

Message from the Chair

Dear colleagues:

During our first executive committee meeting on February 12th there were many events that were approved. Our 2018 theme, *Information is key*, is now an integral part of our monthly initiatives.

Dr. Kelly Elkins (Towson University) attended the Leadership Institute Meeting in Dallas in January and provided a summary of the events. Workshops and activities focused on strategies to create successful events; how to deal with time, planning, networking, and engaging volunteers. Her report is included in this issue.

We have a webinar on February 27th to learn about the OPIOID epidemic in the United States. Please “save the date” to participate in this presentation; use www.acs.org/PIB or YouTube (6:45 P.M. ET). In March, several of us will attend the ACS National meeting in New Orleans. In addition to the councilors, we will have fifteen graduate and undergraduate students from the ACS Maryland section presenting posters. We will also be presenting a poster on our annual tour of the Montebello water treatment plant to high school students.

The Student Awards event will take place on April 8th. We have arranged for a demonstration on essences and products by a representative from *Trilogy Essential Ingredients, Inc.* Two additional events in June will be a Baltimore Museum of Art tour entitled “Materials and human creativity through time and place” (the exact Saturday or Sunday in June will be announced in May) and a visit to the water filtration plant by Montebello lake (June).

We are actively updating our website. Dr. James A. Saunders (former Maryland section chair) and Dr. Merle Eiss (Maryland section councilor) are rewriting and editing the history of the Maryland Section. We have received an offer to help with the design of the website. I encourage members to give ideas on a user-friendly, attractive website.

I encourage all Maryland Section members to get involved in the activities prepared by the local section. We need collaboration with two student activities in April. The first is the US National Chemistry Olympiad workshop; ACS Maryland members will be helping students prepare for the competition. The second is an outreach science night activity in the evening of April 26th.

We are happy to announce the *2018 High School Teacher Award* winner to attend a scientific meeting. Chemistry teacher Dr. Adam Wishart (Baltimore Polytechnic Institute) has been recognized for his excellence in chemistry teaching. The prize includes \$1500 to attend the 25th Biannual Conference on Chemical Education at Notre Dame in South Bend, IN in the summer of 2018.

We also are happy to announce that Dr. Angela Sherman (Chemistry Department Chair at Notre Dame of Maryland University and Maryland Section Treasurer) has received the 2018 Outreach Volunteer of the Year Award for her commitment to the local section and the outreach programs. An announcement of the award and her picture came out in [February 8th](#) in the ACS website and she will be featured in the Chemical and Engineering News this spring. Way to go Angela, you are an inspiration!

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Maryland Section Chair-2018

Information is Key

The following includes a background on ACS and the Maryland Local Section, our website, the first executive committee meeting and the section's programs for Spring-2018. Please check the *2018 Year Events* to see in detail each month of activities.

III. Executive Committee Meetings

Plans for this year include four regular executive committee meetings:

First executive committee meeting: **Monday Feb. 12, 2018**

Second executive committee meeting: Tuesday, **April 24, 2018**

Third executive committee meeting in September 4-7, 2018

Fourth executive committee meeting in December 17-20, 2018

Exact dates will be announced approximately two weeks prior to each meeting. Please allocate time in your schedules. An extra meeting will be assigned to discuss MARM-2019. Dates could change. Please use our website to stay informed on exact dates.

If you have any event to be considered please contact us before each month's meeting.

IV. The Maryland Section Program for 2018

All ACS members are welcome to our local section activities, lectures and events. They could bring new initiatives to us and ask for support on their activities. We are good at collaborating.

FEBRUARY

1. Executive committee meeting No.1 Monday Feb. 12 Time: 6:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M. at [Notre Dame of Maryland University](#). 4701 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21210 – KNOTT Science Building Room 218.
2. [February 27, 2018 Opioids: Fighting Addiction with Chemistry Meeting](#)

The opioids epidemic has claimed more 30,000 lives in 2016. How many more in 2017? Join us as a group from the Maryland Section for this special broadcast to learn what makes these compounds so addictive, the treatment and medications that are being used to alleviate the suffering of the users. The panel is formed of medical experts and chemists.

When: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 - 7:00 P.M. ET

Where: Online check: <http://www.acs.org/PIB>

All ACS members are encouraged to participate. We will create a group or we will participate individually but make sure you mention you are from ACS Maryland Section.

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