



Report to the Executive Committee
of the
Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

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Women Chemists Committee

The Vision of the WCC is “Empowering Women throughout the Chemical Enterprise” with a mission to attract, retain, develop, promote, and advocate for women to positively impact diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Society and the chemical profession.

The WCC held three networking meetings in 2018. A happy hour meeting was held on Thursday, February 15th at the VCU Chili’s. Lunch meetings were held on Friday, September 21st at noon at Urban Farmhouse in Scott’s Addition and Friday, November 30th at noon at The Daily in Carytown.

The WCC held a 10th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, June 14th. Thirty members and guests attended the event held on the campus of the University of Richmond in the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature. The reception was followed by a presentation in Jepson Hall by the keynote speaker, Dr. Denise M. Toney, Laboratory Director of the Commonwealth of Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services. The WCC would like to thank Dr. Toney, the University of Richmond, and the organizing committee of Kathryn Deibler, Emma Goldman, Stephanie Mabry, Kristine Smetana and Denise Walters for making this event a success.

The annual WCC Chemistry Career Discussion Panel was held at University of Virginia on Thursday, October 4th. Approximately 35 students and members attended this event which was held in the Gilmer Academic Commons. The speakers were Bonnie Landy, the owner and brewer of Winchester Brew Works, Debbie Winetzky, an applications chemist at BIO_CAT Inc, and Linette Watkins, currently the chair of the chemistry department at James Madison University. The WCC would like to thank the University of Virginia and Rebecca Pompano, Neda Ojaghlu, and Antea Cooper for their help organizing this event.

Plans for 2019

Networking meetings will continue in 2019. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 1st, 2019 at Chili’s on the VCU campus in Richmond. Members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion.

A location is still needed for the annual chemistry career discussion panel. In addition, speaker or theme suggestions from members are welcomed.

Budget

The WCC respectfully requests that a total of \$1500 be allocated in the 2019 budget.

Respectfully,

Stacey Sank, Chair

Stephanie Mabry, Immediate Past Chair