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Message from the Chair,

Dear colleagues:

The Webinar on the Opioids Epidemic was attended by 350 national viewers the night it was broadcast. The Maryland section is making the presentation available to all members through the Maryland website. Readers may click on the new [Virtual Workshops](#) tab to access the video.

Our website has new and updated tabs that should make information more accessible. The *About us* tab contains an updated version of the history of the Maryland section. Let us know what you think!

The tab *2018 Year Events* will bring you to specific events for each month. The virtual workshops will include event videos and workshops. We are in the process of updating remaining tabs. The goal is to make information readily available to all Maryland section members so that they can take advantage of the benefits the section offers. Feel free to send us suggestions.

Approaching events:

March is here and there is excitement in the air. Several of us will be attending the 255th ACS National Meeting in New Orleans, March 18-22, 2018. 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 Filtration Plant-I in Baltimore. Since 2016, the tour has been offered to high school students. This year, in addition to the HS tour, we will have a tour for Maryland section Chemists in June.

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.* Additional events include the US. National Chemistry Olympiad (April 14th), Earth Day, (April 20th), forensics conference (April 21st) and outreach science fair for K-8 students on (April 26th). Details on each event will appear in our next newsletter.

Beatrice Salazar

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.

MARCH

1. Notice of event change (this lecture has been postponed, date TBA): Women Chemists Committee (WCC) Seminar – All genders are encouraged to attend! Our Speaker is Dr. Clare Muhoro. The lecture location TBA. Contact: [Sara Narayan](#) and [Kelly Elkins](#) PLEASE [RSVP](#) to the MD ACS (contact-us@mdchem.org).



Women Chemists Committee (WCC) serves all members of the American Chemical Society. The Maryland local section's mission is to continue the mission of ACS that is, to be leaders in attracting, developing, promoting, and advocating for women in the chemical sciences in order to positively impact society and the profession. Our goal is to increase participations of women in the chemical sciences, every year, we invite a women chemists to address the community of chemists professionals and students in the Maryland area. We advocate for women chemists in issues that concern to their career and professional advancement. We recognize women chemists' professional accomplishments in all science disciplines.

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2. ACS National Meeting in New Orleans – March 18-22, 2018
 - (a) Five Maryland section councilors will attend the ACS National Meeting.
 - (b) POSTERS:

- (i) a poster entitled “Montebello Water Filtration Plant-I in Baltimore: Chemistry’s contribution to public health,” will be presented by a former Baltimore County High School Chemistry Teacher
 - (ii) Fourteen graduate/undergraduate chemistry students received [student travel grants](#) to attend this meeting. Each student will present a poster of their current research. Click [here](#) to see the names of the participants and their poster titles. The abstract of each poster will be posted later. If you go to the meeting please stop by our Local Section posters.
Student Travel Grants – Each year the local Section invites Maryland ACS members to apply for this grant. The grants are awarded on a first-come, first served basis for those applicants that comply with the criteria established by the local Section’ Committee on Student Travel Grants. For more information contact Committee Chair: [Louie Hellwig](#)
3. MARM-2019 - The official website for this meeting will appear by March 31^s. MARM-2019 will be held May 30- June 1, 2019. **If you would like to volunteer to help organize this meeting please contact [Paul Smith](#), MARM-2019 Chair.**