While those connections alone cannot hold back a tsunami, prevent every materials failure, or bring peaceful solutions to areas of political unrest, the science, words, and understanding we have built as a community brings comfort, hope, and—in time—solutions.

Whether looking for ways to safely manage nuclear waste, integrate sun and wind energy into the wires to our homes, or design nanoparticles to deliver drugs to disease sites, the diverse materials community continues to rally around common topical interests to solve problems. Each MRS Bulletin theme represents one of these communities, a group of colleagues in the field talking to one another, shaving away the fat, and synthesizing a body of knowledge that others can build upon.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as editor of MRS Bulletin and to have seen that network of voices expand and diversify. From the early days without e-mail or the Web (how did we know anything or anyone back then??) and with guest editors chosen with a simple nod to an eager researcher, we have evolved to a globally connected 24/7 operation, with a network of authors, guest editors, volume organizers, editorial board members, and other contributors spanning the globe and providing a robust system of checks and balances. It is this network of people led by Paul Drzaic as chair of the editorial board that I would like to thank for their insights and dedication and their ability to stitch together a greater understanding of our materials world.

I must personally thank the MRS Bulletin editorial staff for their dedication, talent, and support. They are the engine of MRS Bulletin’s operation. This team, along with a range of staff members and external contributors, has brought professionalism and quality to the pages of the Bulletin and will ensure a smooth transition and strong support going forward.

I look with great anticipation to Gopal Rao as the new editor, to see MRS Bulletin grow and evolve.

Likewise, in my new role, I expect to strengthen and expand relationships with the materials community.

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