

**Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society  
September Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

VCU, Temple Building 3309  
September 15, 2017 4:30- 5:30 PM

Attendees: Michael Anhorn, Jim Beck, Julian Bobb, Phil Burks, Joe Crockett, Rob Davidson, Tome DeVore, Christine Farthing, Scott Gronert, Joe Pompano, Sarah Porter, Kathleen Sink, Ann Sullivan, Lachelle Waller, Linette Watkins, Krista Weissbart, Bill Welstead, Larry White

- I. Call to Order at 4:35 pm
- II. Approval of the Agenda
  - I. Agenda approved.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from the May Executive Committee Meeting
  - I. Correction: Webmaster committee-Ann is looking to get support (not replaced) and looking for someone to drive the design of the new webpage
  - II. May 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes approved (with above correction)
- IV. New Business
  - Report significant any activities for summer.
    - Chair update-Colleen Taylor
      - Coordinated with Mark Taylor to arrange a tour of DuPoint facility for Project Seed students from VCU
      - Organized the 50-70 year award slide show for this meeting
      - Currently printing certificates for the Project Seed students and will deliver them at upcoming meeting
      - Drafted letters soliciting participation in the Chemistry Olympiad to be sent to area high school principals.
      - Working with Minority Affairs Committee on the VA Section/NOBCChe Summit for Minority students. Inquiring about doing an ACS on campus event to combine once I am informed of the final date.
    - Past Chair Update-Denise Walters
      - The list of candidates for the upcoming election has been chosen. All call for nominations from the floor will be made at the September meeting. The email posted in the newsletter is also being checked for nominations. Nominations will close on October 14 and the election will be sent out on Oct 15. Paper ballots will be sent upon request. Election will be closed on November 6 to allow processing, notification to National and The Bulletin Editor for the December Bulletin.
        - For Chair: Ms. Kathleen Spangler
        - For Chair Elect: Dr. Joseph Pompano
        - For Vice Chair: Dr. Samy El-Shall
        - For Treasurer: Dr. Rob Davidson

- For Secretary: Dr. Sarah E. G. Porter
  - For Councilor: Dr. Linette Watkins (2018-2020)
  - For Alternate Councilor: Dr. Joseph Crockett (2018-2020)
  - For Trustee: Dr. James Demas (2018-2020)
- Strategic Plan update is attached. Thank you to all of the champions for their work on our plan and propose a December meeting to focus on objectives for 2018.
- Councilor Update- Ann Sullivan
  - Charles Holmes Hearty Metal Award- annual award recognizing work and service of outstanding chemist for the southeastern region. Please contact Ann Sullivan for more information.
  - Larry White looking for committee members for Awards committee
    - It was suggested immediate past chair and vice chair of section should be part of the awards committee
  - Lachelle Waller reported that the local section partnered with TRAC
- Teacher Awards for next year
  - It was noted that none of the awardees this year are in the section (two awardees are retired, one is relocating)-do we need to consider adding a qualifier in for these awards that specifies they must be section members?
  - There are currently no guidelines for these awards-we may need to consider adding qualifiers in that specify awardees must have recent membership, but not necessarily within the year of acceptance.
- 2017 Monthly Meetings
  - Meetings are all scheduled for the fall of 2017 and are in alignment with one of the strategic refresh plans to collaborate with other local universities.
  - It was suggested to invite Jim Gupton (VCU Chemistry graduate) who just received a 25M grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Project Seed meeting is currently in the early planning stages
- New member ribbons have arrived and been delivered to Ken Chapman
- Kristine Smetana planning a NCW activity at the Virginia Science Museum on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and is looking for volunteers to assist with these activities.

#### I. Old Business

- Website
  - Ann is to add the history documents that are publishable to the webpage as PDFs
- YCC Update
  - Planned fall activities:
    - Re-launch the mentor program in the fall and is currently awaiting contact from affiliate universities
    - Organize a social event
    - Coordinating a tour at Evonik
    - Host Chemistry-in-a-Box event

#### I. Other

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