



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

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Women Chemists Committee

Eight members and guests attended the networking lunch on Friday April 22 at Chili's at VCU. Plans for 2016 were discussed along with the topic of Women Scientists and Awards. Information shared indicates that there is a lack of women being nominated for technical awards. The group thought that promotion of the issue could help get members thinking more about qualified women scientists when making nominations. Samantha Brock volunteered to write an article on this for The Bulletin.

The next event planned is the Summer WCC Networking event. A glass blowing demonstration is scheduled for Thursday June 2 at 3 pm at Research Glass in Richmond. Due to the limited space available in the workshop, attendance will be capped at twenty. Event will be advertised to WCC distribution list, and then posted on Section website as space permits. Following the tour at Research Glass, the WCC will then be meeting for a happy hour at Kitchen 64 restaurant. Time will be approximately 4:30 to 6:30 pm. All ACS members will be invited to join the happy hour. This event is being organized by Stephanie Mabry.

This year's Chemistry Career Panel event for undergraduate students is currently planned for Thursday September 29 at the University of Richmond. Plans are still very tentative including date, so suggestions are welcomed. Emma Goldman is the contact for this event.

There are also plans for proposed chemistry week event at WestRock being led by Maria Szajda-Lam. This will be the first event for the Virginia Section WCC targeting middle school students, and there is good synergy between WestRock and the NCW theme of chemistry of fibers. However, there are issues of allowing younger students to tour the labs, so a different format for the event is needed. Challenge is ensuring the event is still hands-on enough to catch interest of students. Discussion on which schools to target students from was also discussed.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Mabry