

Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, 26 January, 2019

History Committee

The *History* of the Section for the first 75 years was completed and printed in hardback and paperback versions in the 1990s. The completed version for the first 100 years includes publication on the Section website. An appendix has been included on the web site which includes: lists of officers, award winners, Olympiad top finishers, and other award winners, as well as information on the 100 Anniversary celebration. **In addition, photographs will be added to the text, including officers, award winners, and chapter activities.**

The chapter for 2016 has been written and will be added 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 on 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*.

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) to name the Chemical Teaching Laboratories site in the Rotunda at the University of Virginia as an American Chemical Society Historical Chemical Landmark, which includes laboratories first planned by Thomas Jefferson. Dr. Brian Hogg, Senior Historic Preservation Planner in the Office of the Architect for UVa, has been contacted by email about a time to schedule a tour of the site. The History Chair will be responsible for the completion of the application with the assistance of Dr. Hogg and possible assistance with members of the Virginia Section Executive Committee if the Virginia Section Executive Committee is in favor of the Section nominating the site for historical recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Awards—Education

Nominations for possible recipients still on file were reviewed and nominators and schools were contacted about strong nominees. The committee selected three recipients from this pool for awards in education who were honored at the September Section meeting in September 2018: Distinguished Elementary School Science Teaching Award to Ms. Ruth Kieffer, Greenwood Mill Elementary School in Frederick County; Distinguished Middle School Science Teaching Award to Ms. Stacie Dyson Berry, Elko Middle School in Henrico County; Franklin D. Kizer Distinguished High School Chemistry Teaching Award to Ms. Martha Mikell of Stuarts Draft High School in Augusta County. The committee still has worthy candidates for each award for 2019, and the selections will be made in the late spring.

There are several tasks that need to be addressed: nominations for awards for past recipients at the Regional and National level; revision of Section nomination forms to be compatible with awards at higher levels; contact with as many schools as possible in the Virginia Section for a new set of nominations for 2020, including teachers not yet selected who may be worthy. A letter from the Awards Committee was included with all science safety books which were distributed to schools in the Virginia Section informing principals about a new nomination form being made and requesting new nominations for worthy teachers when that is completed.

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