

Outcome Assessment Assignment from Management Board



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Big Question: What advice do you have for the Management Board on how to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes within your GIT?

Guidelines when doing the Outcome Assessment:

1. In reviewing your outcome, provide advice to the Management Board on whether "to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes".
 - a. Don't need to provide updated Outcome language at this point in the process.
 - b. If consolidation is recommended, which outcome(s) do you advise combining with?
 - c. Should the outcome be moved or restructured?
2. Consider if the Outcome is SMART, and specifically, whether the current outcome meets the definition of an outcome, as described in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement ("Agreement"), or if that outcome is an output or indicator.
 - a. Review ERG's Beyond 2025 Report for existing assessment of **Specific, Measurement, and Timebound.**
 - b. Consider the Secret Sauce
3. Consider the challenges to and opportunities for achieving the outcome. You are encouraged to leverage past documentation and learnings from the Strategy Review System process, as well as Charting a Course to 2025 report and Beyond 2025 Small Group recommendations as they pertain to the outcome.
4. Consider how the outcome relates or could relate to the Bay Agreement mission, vision, and themes/pillars

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5. Consider the timescale for completing the outcome (5, 10, 15 years). Determine if achieving the outcome is an incremental step or is it a final outcome.
6. Consider resource needs and availability (high, medium, low).
7. Consider the risk or unintended consequences of removing the Outcome.
8. What value is added by having the Chesapeake Bay Program work on the outcome?
9. Consider how the Outcome, as written, benefits the public. Does the outcome reflect public input already received and have the potential to galvanize public support/engagement?
10. We will provide links to the supplemental information, including:
 - a. 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement
 - b. Secret Sauce
 - c. Beyond 2025 Recommendations
 - d. Charting a Course to 2025 report



Main considerations today

“Update” = Outcome intent is largely kept intact. Unique language may be necessary if it is more than just a SMART update. Key principle is maintaining the intent.

“Consolidate” (i.e., Combine) = Multiple Outcomes would be combined in a single Outcome, or activities contributing to an Outcome are dispersed across others.

“Remove” = The Outcome is removed from the 2014 Agreement.

“Replace” = This language suggests that a novel Outcome replaces a current one and that it relates in its intent or subject area.

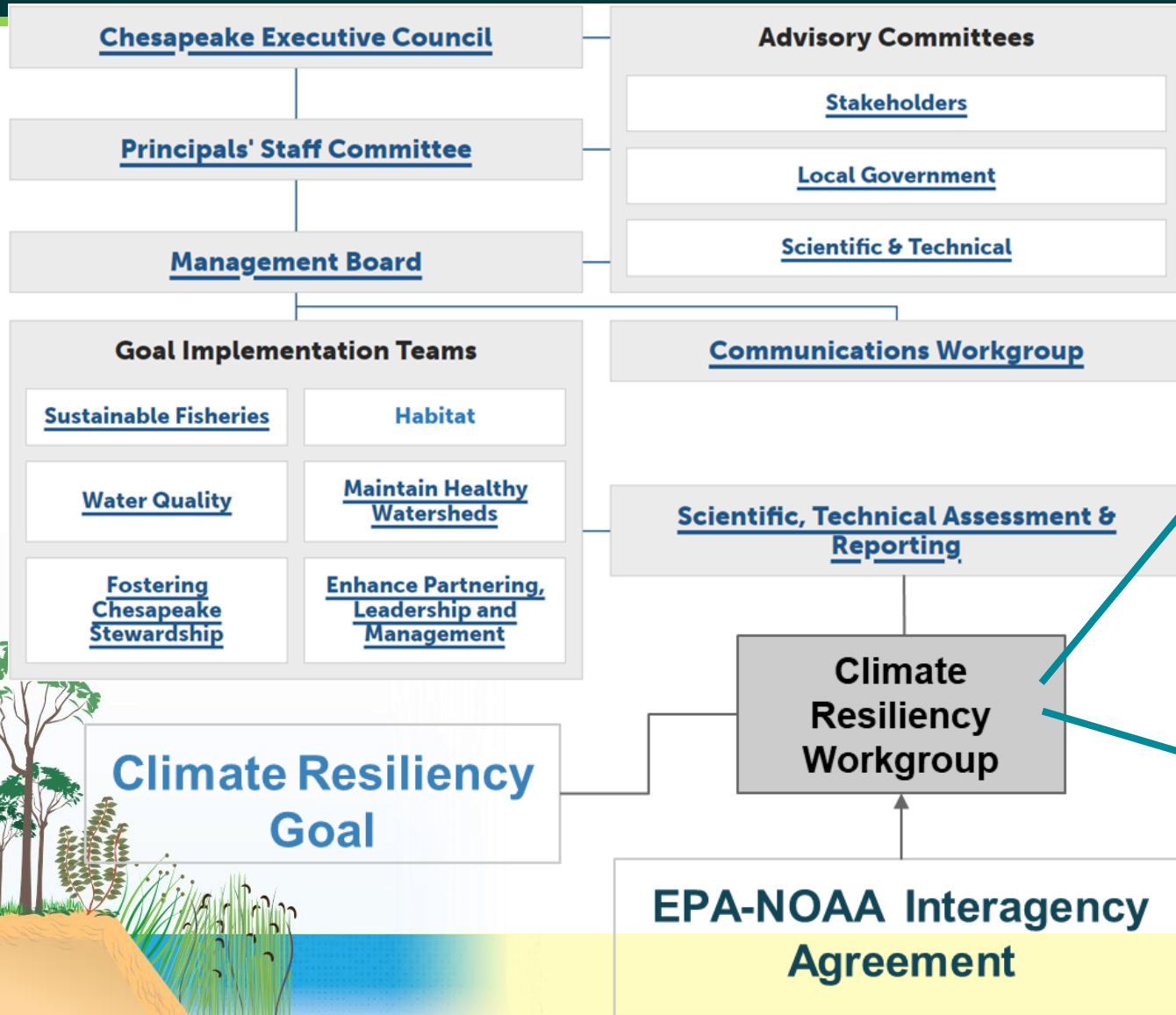
“Reclassify” = Outcome is changed to output or a different structure is adopted.

Thoughts from STAR/CRWG Leadership

Recommendation for the Climate Adaptation outcome
Consider for Climate Monitoring and Assessment outcome – Consolidate with Adaptation outcome?; Replace?; Reclassify? – Need workgroup input



Climate Resiliency Goal Outcomes



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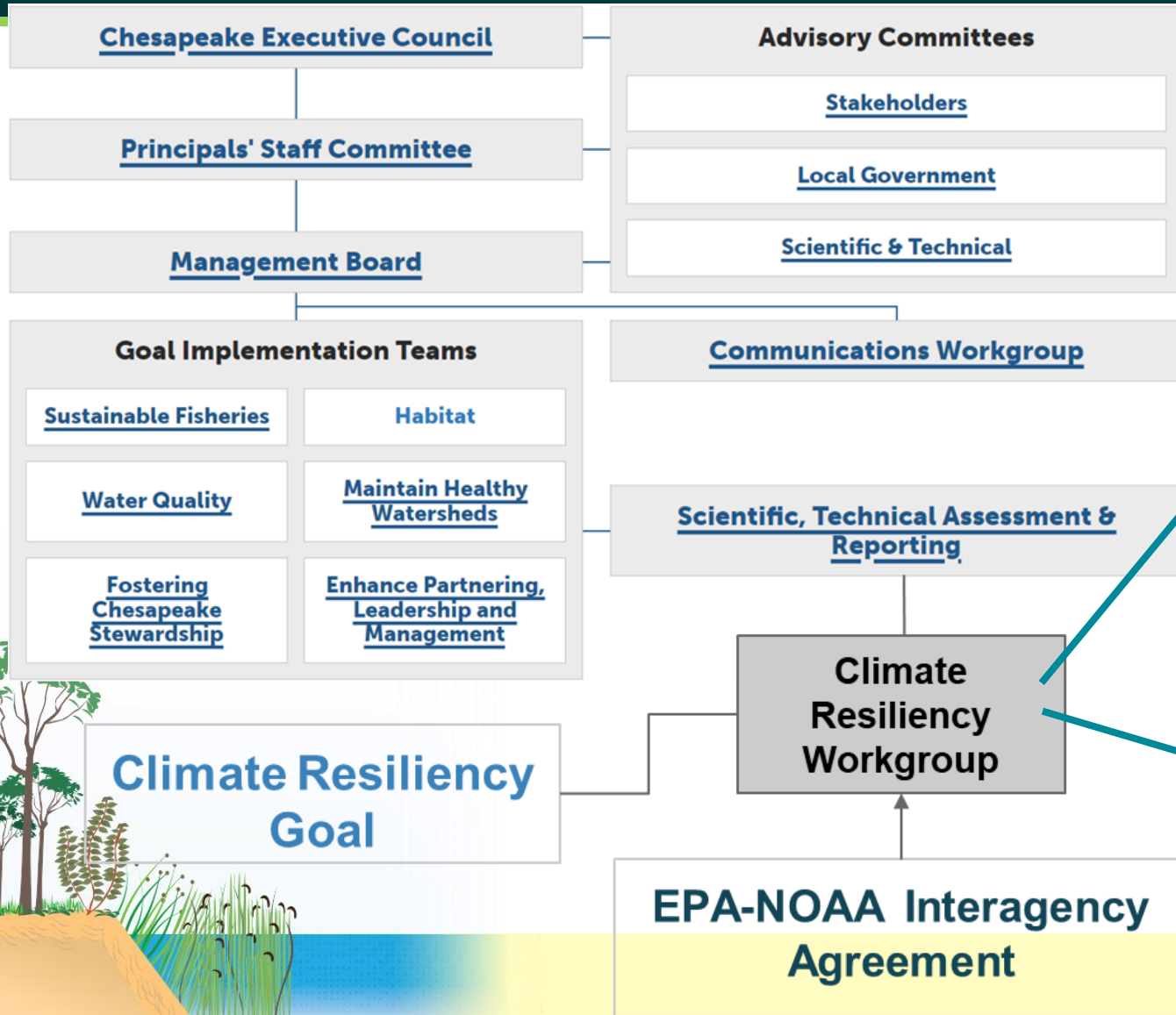
Draft Adaptation Assessment Main Points

- RECOMMENDATION: Update – Add quantitative elements; modify to holistic watershed approach
 - Adaptation outcome is needed given climate change challenges now and in future – supports collaboration; allows for more focused adaptation investments and legislative change at the state level
 - Quantitative allows for a SMART outcome - Ideas include place-based approach and/or having timebound objectives for developing and implementing a menu of adaptation options
 - Consider modified language to capture tidal and nontidal (holistic watershed approach) – larger scope would require more dedicated resources to be effective
 - If focus on implementation of restoration and protection projects remain, need to re-evaluate governance and structure of climate resiliency work
 - Resources: Science support research needs - medium (\$80,000-\$250,000 projects); Implementation needs - high (millions of dollars)





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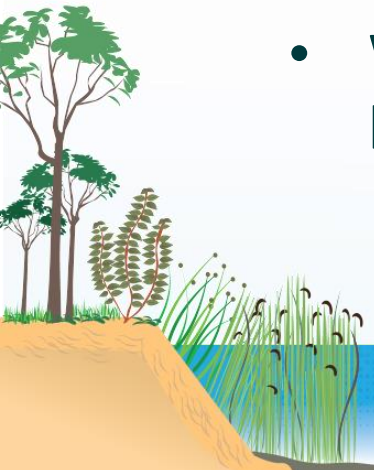
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Climate Monitoring and Assessment Outcome History


- Two parts to outcome language:
 - 1) Continually monitor and assess trends and likely impacts of changing climatic and sea level conditions on Chesapeake ecosystem...
 - Work focused on advising on sea level rise projections for the TMDL climate model and indicator development
 - 2) ...including effectiveness of restoration, protection policies, programs, and projects.
 - Work focused on developing ClimateSmart Framework for other outcome leads to use to integrate climate resiliency in their work





Discussion - Big Question Considerations

- Replace option: focus language on incorporating climate considerations for other outcomes?
- Consolidate option: Combine with a SMART place-based adaptation outcome – monitoring and assessment would focus on efforts in identified focus areas.



Reclassify option: integrate as output under relevant outcomes in watershed agreement.

Workgroup Input:

- Reclassify - incorporate framework language and have group responsible for tracking; formal process for integrating outcome in SRS
- Climate directive, climate goal - may not be best approach for a climate outcome to go away even if being re-classified
- Consolidate with adaptation outcome to have a science output; assess and compile science from partners to inform adaptation
- Develop standardized projections? states may still want to use their own
- Ask other outcomes what they have done on the planning side - roll up and report

Value Added and/or Benefits to Public

Ideas

- Connecting the climate science to create guidance on adaptation
- Ensures climate is integrated into the program - supports accountability whether outcomes are considering climate resilience (partnership function need)
- Integration with Climate and Modeling workgroup to get the overall program to bring climate into consideration - how can we bring that same level of collaboration with other workgroups; another example is the marsh migration modeling work - how can we do more of this integration successfully

Unintended Consequences if Removed

Ideas

- Not at all resilient when reaching next endpt.; goals and outcomes not realistic
- Not meeting objective of EC

Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timebound

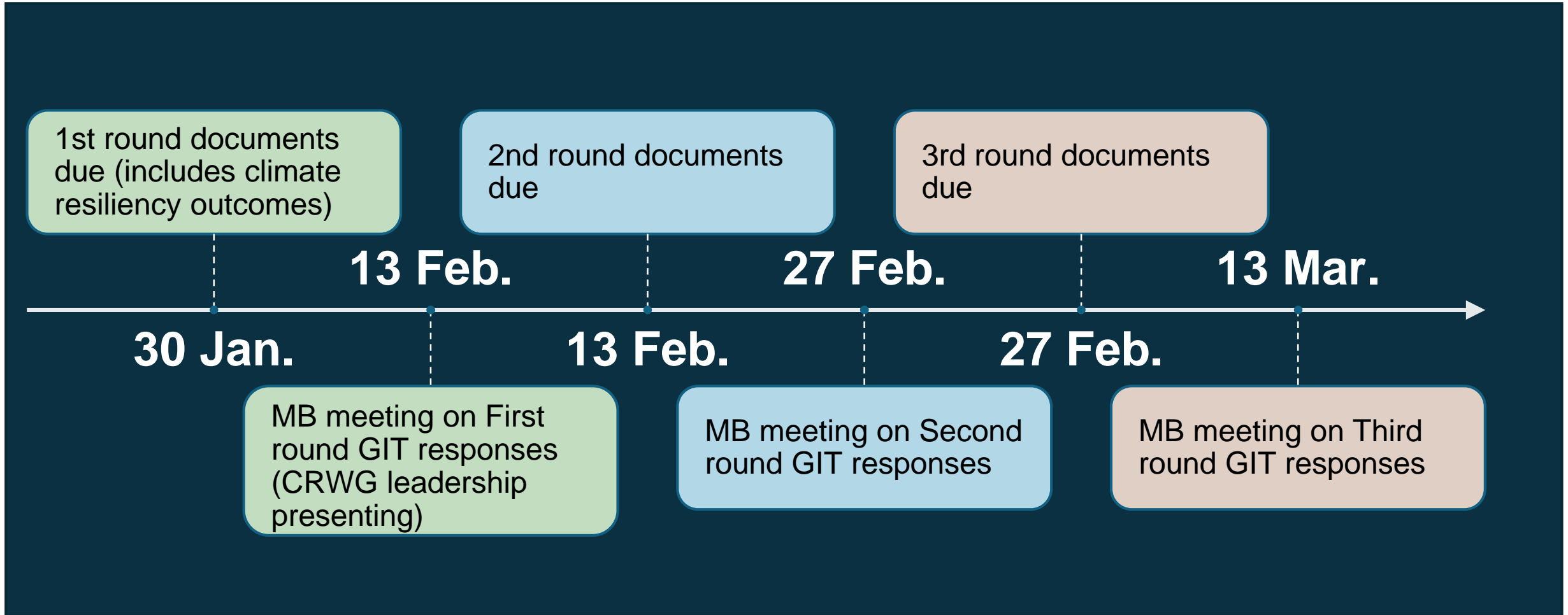
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SMART Outcome – Current Language No

Ideas

- SMART: every workgroup has an objective that has climate resilience in it.

TIMELINE



Continued Management Board Process and Timeline

April 10, 2025	Continued discussion to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes. Outcomes identified as being kept or combined are assigned to workgroups for rewriting
May 7-8, 2025	Finalize outcome assessment/evaluation
May 2025	PSC Check in on Draft List of Outcomes. Share approach for structure development and governance review
June 12, 2025	Work through any PSC feedback on outcomes. Prepare final outcome list for public sharing
July 2025	Discussion of overall Partnership Structure. Includes all partnership Goal Teams/workgroups/action teams
August 14, 2025	Continue Grouping /Structure Development/ Governance
August 2025	PSC Check-in Grouping /Structure Development/ Governance
September 11, 2025	Continue work on Structure/ Governance and draft list of outcomes
October 9, 2025	Finalize outcomes and Complete Draft of New Structure
October 2025	Presentation of Final Draft to PSC
November 2025	Preparation of Final Package Based on PSC feedback



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Management Board meeting materials with more in depth description of Beyond 2025 Phase 2 tasks and process
<https://www.chesapeakebay.net/what/event/management-board-meeting-17>

