

**Report to the Executive Committee of the Virginia Section of the American
Chemical Society
Chair Report
May 14 2016**

Please see the below for a brief summary of Chair activities since January 2016.

Annual Report- Completed Chair portions of annual report and reviewed annual report on-line

Presentations- Gave presentations at Richmond American Society for Quality meeting in February and at Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Richmond in May- “Professional Development through Volunteerism” using personal experiences and quotes from ACS executive committee members.

Student Awards- Presented awards to outstanding awards to students at April meeting. I mailed certificates and gifts to those who did not attend or send representative. Sent reminders to faculty members to have students submit ACS membership forms. **Note: Students who have already paid would like to know if they can be reimbursed instead. To be addressed at executive committee**

Section Engagement:

- **Virginia Science Museum-** Dr. Eugene Maurakis
 - He is very interested in more engagement with the ACS. He would like to know if ACS members would be interested in helping with the following:
 - Speakers for the Lunch Break Science Series
 - Looking for volunteers for the “Forge” (a new maker space). Volunteers would be willing to talk about how they got into their careers.
 - Speakers for 2017 Series on Climate Change- Resiliency, Bounce Bank and Preparation
 - Participation in National Chemistry Week program with a fair on careers in Chemistry
 - Companies interested in a table at the Science Museum on any science related to resilience (emergency preparation etc.)
 - The science museum will be launching an APP beacon that will send out a science related message on a regular basis. They are looking for content
 - The science museum does a spot on public radio “Question Your World”- they are looking for content experts.

Our requests:

- Representative from the Science Museum to serve on our executive committee.
- Opportunities to collaborate on events during Earth Day and National Chemistry Week.
- Post meeting request storage space

- **Met with Dr. Serge Schreiner- Chemistry Department Chair at Randolph Macon**
 - Not sure the advantages of involvement with local section. Sees the section as a social group
 - Will look for representative for executive committee
 - Has several NMRs available for industry partnerships

Strategic Planning- Lead series of meetings with the Strategic Planning Committee. See separate report on Strategic Planning.

Respectfully Submitted,

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