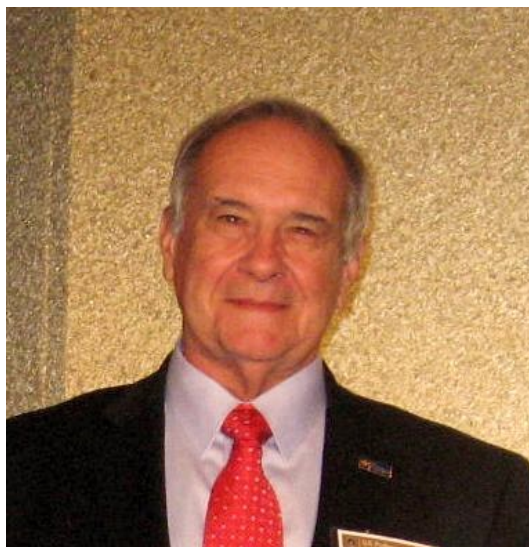


2013 Ivey F. Lewis Distinguished Service Award

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James Patrick O'Brien, Ph.D.

A Sustaining Member of the Academy, James P. O'Brien, Professor of Psychology at Tidewater Community College, joined VAS in 1973, was the Academy's 71st President (1993-94) and was named a Fellow in 1997. Currently, he is the Academy's Delegate to the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Association of Academies of Science, Chair of the Fellows Fund Committee, Co-Chair of the Fund Raising Committee, Chair of the Awards Committee, Associate Editor of *Virginia Scientists*, and a member of the Publications Committee. He has served on Council as the Psychology Section Representative since 1977, beginning as the alternate Councilor for three years; in the Psychology Section he held several terms as Vice Chair, Secretary, Editor, and Chair, Director of the Section's Invited Lecturer Series, Program Chair, and Session Chair. Dr. O'Brien was appointed to the Academy's statutory Seat 14 on the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum of Virginia by Governor Timothy Kaine and, for a second term, by Governor Robert McDonnell; he is Chair of SMV's Science Education Committee, a member of the Science Advisory Committee and Executive Committee, and has served on the Strategic Planning Committee, Nominations Committee, and Broad Street Campus

Committee. He is the Board of Trustees' Auditor on the Virginia Outstanding Scientist Selection Committee.

In the 1970s-80s, he sent Calls-for-Papers and invitations to non-members within a 50 mile radius of the annual meeting as Chair of the Membership Committee and prepared media packages for annual meetings as Chair of the Publicity/Public Affairs Committee (ad hoc). Jim has also been a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, the Committee on the Future of the Academy (ad hoc), the 75th Anniversary Committee (ad hoc), the Junior Academy of Science Committee, Nominations and Elections Committee, and was Director of the Academy's Biennial Leadership Retreats. As President-Elect, he was Program Chair of the 1993 Annual Meeting at Old Dominion University and also solicited exhibitors for several annual meetings. Council named him Founding Editor of *Virginia Scientists* in 1991, which he has variously served as Editor, Associate Editor, and Assistant Editor.

Over the past 40 years, he has co-authored scores of VAS research papers with approximately 80 of his honors students, colleagues, and students, presenting in the Sections on Psychology, Medical Sciences, Engineering, and Education. Jim was Director of the 75th Anniversary Campaign in which donors generously contributed \$13,000 to the Academy. With the assistance of Jim and Lisa Martin and then-SMV Director Walter R. T. Witschey, he negotiated and directed the move of the Academy's Central Office from the University of Richmond to the Science Museum of Virginia. He established or re-established the following Academy Sections: Computer Science (with Gregory C. Cook of Tidewater Community College), Archaeology (with J. Mark Wittkofski of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists), Natural History and Biodiversity (with the Virginia Natural History Society and the assistance of Elsa Falls and Carolyn Conway), and Geography (with Stephen E. Wright of James Madison University).

Trained in engineering and environmental psychology, his current research in social psychology focuses on independence and conformity. In the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, he was Co-Chair of the Public Affairs Committee, South Regional Editor, a member of the Education Committee and Council of Chapter Presidents; he was President of the Tidewater HF&ES Chapter, 1983-84. He joined the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1970, was nominated Chair of Section Y in 2012, and was named a AAAS Fellow in 2011. Currently, Jim is also a member of the Association for Psychological Science, Virginia Psychological Association, Virginia Academy of Academic and Applied Psychology, and Psychology Teachers at Community Colleges (American Psychological Association affiliate), and Virginia Community College Association. He is a member of Old Dominion University's Darden College of Education Advisory Board, Dominion Energy Options Advisory Board, and The Talbot Hall Foundation Board of Directors.

Dr. O'Brien was named "Virginia Professor of the Year" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (2010) and received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (2011). The Virginia Community College System twice awarded Jim Chancellor's Commonwealth Professorships (2003-05, 2007-09); in 2007, VCCS named him the inaugural recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence. He joined the faculty at Tidewater Community College in 1972; TCC has recognized him as Professor of the Year (2006-07), TCC-Charles University (Prague) Faculty Exchange Scholar (1999), and as recipient of the

International Education Award (2000), Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award (1999-2000), and the George B. Pass Memorial Distinguished Service Award (1994). He has also been an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia. Dr. O'Brien is listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in America* (2011-present), *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* (1994-97), and *Who's Who Among College and University Students* (1966, 1971, 1972).

He received his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Richmond (1966, Scabbard and Blade, Phi Delta Theta), and the M.S. in General-Applied Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University (1969, Psi Chi). He earned his doctorate in Human Factors Psychology at The Catholic University of America (1977, President's Scholar). Other post-baccalaureate studies include T. C. Williams School of Law (University of Richmond, Phi Delta Phi), University of Richmond Graduate Arts & Sciences, University of Michigan Human Factors Engineering Summer Conferences, George Washington University School of Business (Delta Nu Alpha), George Washington University School of Medicine, American University Schools of Public Policy and Education, University of Virginia Tidewater Extension, and Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Extension.

Jim and Mary Louise are members of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Norfolk and are the proud parents of Christopher O'Brien of Norfolk, Andrew and wife Alicia O'Brien of Annapolis, and Marquis Evans of Randolph-Macon College.