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Dear S3 Collective friend,

Spring forward with us! As we move well into March, we're energized by the momentum we've built so far in 2025. From forming a Medical Advisory Committee to continuing to shape industry standards at ASTM D37's January Committee Week, our collective efforts are making a tangible impact. This month, we're diving into exciting updates on our latest initiatives, upcoming events, and ways you can contribute to the advancement of science-backed regulations.

Thank you for being a part of our mission—together, we're building a stronger, safer future for consumers and patients alike!

Want to support our cause? Your tax-deductible [donations](#) help us continue working a real difference!

Want to help? Get added to our [volunteer list](#) for future projects.

Why tune in? Our newsletter is your window into the evolving world of cannabis standards, science, and safety! If you know someone who may be interested in our newsletter, let them know that they can [sign up here](#).

S3C Updates

S3 Collective proudly announces the formation of its **Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)** to enhance the scientific accuracy and medical integrity of its educational materials, ensuring public health and safety remain at the forefront of the cannabis and botanical industries. The MAC comprises a handful of esteemed members with expertise spanning research, diagnostics, medicines, and patient care. The inaugural committee members include:

- Leah Johnson, PharmD, MS (MCST) – Chair

- Bonni Goldstein, MD
- Sherry Yafai, MD
- Brian Essenter, RPh
- Megan Mbengue, RN
- Katherine Golden, RN



Standards Snapshot

David Vaillencourt, S3 Collective Board Chair, discusses how **standardized testing methods** and industry accountability can help tackle lab integrity issues—[Read more](#).

Join a half-day course on **Corrective Action and Preventive Action (CAPA)**, aligned with [ASTM Standard D8229](#), to learn how to implement effective CAPA programs, conduct root cause investigations, and ensure compliance—[Register here!](#)

ASTM D37 Subcommittee Open Ballots - **Vote by TOMORROW 3/19**

- D37.02 Quality Management Systems: [WK93279](#) Guide for Cannabinoid Management for Storage/Manufacturing/Distribution
- D37.10 Financial Services and Insurance: [WK91267](#) Guide for Accounts Receivable & Collections

ASTM D37 Main Committee Open Ballots - **Vote by TOMORROW 3/19**

- Reapproval of [D8286-2019](#) Guide for Processing Cannabis Product Complaints (WK93759)
- Revision of [D8556-2024](#) Practice for Requirements of a Quality Management System for Cannabis and Hemp Operations (WK93459)
- [WK83754](#) Guide for Change Control in the Cannabis Operations
- Revision Of [D8282-2019](#) Practice for Laboratory Test Method Validation and Method Development (WK93660)

- Revision Of [D8233-2019](#) Guide for Packaging and Labeling of Consumer Resin Cannabis Products for Sale to Adult Consumers, Legally Authorized Medical Users, and Caregivers in a Business-to-Consumer Retail Environment (Retailers) (WK91620)

Science Spotlight

New research suggests that **terpenes** from the *Cannabis sativa* plant could offer an effective, **non-psychoactive treatment** for fibromyalgia and post-surgical pain—[Read more](#).

Calling all cannabis researchers! Clinical Therapeutics is accepting submissions for a special issue on cannabis research and policy, guest-edited by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's Research Department. [Submit your work by 9/01](#), for the opportunity to be featured in this peer-reviewed journal.

Safety Scoop

Industry leaders warn that **rising tariffs may lead to lower-quality vape components**, increasing risks to consumer health—[Read more](#).

A new **Health Canada report** found that illegal cannabis products had significantly higher levels of pesticides, heavy metals, and microbial contamination compared to legal products, underscoring the importance of regulation and quality control—[Learn more](#).



Events

- **3/23/25 - 3/27/25:** [American Chemical Society \(ACS\)](#) Spring 2025 Conference in San Diego, CA

- **4/06/25 - 4/09/25:** [A2LA Annual Conference](#) in Dallas, TX
- **4/07/25 - 4/10/25:** [International Conference on the Science of Botanicals](#) (ICSB) in Oxford, MS
- **4/10/25 - 4/12/25:** [NoCo Hemp Expo](#) in Estes Park, CO
- **★ 4/20/25:** [ASTM Conference on Overcoming Barriers to Entry in Cannabis and Hemp Industries: Views from Around the World](#) (virtual and on-demand)
- **4/29/25 - 5/01/25:** [MJUnpacked](#) in Atlantic City, NJ
- **5/19/25 - 5/20/25:** [Psychedelic Therapeutics and Drug Development Conference](#) in San Diego, CA
- **5/30/25 - 6/01/25:** [Florida Medical Cannabis Conference](#) in Orlando, FL
- **6/10/25 – 6/11/25:** [CANNRA External Stakeholders Meeting](#) in Denver, CO
- **6/16/25 - 6/20/25:** [Psychedelic Science](#) in Denver, CO
- **6/17/25 - 6/20/25:** [CannMed](#) in Río Grande, Puerto Rico
- **6/21/25 – 6/25/25:** [Association of Food and Drug Officials \(AFDO\)](#) Annual Educational Conference in Dallas, TX
- **★ 6/23/25 - 6/25/25:** [ASTM D37 Committee Week](#) in Toronto, Canada
- **7/13/25 - 7/18/25:** [Neurobiology of Psychedelics Gordon Research Conference](#) in Smithfield, RI
- **8/23/25 - 8/28/25:** [AOAC International Annual Meeting](#) in San Diego, CA

Rulemaking Meetings, Regulatory Events, & Public Comments

All times listed are in local time.

- The **FDA** proposed updates to its adverse event reporting program to include "Cannabinoid Hemp Products" as a distinct category for the first time. This change could improve safety data collection and support better regulatory oversight. The [public comment period](#) is open until today, **3/18**, providing an opportunity to ensure broader cannabinoid products, including THC, are properly addressed.
- The **FDA** is seeking public comments, especially from veterinarians, on the use of cannabis-derived products (CDPs) like CBD in animals. This request aims to gather insights on usage trends, safety concerns, and potential benefits, with the [public comment period](#) open until **4/16**.
- **Alabama** - The Medical Cannabis Commission (MCC) cancelled their [3/13](#) meeting. A new meeting date has not been announced.
- **Alaska** - The Marijuana Control Board (MCB) is meeting on [4/16 and 4/17](#) at 9:30am.
- **Colorado** - The Marijuana Enforcement Division's (MED) Science & Policy Forum will meet on [4/04, 5/02, and 6/06](#) from 11am to 1pm.

- **D.C.** - The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABC) Board meets every Wednesday except when in recess. [This calendar](#) details meeting dates, with the next ones on 3/19, 3/26, 4/02, and 4/09.
- **Georgia** - The Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission met last on [2/12](#).
- **Maine** - The Office of Cannabis Policy's (OCP) has [New Business Training from Metrc](#) for Maine operators every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. These instructor-led webinars provide Maine cannabis licensees with a comprehensive overview of the Metrc tracking system. Stakeholders can register through the Metrc website, provided they have a valid OMP-issued ID and are affiliated with a licensed establishment.
- **Maryland** - The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA)'s Task Force on the Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances met on [3/13](#) and will be meeting next on [3/27](#). They will have an Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Meeting on [3/20](#) at 2pm.
- **Massachusetts** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) met on [3/13](#). The next meeting is on [3/27](#) at 10am.
- **Michigan** - The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) hosted a Veterans Cannabis Program meeting on [1/30](#).
- **Minnesota** - The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) met on [2/20 and will meet next on 5/22](#) from 10am to 12pm.
- **Nevada** - The Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) met on [2/20](#) and will meet next on [3/20](#) at 9am.
- **New Hampshire** - The next Therapeutic Cannabis Medical Oversight Board Meetings will be on [4/02](#) and [6/04](#) from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- **New Jersey** - The Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) is meeting [today, 3/18](#) at 11am. They last met on [2/18](#). They want to hear from patients, caregivers, healthcare providers, and others about improving the Medicinal Cannabis Program during Virtual Town Halls on [3/19 at 6pm, 3/25 at 12pm, and 3/26 at 6pm](#) (click on MCP Town Halls for more information).
- **Oklahoma** - The Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) met on [1/17](#).
- **Oregon** - The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) met on [2/20](#). They will hold a Rule Hearings & Advisory Committee Meeting on [3/19](#) from 10am to 11:30am ([draft rules](#)).
- **Rhode Island** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) is scheduled to meet in person on [3/28 and 4/25](#) at 1pm.
- **Utah** - The Medical Cannabis Policy Advisory Board met on [2/18](#). The Center for Medical Cannabis (CMC) is hosting quarterly medical cannabis provider meetings

on [4/10 and 7/10](#) at 8am.

- **Vermont** - The Cannabis Control Board (CCB) met on [2/26](#) and will meet next on [3/26](#). They are hosting a Peer Networking Event on Inventory Tracking on [3/19](#) at 1pm.
- **Virginia** - The Cannabis Control Authority (CCA) Board of Directors will meet on [3/26](#) from 1pm to 3pm.
- **Washington** - The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) has received several recent [petitions for rulemaking](#). The LCB recently met on [3/04](#), [3/11](#), [3/12](#), and [3/18](#). They will meet next on [3/25 and 3/26](#) from 10am to 11am.
- **West Virginia** - The Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC)'s Medical Cannabis Advisory Board (MCAB) met last on [2/18](#). The next meeting will be on [3/20](#) from 12pm to 1pm.

Are we missing one from your state? **[Let us know!](#)**

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