



Stakeholders' Advisory Committee

TO THE CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Setting the Stage for Subcommittee Sessions

December 7, 2023

Officer Positions and Elections

Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

- Elected by the full Committee in the last meeting of the year
- Term is one-year
- No Term limits (traditionally serve 2 terms)

Subcommittee Chairs

- Elected by the subcommittees in the last meeting of the year
- Term is one-year
- No term limits

6 Subcommittees

Executive Committee

- Chair, Vice-Chair, Past Chair, Subcommittee Chairs
- Guide agendas, letters, and annual recommendations

3 Topical Subcommittees (no limit)

- Conservation & Land Use
- Stewardship & Engagement
- Water Quality

Governance & Membership

- Bylaws revisions
- Onboarding Materials

Nominations Committee

- Immediate Past Chair helps with Officer Election candidates

2024 Elections

Nominations Memo and Candidates

Chair, Chuck Herrick (DC)

Vice-Chair, Donna Harris-Aikens (VA)

Thank you for your leadership!



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Review of Subcommittees

- **Why Priority Topics?**
- **Roles: Members and Chairs**
- **Recent Outcomes**

Why Priority Topics?

- Subcommittee Names and Focus are member driven
- Annual subcommittee priority is the primary focus for the year
- Collectively drive the Quarterly Agendas for the Year
- Quarterly Meeting theme or spread throughout the year
 - Deep-dive with outside experts/practitioners
 - Seek to uncover a clear outcome
 - Lead to a recommendation or action
- Members can move to another subcommittee, serve on more than one, or create new one

Role of Subcommittees

Members

- Serve as ambassadors on a topic
- Identify key issues the Committee should understand in advance of the panel
- Help lead the discussion and ask questions of the panelists
- Help compile findings on takeaways from the discussion
- Bring recommendation or potential action for the Committee's consideration
- Determine aftercare and member roles in follow-up to the advice to the EC/PSC

Chair

- Represent the Subcommittee's interests on the Executive Committee
- Help draft and lead the Subcommittee Agendas

Recent Subcommittee Topics

Water Quality Subcommittee

2022- Conowingo Dam

- Without sufficient funds for the Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan, CBP should divide the pollution loads among the jurisdictions

2023- Jurisdiction Progress & Charting the Course to 2025

- Comments on draft 2025 report
- to EC: urged implementation of the State Action Plans for Wetlands and Forest Buffers

Recent Subcommittee Topics

Stewardship & Engagement

2022- Equitable Access to Grants: small organizations

- to EC: recommended volunteer stipends
- Report shared with EPA, NPS, CBT, NFWF, CBFN

2023- Equitable Access to Grants: Funding entities

- Stipends working group
- Pilot need-based Honorarium Program

Recent Subcommittee Topics

Conservation and Land Use

2022- Large Scale Solar Development

- to EC: Develop watershed-wide approach to protecting water quality and farms amidst large solar arrays
- No CBP Action, Waiting on STAC report

2023- Protect Existing Forests and Wetlands

- to EC: fund high-res land use/change data
- ro EC: Include incentives in the next Farm Bill

Objectives for Break-Out Session

- Elect a Subcommittee Chair
- Capture Notes of discussion
- Consensus on 2024 priority topic
- Answer the Questions on Agenda
- Break at 10:30am; Reconvene at 10:45am
- Plan for a 10 minute briefing of your answers

Friendly Suggestions for Priorities

Narrow focus of the panel

- Don't try to tackle the universe of the topic

Distribution of Effort beyond Chair and Staff

- Establish precise roles for each member
- Volunteer for specific responsibilities

Don't underestimate the need to ground the full Committee in the issue

- 2022- Extensive briefing document and 15 minute presentation not effective
- 2023- Low attendance on prep Learning Sessions

Questions for Subcommittees

- (1) What is the challenge around your topic?
- (2) What does the panel seek to uncover?
- (3) Does the issue fall under CBP purview?
- (4) Does the Committee have influence over the issue?
- (5) How does the issue relate to the *Watershed Agreement* goals?
- (6) Which quarterly meeting is the best time: Feb, May, or Sept?
- (7) What experts and practitioners should be invited to speak?