

# Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society

## Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, 23 January 2016

### History Committee

The History of the Section for the first 75 years was completed and printed in hardback and paperback versions in the 1990s. Some paperback copies are still available from Jim Beck. The plan for the completed version for the first 100 years includes publication on the Section website.

Jim Beck and Larry White are working on these additional chapters and have 1991-2015 written and most ready to be proofread. At least one proofreader has been engaged. The first 100 years will be completed soon and placed on the Section website. There is an appendix with this version which will include most or all of the following: Section Chairs, Distinguished Service Award winners and winners of the High School, Middle School, and Elementary School teaching awards, Industry Award winners, Senior Chemistry Major Award winners, and top finishers in the International Chemistry Olympiad exams, and other awards and winners of the Section that are available. Many of these are already on the website.

We have made several presentations at 2015-16 Section Meetings: "History of the History" in January, "History of the Section Formation" in March, "The 1965 Fifty Year Celebration" in April, "Special Meetings Involving the Virginia Section" in September, "A Brief History of the Virginia Section" at the October Centennial, "History of the Virginia Section *Bulletin*" in November, and in January, some history "tidbits" and a personal view of the Section. Other items we have on electronic/paper copies include: the talk that Russell Rowlett gave at the 1965 ACS meeting on the 75 year history of the Section, "A Medley of Reflections" by former Chair Dr. H. Rupert Hanmer at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, "A Glimpse into the Past with an Eye to the Future" by R. N. Gladding, a copy of the original charter from the ACS, and a few other documents related to the Section history.

After the end of each year, the history for that year will be added to the website. We have recently acquired some other sources of information, including *Bulletins* not currently in our possession, other Section documents, and contact information on ACS national offices that may have information about the Section. We plan to use these sources and "rewrite the History" to incorporate pertinent information into the website account of the *History of the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society*.

Respectfully submitted,

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