

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

Chair Report

We had a successful series of speakers in 2015. The speaker's schedule is listed below.

**Virginia Section ACS Meetings
2015**

- January 16** **Virginia Union University**
Awards Meeting
Dr. David Giamalva, Industrial Leadership Award
“Some “New” Challenges in Cough/Cold Products Containing Phenylephrine”
Dr. Joseph Crockett- Distinguished Service Award
“Laboratory Safety: Past, Present, and Future”
- February 20** **University of Richmond, Powell Lecture**
Dr. Joseph DeSimone
“Breakthroughs in Imprint Lithography and 3D Additive Fabrication”
- March 13** **Randolph-Macon College**
Dr. Douglas Friedman
“Safe Science: Promoting a Culture of Safety in Academic Chemical Research”
- April 17** **University of Virginia**
UVA Poster Session/Branding Yourself Workshop
Dr. Nelson Ayala
“The Health Benefits of Chocolate”
- September- 18** **Virginia Commonwealth University**
Speaker: Dr. Kate Yu, Waters
“Detecting the Unnatural in Natural Products- Studies on Adulteration of Dietary/Herbal Supplements”
- 24 October** **Doubletree by Hilton- Midlothian**
100th Anniversary Celebration- Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt, ACS President
“Looking Back and Looking Forward”
- 13 November** **University of Mary Washington**
Dr. Byran Tienes- National Surface Warfare Center- Dahlgren
“Chemical, Biological, and Radiological (CBR) Defense at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD)”

Grant Reports Updates:

I was responsible for submission of several grants with reports due for 2015 activities. The summary is provided below.

ACS Bridging the Gap Nano-Grant: Partnering with Neighboring Local Sections – YouTube Contest

The ACS awarded the section \$500 to conduct a cross sectional YouTube Contest with the money to be used as prize money for the students. The YouTube competition was held in the fall; however, no students submitted entries. The November meeting was live streamed to allow for participation by the other sections, but again there were no entries. No survey has been conducted, but verbal feedback from the students on why they did not participate included the following: 1) membership requirement (\$27), 2) complicated, 3) prize money insufficient relative to figuring out process, 4) too much competition with other activities (100th Anniversary Gala). We also struggled with limited engagement from other sections. The ACS has authorized reallocating the funds for another event.

IPG Grant- 100th Anniversary Gala

The ACS awarded the section \$3000 to support our 100th Anniversary Gala. The event was successful and the report to the ACS was submitted to the ACS on 1/19/2016 (Report submission # #8728472). The only outstanding commitment for the grant was the survey which will be sent out in January of 2016 by Krista Weissbart –Media and Public Relations Chair.

Respectfully,
Denise Walters