



Report to the Executive Committee
of the
Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

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Immediate Past Chairs Report on Chair Activities for 2018

Special thanks to Kathleen Spangler for covering in the later part of the year while dealing with personal issues.

- Significant contribution to the Bulletin through the Chairs Corners, Yearly Summary and Articles on Section Activities. Detailed articles/records make the yearly reports/FORMS easier to submit.
- Contributions of slide shows to honor members at meetings (awards 50-70 year recently and Service/Bass/Research Awards at the beginning of 2017)
- Letters and communications with 50-70 members and their families
- Support of Samy El Shall for ACS Fellow Submission
- Secured Donation from DuPont for MAC Student Summit
- Represented the Section at the National Meeting
- Helped locate model for Website Conversion if future of the section direction, met with DC section and younger chemists
- Recruited Members with greater involvement from Academia than previous years (VCU greatly renewed, Longwood, William and Mary, Randolph Macon College, through SEED program, AXE chapters at University of Richmond and University of Virginia)
- Expanded industry involvement from industry DuPont and Evonik
- Some progress towards professionalizing some processes: Report templates proposed, officer email, storage of files, communications through secretary)
- Some progress towards committee descriptions on website and increased numbers of members represented on committees.
- Encouraged the development of a functional SEED Committee.
- Supported and elicited student participation in Student Summit with MAC which hosted a major community event with the Darden Lecture
- Planned and executed a collaborative event to engage student affiliates and AXE Chapters at VCU, VUU, VSU, University of Richmond, University of Virginia and Longwood at the Fool for the Arts Festival for Chemists Celebrate Earth Day. AXE Chapter Contest Winners for “giant elements”. DuPont volunteers. Rain dampened the event but it was still effectual.
- Connection made through Student Affiliates and Math and Innovation Science Center. Dr. LaChelle Waller, and Section Chair, Colleen Taylor, led student affiliate volunteers for the Sonia Kovalevsky, SK day conference which hosted over 90 students from grades 6-8 representing 6 school divisions.
- Kathleen Spangler and Colleen Taylor nomination Heather for Outstanding volunteer.
- Nomination of Service Award. Attempts to contact folks for diversity in Research Award.
- Worked with YCC on mentor/mentee Matching Program. Recruited mentors and organizers (Craig Poffenberger). Attempts to recruit representatives at each school to help manage and report on matching success.
- Beginning work on FORMs