



Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP)
Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC)
Quarterly Meeting – September 15-16, 2020

Webinar Meeting
September Meeting Webpage

Tuesday, September 15th

Join Zoom Meeting:

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- 9:00 am** **Call to Order, Announcements – Andy Miller (STAC Chair – UMBC)**
- Introductions
 - Approval Request:
 - June 2020 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
 - August 2020 Executive Board call minutes
 - Approval Request: 2021 STAC Quarterly Meeting Proposed Dates
 - 3/23-3/24; 6/15-6/16; 9/13-9/14; 12/7-12/8
 - Please let STAC Staff know if there are any major conflicts with these meeting dates
 - Member Announcements and Updates
- 9:15 am** **Recap of STAC June 2020 Quarterly Meeting — Andy Miller (UMBC)**
Miller will highlight important takeaways from the June 2020 meeting and provide an overview of today's meeting.
- 9:30 am** **STAC Newsletter—STAC Staff (CRC)**
Cole and Harvey will update the membership on the new monthly and quarterly newsletters.
- 9:45 am** **Recap of 2020 Executive Council Meeting—Andy Miller (UMBC)**
Miller will highlight the important takeaways from the August 18th, 2020 meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council. More information on the meeting can be found on the [webpage here](#).
- 10:00am** **Conversation with the Chair of the CBP Executive Council, Governor Northam (VA)**
The newly appointed Chair of the CBP EC, Governor Northam from Virginia, will meet with STAC to discuss current STAC efforts, priorities of STAC and the EC, and to engage in meaningful dialogue regarding the recommendations in the letter to the EC.
- 10:30 am** **Lessons from the Baltic—Lara Fowler (PSU)**
Fowler spent last year in Sweden, exploring in part dynamics with the Baltic Sea and how they compare with the Chesapeake. She will report briefly on this and share information about next year's Baltic Sea Science Congress, which will provide opportunities for engagement.
- 11:00 am** **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ): Discussions with STAC—**
- *Dr. Sacoby Wilson (UMD)*
Dr. Sacoby Wilson is an Associate Professor and Director of Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health (CEEJH) at the University of Maryland, College Park.
 - *Gabrielle Roffe (Chesapeake Conservancy)*
Gabrielle Roffe is the Manager of Equity and Community Engagement at the Chesapeake Conservancy where she leads DEIJ initiatives and works in partnership with the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network to promote inclusive stewardship in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
 - *Dr. Brandon Jones (NSF)*
Dr. Brandon Jones is the Program Director for the education and diversity programs in NSF's Geosciences Directorate. He has worked at the EPA National Center for Environmental Research and as team leader for the STAR fellowship program.

- 12:30 pm** **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 pm** **Update from the Plastic Pollution Action Team (PPAT)—Matt Robinson (DOEE)**
- 1:30 pm** **Updates from Chesapeake Bay Program Advisory Committees**
 1:30-1:45: Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC)—*Ann Simonetti*
 1:45-2:00: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)—*Matt Ehrhart (Stroud Research Center)*
- 2:00 pm** **Facilitated Discussion on COVID impacts to the Chesapeake Bay—Lara Fowler (PSU)**
1. How has COVID affected implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement's goals and outcomes?
 (https://www.chesapeakebay.net/documents/FINAL_Ches_Bay_Watershed_Agreement.with_signatures-Hires.pdf)
 2. Are there data that has been collected or can be collected now to capture changes in the system (e.g., time sensitive data that shows up given current COVID-impacts)?
 3. Are there key topics that we should do a deeper dive as part of a workshop?
- 2:30 pm** **Achieving Water Quality Goals in the Chesapeake Bay: An Assessment of System Response and Science Needs (STAC SGA)—Kurt Stephenson, Zach Easton, Brian Benham (VT)**
- 2:30-2:45 **Update from SGA Steering Committee**
- 2:45-3:45 **Living Resources Workgroup Report-out**
 30 minutes for report-out and 30 minutes for feedback and discussion
- 3:45-4:00 **Setting the stage for breakout group meetings**
- 4:00-5:00 **Breakout Groups**

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- 9:00 am** **SRS Update: Education Workgroup—Emily Trentacoste (EPA)**
- 10:00 am** **Outreach and Communications Update—Caitlyn Johnstone (Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, CBP Communications)**
 Johnstone will update STAC members on the latest outreach and communication strategies and any STAC reports that have been featured.
- 10:30 am** **New CRC Projects: Chesapeake U, C-StREAM, Webinar Series, Newsletter—Denice Wardrop (CRC)**
- 11:00 am** **STAC Workshop Update: Soil Health and Hydrology (FY19)—Kathy Boomer (FFAR)**
 Boomer will provide a summary on the proceedings and findings from the January 2019 STAC workshop, entitled “Linking Soil and Watershed Health to In-field and Edge-of-Field Water Management”.
- 11:30 am** **Wrap Up—STAC Staff (CRC)**
 STAC Staff will summarize meeting action items and members will brainstorm topics for the December 2020 STAC quarterly meeting. STAC Staff will also solicit feedback on the successes and challenges of meeting virtually in order to improve the experience moving forward.
- 12:00** **Adjourn**