

Report of the past chair.

The past year in the Virginia Section has been a series of

The section held seven regular meetings and three executive meetings during the year. The regular meetings were spaced around the section to allow nearly every member to attend a meeting within a one hour drive of their home. The meetings featured local and nationally known speakers. Three of our meetings featured awards to K-12 teachers, seniors at the section's fifteen four year colleges and universities, and career chemists for work in service to the section and in industry. At other meetings we also recognized the fifty and sixty year members of the ACS and presented them (if possible) with their certificates.

We added a third executive meeting this year in order to discuss the section's budget for the coming year. We did this as a means of starting the discussion of the budget prior to the January executive meeting.

Our members have been very active in many activities this year aside from our regular meetings. These activities include the Chemistry Olympiad, Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, Chemistry Olympiad, National Chemistry Week, Mole day, demonstrations at local schools and to middle and high school students, judging regional and state science fairs, attending a minor league baseball game, and volunteering for many other local activities.

The section had a memorable fall national ACS meeting as the section was nominated for EIGHT luminary awards and came home from Indianapolis with awards for-

- Outstanding Program Aimed at Retaining Women in the Chemical Enterprise
- Chemists with Disabilities Inclusion Award
- Creative and Innovative Use of Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Theme
- Outstanding NCW Event for a Specific Audience
- Outstanding On-going NCW Event

The section is made of around 1500 ACS members; high school, middle school, and elementary teachers; and numerous other professionals who work in our area. All that we accomplish as a section is due to these people and the roughly 100 very active members of the committees of the section. We are seeing new people coming to our section meetings and our job is now to get that fresh blood active in the future planning for our section.

NB: This is a rough draft for the annual report. Any comments, changes, etc. should be emailed to me at jcrocket@bridgewater.edu within the next week. Thanks – Joe C