Per the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership's governance protocols, the Agriculture Workgroup is currently seeking nominations for <u>6 at-large membership positions</u> to serve 2-year terms. <u>Please note that if you are currently serving a 1-year membership term and are interested in being considered for a second term, you are eligible for re-nomination.</u> A list of current 1-year members is listed at the bottom of this document.

The approved governance membership structure for the AgWG consists of eight (8) signatory governance members with eight (8) alternatives representing each of the six (6) states, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and US EPA. A representative for Washington D.C. was not included as there are no significant agricultural lands within its boundaries. In addition, there are another twelve (12) at-large governance members representing five broad categories, bringing the total to 20 governance members.

The AgWG governance body was established in late 2015 to implement the CBP partnership's newly adopted governance protocols. The position terms of signatory members are unlimited and determined by their representative entities. The position terms of the at-large members are based on a maximum 2-year term. To prevent all at-large member position terms expiring on the same year, the AgWG chose to divide the 12 positions into an annual rotation of one-half of the position terms. Thus 6 at-large positions were initially set at 1-year position terms and the reminder at the standard 2-year position terms. Consequently, this nomination request and future requests will be for full 2-year position terms.

Membership nominations for these 2-year positions should represent interests from at least one of the five following categories: Academic institutions and Land Grant Universities, Agriculture industry and business, Environmental-conservation NGOs, federal agency partners outside of the US EPA, and conservation district partners.

The nomination period for 2-year term, at-large governance members is now open, and nominations are requested to be submitted along with contact information (phone number, affiliation, address, email), an alternate representative if possible, and a short C.V., resume, or bio (addressing the nominee's background) to Workgroup Staffer Lindsey Gordon (Gordon.Lindsey@epa.gov) and Workgroup Coordinator Mark Dubin (mdubin@chesapeakebay.net) by no later than January 31, 2017.

The Workgroup plans to confirm nominations for governance membership during their February 23rd meeting. All nominee information will be posted prior to February 23rd on the calendar event page, as they become available.

Please email Lindsey Gordon (Gordon.lindsey@epa.gov) with questions.

List of Current 1-year term At-Large Members:

Name	Affiliation	Membership category	Alternate	Length of Term
Bill Angstadt	Angstadt Consulting	Agribusiness & Industry		1 year
Bill Chain	Ches. Bay Foundation	Conservation/Environmental NGO		1 year
Frank Coale	UMD	Academic		1 year
Jennifer Reed-Harry	PennAg Industries Assoc.	Agribusiness & Industry		1 year
Paul Bredwell	U.S. Poultry and Egg Assoc.	Agribusiness & Industry	Christian Richter, US Poultry and Egg Association	1 year