

American Chemical Society

Form: Part II - Annual Narrative Report
 Organization: Virginia
 Year: 2007

A. Activities

Please describe and rank up to ten of your section's activities during 2007. Provide (a) the title of the activity, (b) a one paragraph description of the activity, and (c) an indication if this activity was new in 2007. If you wish to provide details beyond these paragraphs, please do so in Appendix 1.

Activity #1

a) Title: 8 Monthly Meetings -Dinner and Speaker

The Virginia Section meets January through April and September through December for a total of eight dinner/speaker meetings. Our January 19th meeting -Science Museum of Virginia; speaker Dr. Richard Field from the University of Montana, topic "Deterministic Chaos: Why Some Things That Appear to Be Random Are Not", February 23rd -jointly sponsored with the University of Richmond, speaker Dr. Sunney Xie from Harvard University, topic "Holding Single Molecules up to the Light: From in vitro to in vivo Studies", March 23rd -Hampden-Sydney College; speaker Dr. Peter R.

Lantos from the Target Group, topic "Chemistry -The Good and the Evil", April 13th -Student Awards and Research Poster Session at the Univeristy of Virginia; speaker Dr. William Bare from Randolph College, topic "Why Matter Matters: An Overview of the Two Thousand Year Debate on the Atomic Theory", September 14h -Annual Awards Meeting at Virginia Commonwealth University; speaker Dr. Jeffrey I. Seeman from SaddlePoint Frontiers, topic "Anecdotes and Learning in a Science Career", October 26th -Randolph-Macon College; speaker Dr. Stanley E. Manahan from the University of Missouri, topic "The Greening of Environmental Chemistry", November 9th- University of Mary Washington; speaker Dr. Jack Breazeale from College of Charleston/Laboratory Safety Institute, topic "Lab Inspections: You Might Be Surprised By What You Find!", and December 7th -Teacher Awards and Volunteer Recognition at John Tyler Community College; speaker Dr. Marilyn Miller from Virginia Commonwealth University, topic "CSI and Forensic Science: Real vs Reel". These 8 meetings were held at various location throughout the Section to promote chemistry; provide member career networking opportunities, and to continue to accomodate the needs of our diverse membership.

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c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #2

a) Title 9 Bulletin Publications / LS Website

Nine issues of the Bulletin, Dr. Jim Beck -editor, were published in 2007. Meeting and Speaker information constituted the main content of the issues. Ninety-one photogrpahs were printed and other regular features included: messages from the Chair of the Section; reports on Section meetings, seminar schedules for Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia, information on meetings of the Richmond Chromatography Discussion Group, information on the Chemistry Olympiad, National Chemistry Week and Earth Day, articles on chemistry programs at host colleges and universities, information on the Virginia Academy of Science and its annual meeting, names of new members of the Section, jobs/positions available at various companies, "Questions from the Past", "Mystery Persons", and a "Words of Wisdom" section. Other items included in 2007 issues were: a directory of Section officers, committee chairs, and members of the Executive committee; budget for the Virginia Section, names of fifty-year and sixty-year members, directory of college and university chemistry departments in the Section, winning posters in NCW and Earth Day contest, information on SERMACS meetings, including SERMACS 2011 that we will host, names of winning students and schools in the Section's Chemistry Olympiad, contact information for officers of the Virginia Section, memorial tributes to deceased members and speakers, information on the winners of Virginia Section awards, Section goals for 2007, information on the Virginia Science Resource Network (VSRN), map of the Virginia Section and a list of localities in the Section, listing of all of the undergraduate research posters presented at the April meeting, abstracts of undergraduate research poster presentations, and a list of outstanding chemistry graduates from colleges and universities. The Bulletin circulates to over 1500 members and about 300 high school teachers. Copies are sent to some middle-school teachers and other non-members of the Section who have requested copies. In addition, we send the Bulletin to the Executive Committee members, colleges, universities, companies in the Section, ACS national staff members, Virginia Department of Education, Virginia Education Association, the Science Museum of Virginia, three Section newspapers (including their Science Editor, Education Editor, the Business Editor, the Professional Relations Writer, and the Metro Business calendar). Bulletin issues are available on our website with other Section information. The address is <http://membership.acs.org/V/VA>. These are two of the most powerful communication tools the Section has outside of our members.

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Activity #3

a) Title Earth Day -April/ NCW Celebration -Oct

Earth Day and NCW Celebration are listed here as Activity #3 since Dr. Kristine Smetana is our coordinator for both events. The Section partnered with the Chemistry Club at John Tyler Community College to execute the event at the Science Museum of Virginia, Mary Munford Elementary School -local elementary school in Richmond, VA, and an environmental awareness event at John Tyler. These events during Earth Week not only promoted ways to take care of the Earth by recycling, but actually delved deeper by portraying the Earth in a way the children could understand -breaking it down into individual stations. These stations included the Earth and what it is made of -elements, rocks and living/non-living entities, where they come from, do they still exist, what people are doing to take care of the Earth and why, as well as how we can help the Earth by recycling. National Chemistry Week had over 900 children participate in our three day event "The Many Faces of Chemistry" at the Science Museum of Virginia. Children and adults were able to learn about the many different fields of chemistry and how it relates to everything possible in our lives through hands-on activities and demonstrations. Over 85 volunteers really had a great time with the chemistry awareness event. ACS members, faculty and chemistry club students from John Tyler Community College, J. Sargent Reynolds, Longwood University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Union University, student affiliate chapters, as well as chemists and ACS members from Philip Morris and Lyotropic Therapeutics, and students from area high schools volunteered during the event engaging children of all ages with activities from making super balls to learning about fingerprinting.

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Activity #4

a) Title: Student Research Poster Session

In concert with our April meeting at the University of Virginia, the Section holds its annual poster session with emphasis on student research, especially work done by undergraduates. The atmosphere is informal and a low-stress environment for students to acquire practice and experience in making research presentations and responding to questions regarding their work. The Section had a total of 28 poster presentations. Thanks was given to Ms. Susan Collins who has retired from the University of Virginia. Ms. Collins coordinated the student poster sessions that the VA Section sponsors; prepared the program of posters and compiled the poster abstracts that the Section prints in our Bulletin.

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Activity #5

- a) Title Recognition of Outstanding Chem Grads

Outstanding senior chemistry majors from colleges and universities in the Section were honored during our April meeting at the University of Virginia. Each school was asked to select a student to receive the Section award for undergraduate achievement. The awardees were guests at our meeting and received free membership in the ACS, a framed certificate of recognition, and a Merck Index with their name imprinted on the cover. Representatives from the student's respective schools introduced the awardee and

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gave a brief summary of their research and chemical interest. A total of ten awards were given to our deserving students.

- c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #6

- a) Title: Chemistry Olympiad

The 2007 Chemistry Olympiad was very successful. Thirty-five schools asked to participate with over 1000 students. Almost half of the participating schools were new to the Section Chemistry Olympiad competition. Two levels of examinations, First-Year and Second-Year, were administered. Individual and team awards were presented in various categories. Some of the results are given below and more information was posted on the Section website. Fourteen students with several alternates, for a total of 12 slots, were invited to take the National Olympiad exam on April 28th at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond (no more than two students could be nominated from each school and each student had to be a U.S. Citizen to be eligible for the IChO Study Camp). Eleven of the nominated students participated in the National Exam. The nominees were from Albemarle, Brooke Point, Charlottesville, Forrest Park, Freedom, Harrisonburg, Monticello, and Powhatan High Schools, and from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, St. Stephen's, and St. Agnes' School. Although none of the students qualified for the Study Camp, Evan Baugh (Harrisonburg) received Honors and Samouil Fahri (Albemarle) received High Honors on the National Examination. Local Examination participants with the highest score and their respective teacher received a National Olympiad or Element pin. A list of all the schools participating included: Albemarle, Banner Christian, Brooke Point, Charlottesville, Chesapeake Bay Governor's, Cosby, Colonial Forge, Colonial Heights, Deep Run, Douglas Freeman, Eastern Mennonite School, Forrrest Park, Freedom, Harrisonburg, Highland Springs, Maggie Walker Governor's School, Matoaca, The Miller School, Mills E. Godwin, Monticello, Mountain View, New Horizons Governor's

School, Notre Dame Academy, Patrick Henry, Potomac Falls, Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond Community, Spotswood, St. Catherine's, St. Christopher's, St. Stephen's, St. Agnes, Stafford, Stonewall Jackson, The Steward School, Southside Governor's School. The students with the three highest scores from all participating schools, separated by category and by test (first / second year) received a \$25 gift certificate from Barnes and Noble for first place, a \$15 gift certificate for second place and a \$10 gift certificate for third place. Those students who were nominated for the National Exam received a \$25 gift certificate, instead of their place amount. In addition, Team Awards were given to the school having the highest combined total for three students, separated by category and year. These schools received plaques and were presented to representatives at the Section's December meeting.

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Activity #7

a) Title: YCC-Launching Your Chemistry Career

The Younger Chemists Committee hosted its inaugural event "Chemistry on Tap" in Harrisonburg at Cally's Restaurant and Brewing Company. Prof. Ram Mohan (Prof. of Chemistry, Illinois Wesleyan University) led an informal discussion entitled "Launching Your Chemistry Career". The event was organized by Assoc. Prof. Kevin Minbiole (James Madison University) and Asst. Prof. Janet Asper (University of Mary Washington). Nine students attended the "Chemistry on Tap" event. The Section provided refreshments. This was the first of what is to become a series of YCC events.

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Activity #8

a) Title: Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony

Actually the Section did two things -we presented the Distinguished Service and Outstanding Innovation Awards at our September Meeting held at Virginia Commonwealth University. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Jeffrey I. Seeman. Dr. Seeman recieved his B.S. with high honors in 1967 from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1971 from the University of California, Berkeley. Following a two-year staff fellowship at the Laboratory of Chemical Physics of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, he joined Philip MORris Research Center in Richmond, VA. In 1983-84, he enjoyed a sabbatical year at the Dyson Perrins Laboratory in Oxford, England, and claims to have visited more than 90 percent of hte castles in England, Wales, and Scotland. Seeman's 90 published papers include research and patents in the areas of photochemistry, nicotine and tobacco alkaloid chemistry and

synthesis, conformational analysis, pyrolysis chemistry, organotransition metal chemistry, the use of cyclodextrins for chiral recognition, and structure-activity relationships in olfaction. He was a plenary lecturer at the Eight IUPAC Conference on Physical Organic Chemistry held in Tokyo in 1986 and has been an invited lecturer at numerous scientific meetings and universities. He is the Editor of the prestigious series of 20 autobiographies of eminent chemists titled Profiles, Pathways and Dreams, published by the American Chemical Society and Oxford University Press. Currently, Seeman serves on the Petroleum Research Fund Advisory Board. He continues to count Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin among his best friends. Seeman presented a talk entitled "Anecdotes and Learning in a Science Career". Seeman was presented with a plaque and our customary engraved Camelot Jeffreson Cup.

The Section also presented the Outstanding Innovation Award to Dr. Kai O. Donsback from Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, Inc. This award is given to an individual or group whose invention has resulted in a commercial product or a new or improved process for making a commercial product. Donsback supervises a laboratory at BI Chemicals in charge of chemical development of new chemical entities and supplies experimental API's for early and late clinical trials. Dr. Donsback has developed a new synthesis of BILR 355, which is a new experimental compound for the treatment of HIV. The process avoids lengthy and costly transformations on its complex intermediates. One intermediate step is conducted by an innovative phase-transfer-catalyzed approach at very mild temperatures to avoid destruction of the sensitive molecule, and unusual approach for this kind of ring-closing reactions. This synthesis has been adopted by Boehringer Ingelheim and BILR 255 is now in clinical trials, in hopes of becoming an alternative treatment to currently resistant patients. Dr. Donsbach was given the award and although he was not asked to present a talk at our September meeting, I asked him to consider presenting to us at some future date.

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Activity #9

a) Title: Distinguished High/Mid Sch Teacher Award

The Section presented the Distinguished High School Chemistry Award to Ms. Liza Schmieder who teaches at Prince George High School. She graduated from Virginia State University in 1993 with a B.S. in Chemistry. After taking additional courses, she obtained her teacher certification in 1995. From 1997 to 2000, Liza worked at Philip Morris Flavor Center as an Analytical Laboratory Technician. In August 2000, she began teaching chemistry at Prince George High and now enjoys being co-chair of the Academic Challenge and Envirothon Teams. She is also enjoying the challenge of rejuvenating an Advanced

Placement Chemistry class in addition to her honors and regular chemistry classes. The Distinguished Middle School Science Teacher Award was presented to Ms. Dianne Nolan. Dianne graduated from Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1988. In 1990, she moved to Virginia, teaching 4th and 5th graders in Prince William County until 2005. She currently teaches Physical Science at Ni River Middle School in Spotsylvania County. From the beginning, she has been passionate about teaching science -particularly the Physical Sciences. The Awardees were presented with monetary gifts (\$300) and plaques at our December meeting held at John Tyler Community College in Chester.

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Activity #10

a) Title: Recognition of LS Volunteers/Exec Comm.

2007 was a busy year for the Section. None of the events would have transpired without the assistance coming from our officers; executive committee members, and a host other volunteers. At each meeting, our speaker is always presented with a Camelot Jefferson Cup with the speaker's name, meeting date and Virginia Section engraved on the cup. To share in the recognition, I thought our December meeting would be an opportunity to recognize and thank everyone for all the hard work and to just show appreciation. I gave out several plaques that I called the "Chair's Award". These plaques were given to the Treasurer, the Bulletin Editor, the Webmaster / Chemistry Olympiad Coordinator, and to the Earth Day / NCW Coordinator. I took this opportunity to also present the plaque from LSACS to the NCW Coordinator. In addition, framed certificates of appreciation were given to all the officers of the John Tyler Chemistry Club who partnered with the Section to execute Earth Day and NCW. The officers of the Chemistry Club also received a Merck Index. The executive committee members were asked to stand and be recognized at the meeting. I sent them all a certificate of appreciation and a note of thanks. For the teacher at Mary Munford School who assisted us with Earth Day, I gave her a certificate and a letter expressing our thanks for her help. Her elementary school principal was sent a letter also thanking him and the school for their support and expressing our gratitude to his teacher for all that she had done. All the meeting hosts were given certificates of appreciation and as per usual I presented the December Meeting speaker with our Camelot Jefferson Cup.

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B. Summary - Overall Section Activities

Please summarize in *1,000 words or less*, the activities of the section in 2007 which have not been already

described. Outstanding events should be described in some detail and appropriate attachments included in Appendix 3. Programs described here may be featured in publications produced by the ACS Membership Division and/or at the Local Section Leadership Conferences.

Other activities that transpired in the Section for 2007 include: Our councilors' report from the 234th ACS National Meeting in Boston. We have one hundred percent participation from the councilors as they are quite active and keep the Section abreast of meeting transactions. Their report highlights the Actions of the Council. Worthy on note: Dr. Jerry Bass served on the Council Policy Committee (CPC), Nominations Committee, attended the CPC meeting and participated in one of its subcommittees. Dr. Ann Sullivan serves on the Committee of Technician Affairs (CTA), as a Liaison to the Joint Subcommittee on Diversity and the Local Sections Activity Committee (LSAC). Dr. Pat Barber serves as a member of CEPA and Chair of its Subcommittee on Professional Services. He also serves as an associate member of CCS.

Our SERMACS Chair, Dr. Joseph Pompano, continues to work with the committee and Section in planning SERMACS 2011 as we will be the host.

Industrial Relations, Drs. Rob Davidson & Dutch Waldbauer, initiated a monthly industry relations email to our local section corporate liaisons. This email primarily provides information about upcoming section meetings and requests that the liaisons encourage their colleagues to attend. As a reminder, the local corporate liaison responsibilities include: 1) Communications with other chemists at their company about local ACS meetings. 2) Solicit nominations within their companies for local section industrial awards. and 3) Serve as their company's focal point for any other local ACS activities.

The Awards Committee, Dr. Bill Rademaker -chair, sent letters and nomination forms to the 380 middle and high schools in the Section. Eleven nomination were received, seven for the Middle School Physical Science Teacher Distinguished Service Award and four in the High School Chemistry Teacher Distinguished Service Award category. The awardees were Dianne Nolan at Ni River Middle School and Liza Schmieder at Prince George High School. A special thanks went to Gerry Ferguson and Stu Clough for their work on this committee.

The Chemical Technician Committee, Mr. Kenneth Chapman -chair, indicated that J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College has submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation seeking funds to establish a program titled Molecular Sciences Technology. The principal goal of the program is to prepare highly qualified technicians to work in a wide variety of science laboratories in Central Virginia.

The Entertainment Committee, Dr. Stephanie Mabry - chair, presented a report on meeting attendance for Spring and Fall 2007. The reports are categorized relative to member/guest; retired member/guest,

college student, high school teacher, high school student, and those who received a free meal either because they were the speaker or just happened to be a new Section member with a welcome letter from the Chair.

Government Relations Committee, Dr. Sheryl Baldwin - co-chair, reported that she met with Senator Jim Webb during his recent visit to Richmond to ask him to vote for the funding of the Science Education (STEM and PSM) components of the America Competes Act. Sen. Webb was very much interested in the Professional Science Masters Program which is a way to help enhance the US science and technology workforce for American industries. The ACS participated in the Coalition for Science Education assessment of the nations Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education needs and recommended increased educational funding for the STEM disciplines at all levels, as well as identifying the Professional Science Masters degree program as a key program in developing the STEM workforce. Although the authorizing legislation was passed by Congress and signed by the President, the program was not included in the appropriations bill.

Student Affiliates, Dr. Thomas DeVore -liason, reported that two chapters were recognized and was a decrease from the previous four years. Receiving Honorable Mention were Longwood University and the University of Mary Washington. The next gathering of the Section Student Affiliates will be on March 28, 2008 at James Madison University. Dr. DeVore noted that James Madison's Student Affililate held several events that included: monthly chapter meetings; tutoring, social events, sponsored events such as faculty research talks, NCW community activities on campus and at a local elementary school, community service projects -demonstrations for the Girl Scouts and several elementary schools and Relay for Life (raised approximately \$10,000). Longwod University held regular meetings and also conducted chemical demonstrations. They attended LS meeting at VCU and hosted 3 seminar speakers during the fall. The chapter instituted a plastics recycling program in their new science building and had a monthly social events. The University of Richmond chapter had a movie night with James River High School Chemistry Club students. The chapter is partnering with James River High on other activities currently in process.

The Chemical Education Committee, Ryan Warren -chair, was quite active in supporting various school science projects in grades K through 12. Mini-Grants of \$50 to \$500 were provided to teachers in the Section for purchasing equipment and materials. The Section provided grant applications at our website. To summarize the grants provided: 1) Henry Clay Elementary (Hanover County)\$500 to enable teachers to conduct simple experiments that demonstrated how materials interact when mixed; force and motion of objects, the effects of rainwater on plats and the Earth, and other items related to SOL. 2) Matoaca Milddle School (Chesterfield County)received \$463 to

purchase laboratory materials for group experiments with elements relative to physical and chemical properties. 3) Broadway High School(Rockingham County) received \$480 to enhance student biotechnology skills. Funds were used to acquire electrophoresis equipment and ancillary devices. 4) Berkeley Glenn & William Perry Elementary (Waynesboro) received \$450 to purchase laboratory supplies and 5) Richmond County Elementary received \$475 for purchasing laboratory materials to increase science opportunities for hands on experience in their classroom.

Dr. David M. Anderson wrote an article to be published in the Journal of Virginia Science Education. The title is "Teacher Access to Mentors through Professional Scientist Organizations and the Virginia Science Resource Network". Dr. Anderson is chair of Government Relations and is also active in educational affairs in the Section.

The Trustees working with the Section Treasurer completed our financial records audit for 2006 calendar year.

The Section sponsored chemistry awards (monetary prizes given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners) at both the Metro Richmond Science Fair and the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair.

Throughout the year, members served as judges at science fairs; gave presentations in industry and at secondary schools, participated in community activities, tutored students, and served as mentors to guide future scientists. It was a busy year and none of these activities would have transpired without the willingness of our members to volunteer.

C. Local Section and Chair Goals

2007 Goal Attainment. The Local Section Activities Committee strongly encourages local section planning. As a result, the 2007 local section annual report should follow-up on the attainment of goals. Please list the goals you set at the beginning of your term for your section and yourself, and report on the attainment of the goals.

a) Local Section Goals and Assessment:

Support ACS Programs and Initiatives with major emphasis on Chemistry Olympiad, National Chemistry Week and other activities as approved by the Executive Committee

1)Active participants in Chemistry Olympiad, Earth Day, and NCW

2)Section's Chemistry Olympiad had 35 schools participate (over 1000 students); two students received honors on the National Exam and Olympiad Team winners were recognized

3) Section partnered with local high schools, colleges, universities, and ACS Student Affiliate Chapters to execute Earth Day and NCW

Promote Career development and professional

interactions among members

- 1) Section dinner / speaker meetings provided time and an environment to facilitate networking with members; guests, and speakers
 - 2) Opportunities for employment listed in the Section's Bulletin and at our website
 - 3) YCC event focused on careers in chemistry
 - 4) Used students as much as possible to introduce speakers at meetings
- Continue to ensure efficient operation of the Section
- 1) Section was a ChemLuminary Award Finalist for Outstanding Performance by a Local Section at the meeting in Boston
 - 2) Section infrastructure in place and works beautifully -Officers along with Trustees and Treasurer maintain a "check and balance" relationship for the good of the Section
 - 3) Extended the Treasurer's tenure to 3 years to provide continuity in executing financial matters for our Section
 - 4) Used job manual for understanding of roles and responsibilities

b) 2007 Chair's Goals and Assessment:

Increase communication and interaction with chemistry teachers and students at high schools, community colleges, and universities

- 1) Section had two student Affiliate Chapters receive Honorable Mention from the ACS; I sent their advisor and the chapter letters of congratulations and thanks
- 2) Serve as tutor for chemistry students at local college
- 3) Obtained a position as adjunct faculty (John Tyler Community College) teaching chemistry to give back to the area and show that I'm interested in 2 year as well as 4 year schools in Virginia
- 4) Gave talks at local high school chemistry club (James River High School)
- 5) Mailed our Bulletin to teachers at all levels and asked them to share contents with their students
- 6) Participated in "lunch and learn" sessions at high schools
- 7) Several high school teachers brought their chemistry classes to two of our 8 dinner/speaker meetings
- 8) Recognized outstanding middle / high school teachers at awards ceremony

Continue officer meetings to share information and always follow up with committee chairs and members to provide assistance as needed

- 1) Conducted our informal breakfast / dinner meetings to share roles and responsibilities to make sure we were on track for Section activity and business
- 2) Used e-mail to stay in contact and follow up on events
- 3) Shared information from the ACS with our Section via e-mail, website, and our Bulletin -Chair's Corner Section
- 4) Listed my contact information in the Bulletin and at our website just in case a member needed assistance

Make special efforts to address the needs of younger chemists, as well as women and minorities, and to increase their participation in VA Section activities

- 1) YCC had its first activity pertaining to careers in chemistry
- 2) Although the VA Section is quite diverse in membership, I was not as successful as I had hoped to be in attracting more minorities to our events and activities

Recognize volunteers

- 1) I recognized all the members who served as LS Meeting hosts
- 2) Recognized all officers and executive committee members with plaques and or certificates of appreciation
- 3) Recognized our 50 and 60 year members
- 4) Gave certificates of recognition to all the members and our partners who helped with Earth Day and NCW activities
- 5) I recognized one, Rhonda Phillips, the teacher at Mary Munford Elementary school who helped partnered with our members to conduct Earth Day and sent her principal a letter thanking him for the school's support and expressing what a great job his teacher had done.

2008 Goals. (This section should be completed by the 2008 local section chair.) Please list below at least 2. three goals that you and your local section plan to accomplish during your term as local section chair.

a) 2008 Local Section Goals (Include at least three goals):

1. Act upon the ACS Vision: Improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry
2. Support ACS Programs and Initiatives
3. Promote career development and professional interactions among members
4. Continue to ensure efficient operations of the Section
5. Volunteer

b) 2008 Chair's Goals:

1. Increase communication and interaction with members of the VA Section including retired professionals, professionals in education and industry, and our student affiliates. This will be done by continuing with the monthly meetings and introducing the Science Cafe to the VA Section
2. Become active in the Younger Chemist Committee
3. Continue development/planning for the 2011 SERMACS Meeting
4. Recognize volunteers

D. Suggestions/Concerns

List any suggestions you have for the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC). How can LSAC specifically help your section?

2007 was another good year for interaction with LSAC. We participated in teleconference calls on many topics and received guidance / direction on hosting SERMACS 2011.

The Section will continue to seek your help re hosting / planning SERMACS. I think that this will be the biggest challenge and forthcoming opportunity for the Section.