

**Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society
Executive Committee Minutes**

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA

Temple Building, Room 3309

Friday September 20, 2013

Meeting – 5:00 PM

Attendees:

Chair: Joe Crockett

Vice Chair: Todd Koch

Treasurer: Stephanie Mabry

Secretary: Rob Davidson

Past Chair: Karen Carter

Councilors: Ann Sullivan, Kristine Smetana and Jane Asper

Trustees: Bill Welstead

Other members of the Executive Committee present: Larry White and Ken Chapman

I. Call to Order 5:00 pm – Joe Crockett

II. New Business

A. Nominations

1. We have candidates for Vice Chair and Secretary
2. Need to appoint someone to fill last year of Jerry Bass's term - Linette Watkins, current councilor in Texas, will be joining faculty at JMU next year; her seniority as a councilor would be a big plus; she is willing to transfer her membership to our section in advance of her move; current councilors met with her in Indianapolis and were impressed; agreed to appoint her if she can participate in our 2014 Executive Committee meetings either in person, by Skype or by phone.

B. New Funding requests

1. Support for National Association of High School Teachers; could potentially invite them for a joint meeting in February or March; Kristine will write something up for the section bulletin to promote this new group
2. Need input from Committee chairs by November on wish list items for 2014

C. Alternative gifts for college seniors

1. Merck indices – no longer have access to free copies to present to top college seniors; cost \$150 a piece;
2. Alternatives include chemistry gift notebooks:
<http://shopping.netsuite.com/s.nl/c.ACCT107430/sc.23/category.1856/f>
3. Additional downloads of articles from ACS
4. Another book
5. Bring in researched options including cost (\$20 range) for January 2014 Executive Committee meeting

D. Other Items

1. Still need a YCC chair
2. BI did provide funding for the teachers' awards so we will also be providing checks for the schools
3. Still need a write-up of an Education grant request to take to local industry (Ann and Kristine to work on this)
4. WCC Chemical Career panel lined up for November at UMW prior to the section meeting

III. Next meeting – Saturday, January 18th?

IV. Adjournment 5:45 PM