



Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) Executive Board (EB) Call
October 2, 2018

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Attendance:

Members: Brian Benham, Andrew Miller, Lisa Wainger, Chanceé Lundy, Kurt Stephenson, Tom Ihde

Administration: Bill Ball, Rachel Dixon, Annabelle Harvey

Updates on STAC Business –

STAC Coordinator, Rachel Dixon (CRC) began the call by introducing the STAC Letter of Support for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) requested by the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative (CMC). With edits made by Brian Benham (VT), the board approved the letter.

ACTION: Dixon will send the approved Letter of Support to the Management Board.

STAC Quarterly Meeting Agenda: December 7, 2018

STAC Staff, Annabelle Harvey (CRC) gave an overview of the first draft of the STAC December Quarterly Meeting Agenda. Benham has had conversations with Gary Shenk (CBPO) to leave standing time at STAC meetings to do check-ins with the Principal Staff Committee (PSC) or with the SRS process. These updates are intended to tie STAC into the schedule and activities of the Management Board and of the Chesapeake Bay Partnership as a whole. SRS check-ins could include 30 minute updates from each cohort that has most recently presented to the Management Board or STAC creating a prioritized list of science needs in conjunction with STAR. STAR has come to STAC for input on science needs, but Lisa Wainger (UMCES) pointed out how challenging it would be for such a varied group of scientists to create this list.

Another critical need for the December meeting would be for STAC to progress with the first science synthesis effort on climate change. Benham proposed dedicating 2 hours on the first day and 1 hour on the second day to discussing these efforts, but due to the high number of scheduling conflicts in December, Tom Ihde suggested saving this important conversation for another time when broader membership could participate. The board recognized the probable low-attendance and agreed to change the meeting to a one-day meeting on December 7th. The science synthesis discussion will occur over a 90-minute webinar open to all STAC members, to be scheduled for January.

DECISION: The STAC December Quarterly Meeting will now a one day meeting held on December 7th. Science Synthesis will be covered in a 90-minute webinar aimed to be held in January 2019.

ACTION: Dixon/Harvey will revise the December 2018 agenda as discussed on the EB call and to fit within a one day meeting using a list of Benham’s suggest meeting topics.

42 **Membership Updates and Vacancies**

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44 Dixon reminded members that STAC has 3 at-large nominees that have been confirmed and 3 federal
45 that were decided upon at the September quarterly meeting and are currently being pursued. Federal
46 nominees require letters of nomination to be sent to Director Jim Edwards. Dixon shared her draft of the
47 letter and they were approved to be sent.

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49 There is a remaining at-large vacancy in the environmental data analytics/statistics expertise. At the
50 September quarterly meeting and through previous surveys, 5 nominees were compiled. Chancee
51 expressed concern that nominees will continue to only be people who know someone on STAC, but
52 Benham assured that the diversity on STAC is broad enough to capture many nominees.

53 The spreadsheet with the 5 nominees will be circulated by Harvey and EB members will rank each for
54 discussion at a later date.

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DECISION: The letter for the 3 federal nominations was approved and will be sent to Director Edwards.

ACTION: **Harvey** will distribute an excel file with the 5 nominees for the Environmental data analytics/statistics expertise for the EB to rank.

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