Benefactor \$5000	annually
Patron\$2500	annually
Sponsoring \$1200	annually
Sustaining \$600	annually

Three ECS Staffers Celebrate Anniversaries



JOAN BRATSKO joined the staff of the Society in October 1982 as an accounting clerk. She took over as a computer operator working on what was then the Society's sole computer, a Burroughs 800. Joan's current title is Membership Records Coordinator and her responsibilities include maintaining membership and subscriber records and processing dues and subscription payments. Among her other duties are

the printing and preparation for mailing of membership dues notices and subscription notices, and the printing of labels for the **Journal** and **Interface** mailings. She also checks all applications for membership and enters them into the computer.

Before coming to work for the Society, Joan worked for the Paul Revere Insurance Company and before that for a savings and loan association. Joan and her husband Nick have been married for 37 years; they have a married daughter, Deborah; a son, David; and twelve-year-old twin grandsons. Joan is the treasurer for their church and this year is serving as secretary of their camping club. A few years ago Joan began taking piano lessons and is enjoying the time spent on her music.



CAROLYN PYLYPIAK joined the Society in 1987 and is the ECS's Financial Manager. Working with Roque Calvo, ECS's Executive Director, Carolyn supervises the financial operations of the Society. In addition to her regular management of the Society's accounting functions, she also administers the Society's benefits and retirement programs. She supervises the monthly book inventory and she recently oversaw

the implementation of a new system for tracking inventory and filling book orders. Carolyn oversees the various schedules related to the distribution, to the Society Divisions and Groups, of income from the sales of proceedings volumes. Other responsibilities include recording the activity of the Society's restricted and unrestricted funds and preparing semiannual statements for Division/Group/Local Section Custodial funds. Another major function for Carolyn is the supervision of the on-site registration area of the Society meetings. Working with Ellen Tiano (the Society's Membership and Administration Manager), Carolyn is responsible for overseeing the set-up of the registration area, administering all the accounting aspects, as well as training and supervising local convention bureau personnel who assist with the registration process. Carolyn prepares the Society's financial statements, audited report, and budget, ensuring their accurate and timely preparation.



SUSAN LIGGETT joined the Society in 1987; she works as an Accounting Clerk under the direction of Carolyn Pylypiak, the Society's Financial Manager. A good deal of Sue's work involves fulfilling orders for ECS publications such as the Proceedings Series, single copies of and articles from the **Journal** and **Interface**, and subscriptions to agencies, libraries, and other institutions. She is also the key figure in processing registrations

for the Society's semiannual meetings, and prepares those packets so familiar to ECS meeting attendees. Her other responsibilities include handling numerous accounting functions, handling book and journal inventories, and keeping the Society's headquarters building in good shape.

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