

Chair Elect Report

Executive Committee Meeting 1/30/2016

Meeting Planning Activities

- January 22nd - Cancelled
- February 19th – University of Richmond Powell Lecture

Dr. Dennis Liotta, “Drug Discovery in Academia”

- March 18th – Awards Meeting Virginia State University.

Dr. Nicholas Farrell and Mr. Larry White

- April 15th– Poster session longer this year, moved up to 5PM- Speaker

Dr. Joseph Chipuk: Signature Science “Threat Chemistry – White Spies Needed”

- September TBA – Teacher’s Awards and Tour at Evonik Richmond. Organizational meeting with Evonik postponed due to weather.

Dr. Frank Schmidtman

- October 14th – Bridgewater.
- November TBA – Mary Washington

Collaborative Activities

Minority Affairs Committee:

- Partnered with NOBCCChE to increase awareness of professional networking for Chemistry Undergraduates and increase participation in professional organizations (see Minority Affairs Report).
- Piloted online speaker with student affiliates as part of Networking in October.

Women Chemist’s Committee:

- Coordinated Career Panel collaborative effort with WCC and MAC (see WCC report).

Younger Chemist Committee:

- Wrapped up the VA section ACS Mentor/Mentee Matching Program Pilot with Meet and Greet at University of Richmond (see YCC report).
- Assisting with turnover to the YCC for the 2016 roll-out.

Communications Committee:

- Brought in student to “intern” with Jim Beck.
- Investigated Facebook status and updating content.

Minority Affairs Report

On behalf of Yarabe Hyacynth (Chair 2015) and Karl Jackson (Chair 2016)

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2015 Activities:

Report as Published in the December Bulletin: The minority affairs committee of the Virginia Section of the ACS created a successful 2015 program with a focus on collaborative educational programs for college students. The year started with a presentation co-sponsored by Pfizer Consumer Healthcare and the ACS. Denise Walters, Virginia Section Chair Elect and Kamala Payne Chapman, both with Pfizer, shared a talk at Virginia Union University on "Careers in Chemistry." They spoke about the importance of chemistry and the number of different job opportunities related to chemistry, referencing the ACS website and they shared their personal stories. The program grew exponentially when the Virginia Section Minority Affairs Committee partnered with NOBCChE in a series of events designed to increase the professionalism of students in chemistry and to highlight the value of belonging to chemistry professional organizations. Initiating this collaboration, Talitha Hampton, President of NOBCChE, presented "Building your Brand in STEM" at the April section meeting at the University of Virginia. The workshop was attended by students from the University of Mary Washington, Virginia Union University, and Virginia State University. In June, she spoke to a large group of faculty about the value of service-learning during the 2015 Process Educators Conference at Virginia State University. These two events led to a collaboration entitled "Networking in October" which was advertised heavily across the section. The first networking event in October was via WebEx, with students from Virginia Union University, Virginia State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and James Madison University involved. Talitha Hampton focused on the transition from building a brand in STEM to building a professional profile on LinkedIn. This theme was continued as part of the 7th annual Career Panel co-sponsored by the Virginia Section's Women Chemists' Committee (WCC) and the Minority Affairs Committee. Talitha Hampton was the featured speaker at the close of the event, addressing over 75 students from Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Union University, J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, Virginia State University, and the University of Richmond. The collaboration of the Virginia Section Minority Affairs Committee and NOBCChE continues with efforts to build student chapters/affiliates in the region that would include membership in both organizations. We intend to continue this successful and exemplary partnership for an expanded effort in 2016. We will focus on continue networking events that expand the earning potential and success of students in the section.

2016 Activities:

Meeting with Virginia Union, VCU and VSU to organize NOBCChE/ACS chapter and student affiliate effort.

Karl Jackson, Colleen Taylor and Charlene Crawley