**ACS Virginia Section**

**Chair-Elect Report**

Saturday, June 29th, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

*Submitted By: Ashley Tubbs, Chair-Elect*

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**2024 Virginia Section ACS Meetings**

**January**

Canceled due to speaker/venue scheduling conflicts

**February 16, 2024**

University of Richmond  
The W. Allan Powell Lectureship in Chemistry  
Contact: Dr. Ray Dominey  
Speaker: Dr. Daniel Nocera  

Notes: Went well overall - Dr. Nocera was a compelling speaker and there were many young chemists in attendance

**March 22, 2024**

BioTech8  
ACS Virginia Local Section Awards  
Contact: Yezdi Pithwalla and Ashley Tubbs  
Catering: Buttermilk and Honey  
Speaker: Award Recipients

Notes: Went ok - Catering order arrived to restaurant late, so food was late. Many expressed difficulty finding parking and building entrance and no one could find the room (but we found each other)
April 19, 2024

University of Virginia
Undergraduate Research Poster Session
Contact: Cynthia Knight
Speaker: None

Notes: Unable to attend, but I heard it went well. Wristbands were provided to prevent people that weren't attending the symposium from taking food

September 20, 2024

Proposed venues
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Union University
- Science Museum of Virginia

Annual Teacher Awards
Contact: Dr. Charlene Crawley
Speaker: Jeff Seeman

October 18, 2024

Reynolds Community College
Contact:
Speaker: Joe Crockett
Topic: Laboratory Safety

November 15, 2024

Proposed venue
- Reynolds Community College
- VCU Shift Lab
- Bridgewater Community College

Contact:
Speaker:
Topic:
Open Monthly Section Meetings

- Strategic Plan
  - Targeted focus to advance our strategic plan and get new people involved in the Executive Committee
  - G1S1: Value
    - Draft a value proposition plan from the perspective of industry/business, faculty, and student members and volunteers
    - Add value to the section through tangibles attached to meetings
      - Digital Learning Badges for technical talks
  - G1S3: Identify members or strategize ways to involve new people in the Executive Committee
    - Create a Google Form for members to start their Local Section Leadership Journey
    - Start a Leadership Pipeline - funnel committee members to Executive Committee
      - Provide support to committees and (especially) student chapters
        - Proposed a Student Chapter Summit for leadership development and event planning
    - Incentivize specific demographics to attend meetings for free
      - Make members feel special!

- Other business
  - Student Travel Grant
    - Amount to budget
    - Poster/talk requirement
    - Outside funding requirement
  - Bylaws
    - Will need to be updated soon
  - Teacher Awards
    - Joe P. may have elementary teacher
    - Linette may have middle school teacher