

[MARY VIRGINIA ORNA'S LOCAL SECTION STATEMENT]

CRITICAL ANALYSIS FOR CHALLENGING TIMES

Local Sections are the life blood of the American Chemical Society. ACS officers and volunteers are unsung heroes and heroines who, for “high salaries!” received, perform admirably. Your devoted, selfless, diligent contributions have enabled ACS to become the world’s largest scientific professional organization. Local Sections address the “green edge of innovative thought” that, through new models and structures, eventually drives our educational systems and the economy.

All ACS activities share the ultimate goal of promoting chemistry as a fundamental driver that improves the quality of everyone’s life - worldwide. However, humans, not computers, do chemistry. ACS is a membership organization. Thus, our guiding principle, in whatever we do, should be to keep ACS members’ best interests always in mind – weighing how each decision will affect individual ACS members. So, I solicit your help in learning more about your professional needs and interests

As ACS President, I will regularly seek your recommendations and inform you of activities and strategies to support and assist your members. I will confer and work with you to improve and strengthen communications, develop resources, sponsor programs, and promote effective policies to enable your Local Section to grow and flourish in these challenging times.

This limited statement cannot fully describe the assiduous efforts I will undertake on your behalf, if elected. Please visit www.maryvirginiaorna.net for my complete critical analysis for these challenging times. Contact me at mvorna@cnr.edu with questions and suggestions. I pledge to work with everyone – particularly with you, your Section leaders, Councilors, and committees. I am determined to serve as a responsive, hard-working, committed ACS President. I will be honored to receive your vote and trust to enhance **YOUR** professional status, the entire chemical enterprise, and ongoing benefits it generates for everyone.