

Virginia Section AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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I. 2015 ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN

Four issues of the Bulletin have been published in 2015:

January -12 pages February -12 pages March -12 pages April -16 pages

Some items of note regarding the 2015 issues:

- 52 photographs;
- four "Chair's Corners;"
- Chemistry Olympiad information;
- seminar schedules for VCU and UVA;
- articles on Chemistry at the University of Richmond, Virginia Union University, Randolph-Macon College, and the University of Virginia;
- four announcements regarding the Section's Centennial Gala Celebration a directory of Section officers, committee chairs, and other members of the Executive Committee;
- an article on the Section's new Minority Affairs Committee;
- four "mystery persons;"
- four "questions from the past;"
- information and a report on a program sponsored by the Younger Chemists Committee;
- reports on the January, February, and March meetings of the Virginia Section;
- an article on the 2014 National Chemistry Week activities;
- information on the Student Success Workshop sponsored by Minority Affairs;
- an article on Dr. W. G. Crockett;
- information on the annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science;
- three articles on CCED (Chemists Celebrate Earth Day);

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- the schedule of ACS webinars;
- the chemistry winners at the Metro Richmond STEM Fair;
- a historical sketch of the early days of the Virginia Section, written by Robert F. McCracken in 1927;
- four "Words of Wisdom."

II. PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BULLETIN

In 2015, we continued to post the Bulletin on the Section's website and to send email notification to all Section members with operable email addresses (about 1200 persons). The email notices were sent via the email service *Constant Contact*. Ann Sullivan has provided email addresses for about 300 high school chemistry teachers and we include them in our emails. We also printed about 40 copies of each Bulletin for mail distribution. These were sent by first-class mail to members of the Section to persons who have requested hard copies. The printed copies are made at James River Printing in Colonial Heights. They copy, collate, fold, and staple the pages. The copies are then folded again and sealed with tabs and the mailing labels and stamps are affixed for mailing. Will Lewis and Jim and Gale Beck do the preparation of the copies for mailing.

III. EXPENSES

Expenditures to date for 2015 are about \$480, well within budget projections. *Constant Contact* has increased their fees for sending out the email notices by a nominal amount.

IV. SECTION WEBSITE

Ann Sullivan is the Section webmaster. The address is <http://www.virginia.sites.acs.org/>.

V. THANKS

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