



IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA SECTION

- 1907** ➤ The formation of the **Virginia Chemists Club**
- 1915** ➤ The ACS granted a **charter** to the Virginia Section which had 31 charter members
- 1923** ➤ The publication of the first issue of the Virginia Section newsletter, ***The Bulletin***
- 1927** ➤ The Section hosted the 73rd **national meeting of the American Chemical Society**
- 1930** ➤ “**Chemical Education by Radio**” programs were broadcast in Richmond and Roanoke
- 1931** ➤ Twelve counties in southwest Virginia were ceded to the new **Virginia Blue Ridge Section**
- 1937** ➤ The Virginia Section hosted the **National Organic Chemistry Symposium**
- 1938** ➤ The Virginia Section hosted the **national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**, held in Richmond
- 1944** ➤ Thirteen counties in eastern Virginia were ceded to the new **Hampton Roads Section**
➤ Section member **Lloyd C. Bird** elected to Virginia State Senate
- 1948** ➤ The first Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Wortley F. Rudd**
➤ The first award for high school chemistry teaching was presented to **Lawrence W. Jarman**
- 1957** ➤ The Section broadcast its first series of **TV programs** and the “Ask Me an Atom” quiz show
- 1959** ➤ The Virginia Section hosted the **Southeastern Regional Meeting** of the ACS in Richmond - 800 registrants
- 1965** ➤ The Section celebrated its **50th anniversary**; ACS President **Charles Price** addressed the Section
- 1969** ➤ The Section held its first **Operation Interface** for college chemistry teachers
➤ the Virginia Section hosted the **Southeastern Regional Meeting** of the ACS in Richmond - 1,150 registrants
➤ The Section earned an **ACS award** for “Outstanding Performance by a Local Section”
- 1971** ➤ The Section initiated an **awards program** for college and university chemistry students
- 1979** ➤ The first meeting of **student affiliate chapters** in the Section was held
- 1985** ➤ The Section participated in the **Chemistry Olympiad** competition for the first time
- 1986** ➤ The Section held its first **Vendor Show** as part of a Section meeting
- 1987** ➤ The Section held its first **poster session** for college student research - 21 papers were presented
➤ The Section participated in the first **National Chemistry Day**
➤ The Section received an **ACS award** for the “Outstanding Section in the Medium-Large Category”
- 1989** ➤ The **first National Chemistry Week** celebration was held at the Science Museum of Virginia
- 1990** ➤ The first award for **middle school science teaching** was presented to Jeannie Bishop
➤ The Section celebrated its **75th anniversary** with **Dr. Russell Rowlett** presenting a talk on “*The First Seventy-Five Years of the Virginia Section*”
- 1991** ➤ The Virginia Section hosted the **Southeastern Regional Meeting, SERMACS-91**, in Richmond - 1,349 registrants

- 1993**
 - The Virginia Section received a **Phoenix Award** from the national ACS for the “Best National Chemistry Week Activity at a Museum or Library”
 - **Dr. W. Allan Powell** completed a history of the Section, titled *The Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society: The First Seventy-Five Years*
- 1994**
 - **Nicholas Loehr** from Chesterfield County was selected to be on the United States team that competed in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Oslo, Norway
 - the Virginia Section was given a **Phoenix Award** from the national ACS for “Outstanding National Chemistry Week Activities”
- 1995**
 - The **Section membership exceeded 1300**
- 1996**
 - the Virginia Section received a **Phoenix Award** from the national ACS for the “Best National Chemistry Week Activity with High Schools”
- 1997**
 - The Section presented its first set of **industrial awards**
- 2000**
 - The Section launched its **website**
- 2001**
 - The Virginia Section received a **ChemLuminary Award** from the national ACS for its activities in 2001
- 2002**
 - Section member **John B. Fenn** of Virginia Commonwealth University shared the 2002 **Nobel Prize** in Chemistry for his work on electrospray ionization mass spectrometry
- 2006**
 - **Sydney Creutz** of Albemarle County was selected as an alternate for the United States team that competed in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Gyeonsan, South Korea
 - the Section began involvement in the ACS program “**Chemists Celebrate Earth Day**”(CCED)
- 2007**
 - The Virginia Section received a **ChemLuminary Award** from the national ACS for the “Greatest Community Involvement in Chemists Celebrate Earth Day”
- 2008**
 - The national ACS presented a **ChemLuminary Award** to the Section for “Creative and Innovative Use of the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Theme.”
 - The Women Chemists Committee of the Section held its first **networking luncheon**
 - The Section held its first **Science Café**
 - The Section received a Third Place **Hospitality Award** from the ACS for demonstrating outstanding service to visiting tour speakers
 - The **Section boundaries** were adjusted by the ACS, removing Loudoun County and adding the counties of Amelia, Fauquier, and Prince William
- 2009**
 - The **Women Chemists Committee** sponsored their first Chemistry Career Panel
 - The Virginia Section received a national **ChemLuminary Award** for “Chemists with Disabilities Inclusion”
- 2010**
 - The first award for **elementary school science teaching** was presented to **Judy Fitzpatrick**
- 2011**
 - The Virginia Section hosted the **Southeastern Regional Meeting** of the ACS, SERMACS 2011, in Richmond - 1,250 registrants
 - The Section began electronic distribution of ***The Bulletin*** with posting on the section website
- 2013**
 - The Virginia Section received a record number of five national ACS **ChemLuminary Awards**: “Outstanding Program Aimed at Retaining Women in the Chemical Enterprise”; “Chemists with Disabilities Inclusion Award”; “Creative & Innovative Use of Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Theme”; “Outstanding NCW Event for a Specific Audience”; “Outstanding On-going NCW Event”
- 2015**
 - Two ACS **ChemLuminary Awards** were presented to the Section: “Outstanding New Local Section Younger Chemists Committee” and “Creative & Innovative Use of Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Theme”
- **The Virginia Section celebrates its 100th Anniversary**