

Draft Agriculture Workgroup (AgWG) Governance

Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership

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OPTION 1: Member Consensus* (up to 20 members possible)

- Members from each signatory with the exception of Washington DC (one each with an alternate identified) (8)
 - Delaware
 - Maryland
 - New York
 - Pennsylvania
 - West Virginia
 - Virginia
 - US EPA
 - Chesapeake Bay Commission
- At-large Members** (up to 12 with option to identify an alternate)
 - Academic Representative; e.g. Colleges and Land Grant Institutions
 - Beef Cattle Industry Representative; e.g. National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation Representative
 - Conservation District Representative; e.g. National Association of Conservation Districts
 - Dairy Industry Representative; e.g. National Dairy Association
 - Grain Industry Representative; e.g. National Corn Growers Association, National Soybean Association
 - Farm Bureau Representative; e.g. National Farm Bureau, State Farm Bureau
 - Non-Governmental Environmental Representative
 - Nursery and Specialty Crops Representative
 - Poultry Industry Representative; e.g. US Poultry and Egg Association
 - Swine Industry Representative; e.g. National Pork Association
 - USDA; e.g. ARS, NRCS

*Decision-making for the AgWG will be done by signatory and at-large members through a unanimous or consensus based process (e.g. all parties can live with the decision) that ultimately concludes in the polling of members to determine the will of the group. If, after substantial negotiations, consensus cannot be reached, AgWG members will be polled, and the decision will be elevated to the next decision-making body (WQGIT) along with a description of the positions of the polled members.

**Criteria for At-Large Membership: In an effort to empower non-signatory partners in the decision-making process, priority for at-large membership will be reserved for non-governmental organizations, quasi-governmental organizations, Federal Agencies, academic institutions, and other local practitioners that have a role in agricultural water quality improvements. Nominations will be accepted from all AgWG members, advisors, and interested parties, and the selection of the at-large membership will be determined by the signatory AgWG members with consideration

to their level of commitment, skills and perspectives (e.g., geographic diversity and expertise).

OPTION 2: Broad Member and Signatory Consensus* (up to 20 members possible)

- Members from each signatory with the exception of Washington DC (one each with an alternate identified) (8)
 - Delaware
 - Maryland
 - New York
 - Pennsylvania
 - West Virginia
 - Virginia
 - US EPA
 - Chesapeake Bay Commission
- At-large Members** (up to 12 with option to identify an alternate)
 - Academic Representative; e.g. Colleges and Land Grant Institutions
 - Beef Cattle Industry Representative; e.g. National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 - Chesapeake Bay Foundation Representative
 - Conservation District Representative; e.g. National Association of Conservation Districts
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 - Swine Industry Representative; e.g. National Pork Association
 - USDA; e.g. ARS, NRCS

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the at-large membership will be determined by the signatory AgWG members with consideration to their level of commitment, skills and perspectives (e.g., geographic diversity and expertise).

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