



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

May 15, 2015

Women Chemists Committee

A planning meeting was held on Friday January 23, 2015 at Little Mexico Restaurant in Richmond to plan this year's activities. Six members attended. In addition, volunteer information regarding science fair judging and reviewing papers for the Virginia Junior Academy of Science was shared with the group.

In the past we held at least two networking lunches per year. These lunches are valuable for women who do not have a lot of interaction with other women chemists during their normal work day. Seven members attended the first networking lunch for 2015 which was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Tarrant's restaurant in Richmond. Thanks to Renu Aggarwal for organizing this event. Another networking lunch will be planned for late summer/early fall.

A summer networking event will be held on Friday June 5 at Ardent Craft Brewery. Samantha Brock is the organizer for this event, and a copy of the flyer is attached. We will have a beer tasting and a brewery tour. Members of WCC, the Virginia Section, and guests are welcome to attend. Cost is \$10 per person and space is limited so please RSVP to [samanthabrock@gmail.com](mailto:samanthabrock@gmail.com) by May 29th.

This year's annual career panel event for undergraduate students will be held at VCU jointly with the Minority Affairs Committee. Tentative plan is to hold event on a Friday in late September/early October. Help is needed with suggestions for focus and format for the event. We need to locate appropriate women and minority speakers willing to speak. If you would like to be involved in planning of this event, or can suggest speakers, please contact Stephanie Mabry or Colleen Taylor.

Planning for the career event has focused on balance between promoting careers in chemical sciences and related fields and marketing the event for the chemistry majors thinking about careers in health sciences. Students may be more likely attend to hear a higher profile scientist or a speaker related to the medical field. A good choice might be a scientist who majored in chemistry and then moved into medical research, pharmacology, etc. Other ideas include multiple short sessions with different speakers or panelists. For example, there could be a session on applying to medical school and your plan B if you don't get into medical school. Another session could consist of a panel of chemical professional answering career questions.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Mabry

Women Chemist Committee  
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# Summer Networking Event

Come out to network and  
enjoy beer tasting flight,  
light hors d'oeuvres and a  
special VIP tour of the  
brewery!

Cost \$10 to the WCC –  
bring cash or check!



**Friday, June 05, 2015**

**4:30 pm**

Please R.S.V.P. by May 29th to Samantha  
Brock [samanthabrock@gmail.com](mailto:samanthabrock@gmail.com)  
Reservations are required and space is  
limited.

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