



## ACS Virginia Section Science Museum Liaison Report 5/11/2018

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### Collaborative Activities with Science Museum of Virginia

#### VA ACS Sponsoring Opportunities

During the January 2018 executive committee meeting we approved a \$1,000 sponsorship to support one of the Science on Tap events at the Science Museum. Kathleen Spangler will serve as the point person to drive this initiative.

#### Safety Manual Distribution

Copies of the ACS Manuals, 10 Creating Safety Cultures in Academic Institutions, Safety in Academic Chemistry Laboratories and Safety in the Elementary Science Classroom were provided to the Science Museum of Virginia for their use. In addition, Chuck English put us in touch with Dr. Anne Petersen, Science Coordinator, Virginia Department of Education. Anne's contact information was provided to Joe Crockett to assist with distribution of information to K-12 schools in the state of Virginia.

#### Chemists Celebrate Earth Week

The Science Museum of Virginia allowed the VA ACS to hold the annual Chemists Celebrate Earth Week event in the Rotunda of the Science Museum of Sunday April 22 2018. The Science Museum provided tables, chairs and space at no cost to the section. Volunteer grant money received from Pfizer was used to pay for materials and supplies and Pfizer also hosted 2 of the tables. The event included participation from more than 40 volunteers and was attended by 323 members of the public. The Science Museum is in discussion about ways to make Earth Day a bigger event. In addition, the participation of 7 Pfizer colleagues in planning and volunteering for this event qualified the VA ACS for a \$2,500 Pfizer Volunteer Grant. The request was approved 4/29/2018.

#### Community Affairs Meeting with the Science Museum of Virginia

On Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> I met with Kristine Smetana and Chuck English to discuss planning for CCEW, National Chemistry Week and other potential collaborations.

#### Up and Atom Breakfast

I will be serving as a table host at the Science Museum's Up and Atom Breakfast on May 16 2018. The focus of this breakfast is Women in Leadership and fundraising for the Science Museum. Several members of the Women's Chemist Committee are slated to attend.

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