



Report to the Executive Committee
of the
Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

January 17, 2015

Women Chemists Committee

Activities of the Virginia Section Women Chemists Committee (WCC) in 2014 were as follows:

Two planning meetings were held: February 21, 2014 at the Thai Room Restaurant in Richmond and July 28, 2014 at Little Mexico Restaurant in Richmond.

A networking event was held at Woodland Vineyard in Midlothian on Friday June 6, 2014. The event included a wine tasting and presentation by Melissa Jeltema, Ph.D. Food Science, who is the wine artisan and co-owner of the winery with her husband, Eric Gretenhardt. Twenty-hour members and guests attended the event. It was a beautiful evening, and everyone attending enjoyed the food, wine and fellowship. The WCC would like to thank Ann Sullivan for planning this event.

The annual WCC Chemistry Career Discussion Panel was held at John Tyler Community College in Chester on Thursday November 13, 2014. This was the sixth year for this event, as it returned to JTCC, but with a new format of a featured speaker and mock interviewing for the student attendees. Approximately thirty-five students, faculty, ACS members, and guests attended the presentation given by John Worth, the Director of Graduate Professional Development at Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. Worth gave an engaging talk on resume presentation and how to successfully prepare for and go through the interviewing process. The formal presentation was followed by a reception and an open session for the students to sit down with professionals from local chemical companies and recruitment agencies and practice their interviewing skills. The WCC would like to thank JTCC and Dr. Kristine Smetana for hosting and organizing this event. We also want to recognize and thank all those who volunteered as mock interviewers: Erin Allen, Michelle Banks, Pat Barber, Samantha Brock, Rob Davidson, Toni Hermann, Todd Koch, Mark Mabry, Lesley Schmid, Maria Szajda-Lam, Nyssa Thongthai, Bill Welstead, Amanda White, Courtney Wood.

A planning meeting is scheduled for Friday January 23, 2015 at the Thai Room Restaurant in Richmond to plan activities for 2015.

The WCC respectfully requests that \$1000 be allocated in the 2015 budget for WCC activities.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Mabry