

# ***THE R. GERALD BASS AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE***

The Virginia Section has created a new award to honor outstanding members of the Section who have made exceptional contributions to the Section over an extended period of time. The new award will be named the *R. Gerald Bass Award for Exceptional Service* in honor of Dr. R. Gerald Bass, who has been an active member of the Virginia Section for over 57 years. Jerry served on the Executive Committee for the Section from 1975 until his retirement at the end of 2013. At the national level, he served the ACS as a councilor for 22 years and was named an ACS Fellow in 2015. The first recipient of the *R. Gerald Bass Award for Exceptional Service* will be named at the Centennial Gala on October 24, 2015.

Here are some of Jerry's contributions to the Virginia Section:

- Member of Organizing Committee for SERMACS 2011
- Co-Chair of Steering Committee for SERMACS 1991
- Chair of Registration Committee and Secretary for 1969 Southeastern Regional Meeting
- Councilor for Virginia Section - 1991-2013
- Section Chair (1972), Chair-Elect (1971), Vice Chair (1970), Secretary (1969), Treasurer (1968)
- Distinguished Service Award - 1979
- Other Section committees - Nominating, Entertainment, Hospitality

