

Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, September 13, 2019

History Committee

History of the Virginia Section

The chapter for 2016 has been written, and has been submitted to the web site. The next year (2017) will be added in a few months. Some other sources of information have been acquired, including *Bulletins* not currently used in writing the *History*, other Section documents, and contact information for ACS national offices that may have information about the Section. These sources will be used to “rewrite the History” to incorporate pertinent information into the website account to the *History of the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society*.

Nomination of a National Historic Chemical Landmark

The Section Immediate Past Chair has asked the History Committee Chair to serve as a liason with Mary Ellen Bowden, Senior Research Fellow, Science History Institute (formerly The Chemical Heritage Foundation) and Sophie Rovner, National Historic Landmarks Program Manager, to name the Chemical Teaching Laboratories site in the Rotunda at the University of Virginia as an American Chemical Society National Historic Chemical Landmark. The site formerly included laboratories first planned by Thomas Jefferson. It currently still includes a “Chemical Hearth” used to provide various temperatures for demonstrations and experiments for chemistry classes. Dr. Brian Hogg, Senior Historic Preservation Planner in the Office of the Architect for UVa, has given a tour of the site. The History Chair will be responsible for the completion of the application with the assistance of Dr. Hogg, Laura White and possible assistance from Ms. Bowden and Ms. Rovner. A proposal follows to the Virginia Section Executive Committee to determine if it is in favor of the Section nominating the site for historical recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

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