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President-Elect
Oral Report to Council
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Mr. President, Fellow Councilors,

Good morning. I hope you are all having a productive and energizing meeting. Thank you to those of you who have offered me suggestions, ideas and opinions.

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As President next year, these are the areas I'll be focusing on in 2019. My overarching theme is Collaboration, both actively establishing and growing collaborations, and developing understanding of what works and doesn't work in different types of collaborations. One example is understanding effective collaborations between industry and academia.

I have two broad areas of focus for 2019: Advocacy, and Safety and the Environment. And, as you know, 2019 is the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements, and I encourage all Divisions to consider programming in this area.

In response to conversations I had in New Orleans, I sponsored a breakfast at this meeting for Division Program Chairs and others involved with programming at national meetings to provide a venue for program collaboration. The response was enthusiastic, and opportunities for co-sponsored symposia identified. We also discussed future tools to facilitate program collaborations, opportunities for Divisions to participate in Regional Meeting programming, and we discussed some programming issues identified by the participants. My intent for 2019 is to work through the units already doing programming to address themes of interest without establishing additional competing sessions.

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These are some of the topics actively being discussed with Division partners. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

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Listed are some other initiatives for venues outside national meetings. I want to build on the work of my predecessors in ensuring the sustainable growth of our Advocacy programs. Attending the Northwest Regional Meeting afforded me the opportunity to participate in an Advocacy Workshop at a regional meeting venue, and discuss other potential venues, including at Local Sections. In 2019, I particularly want to support our Advocacy work for our members at the state level.

For the International Year of the Periodic Table we'll be sharing in the celebration with a myriad of programs domestically and around the world. If you are not already doing so, please consider developing programs in your Local Sections and Divisions around the periodic table theme. This one promises to be a lot of fun!

Employment is an on-going issue for our members. I am working with YCC and other groups to discuss better ways of connecting job seekers with jobs, particularly in small companies, which may be harder to find, and the increasingly prevalent "2 body problem", in which partners are seeking employment in the same geographic area.

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I invite you all to participate in the collaborative efforts for ACS in 2019. Please send your ideas to b.charpentier@acs.org.

Mr. President, that concludes my report.

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ACS President-Elect Initiatives

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Presidential Themes for 2019

- **Overarching theme of Collaborations**
 - Industry and academia
 - International
 - Within ACS and with Societies outside ACS
- **Advocacy**
- **Safety and the Environment**
- **International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements (IYPT)**

Potential National Meeting Programming for 2019



- **Bridging the (Safety) Gap Between Academia and Industry**
- **Chemistry's Impact on Water**
- **Chemical Safety Issues in Disaster Recovery**
- **Connecting Lab Safety and Green Chemistry Education**
- **Periodic Table programming (various)**

Advocacy, Outreach and Employment



- **Advocacy Sustainability**
 - Regional Meetings, webinars, Local Sections
 - Support for state programs
- **Periodic Table international outreach programs**
- **Potential new solutions for employment issues**

Got ideas?



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