



Principal's Staff Committee Meeting

December 8, 2023

Actions/Decisions

PSC Vision and Norms for the Coming Year

Maryland provided an overview of the PSC norms, roles and responsibilities, operations and decision-making including the use of the consensus continuum. Maryland also requested feedback from the partners on the number, length, and location of meetings in 2024.

- Decision: The partners agreed to hold quarterly PSC meetings with at least two of the meetings in person at locations around the watershed (e.g., NCTC (West Virginia), SRBC (Pennsylvania)).
 - Note: locations must be free of cost and have remote access capabilities (wifi, monitors/projectors)
- Comment: Request was made that more time be allowed on agenda items for discussion. Suggestion was made that no more than 50% of the allotted time be identified for presentation.
- Action: Maryland will put together a list of potential locations for the 2024 meetings and CBPO staff will poll members for potential dates.

Celebration of 40th Anniversary of Partnership

CBPO showed a brief [video](#) highlighting the last 40 years of the partnership.

The Road Ahead for the Partnership: Beyond 2025

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee co-chairs provided an overview of the latest developments in the Beyond 2025 work, including the progress made by the small topical groups on climate change, healthy watersheds, clean water, people, and shallow water habitats. A tentative schedule was proposed for reviewing and approving the Steering Committee recommendations that will ultimately go before the Executive Council in 2024. The Co-chairs requested approval of the proposed schedule, as well as for the small group topical areas.

- Decision: The partners agreed with the small group topical areas.
- Decision: The partners agreed with the schedule as presented with the following caveats:
 - The partners requested that Beyond 2025 updates be a standing agenda item at each PSC meeting until the Steering Committee has completed its work.
 - A longer PSC meeting will be held in spring 2024 after the Steering Committee's February symposium.

Creation of an Action Team to Research the Creation of an Agriculture Advisory Committee

In September, the PSC agreed to support the pursuit of an Executive Council Directive to establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

- Decision: The partners agreed to establish an action team to develop recommendations on whether to establish an Agricultural Advisory Committee. Final recommendations should be ready for PSC consideration in time for the June PSC meeting. The partners also agreed to the action team charging document.
- Decision: Membership on the action team will include members from each signatory partner, include one member from STAC and SAC, and with Maryland serving as Chair. Recommendations for members should be provided to CBPO staff by January 5. The action team should consider consulting with the Water Quality GIT and the Agriculture Workgroup for additional perspective.

Planning for the 2024 Executive Council Meeting

- Decision: The partners agreed to establish a 2024 Executive Council Planning Committee (action team) to begin planning for a Fall 2024 Executive Council meeting. Meeting of the committee will commence at a later date depending on the date of the 2024 Executive Council meeting.
- Action: PSC members are asked to check with their Executive Council members' offices by January 5 about timing of the 2024 meeting and whether it should be held in October or later, taking into consideration the Fall election schedule.

Overview of the CBPO budget and CBARA Submission

- Due to time constraints, this update was moved to the next PSC meeting.

Final Resolution of PSC Charges and Next Steps for Release of CAST 2023

Overview of final decisions on PSC charges and the next steps for CAST.

- Note: The final release of CAST 23 will be released in early- to mid-2024.

Business Meeting

- Action: Members are asked to please send recommendations to CBPO staff for future agenda items.
- Action: CBPO staff will send out a poll for proposed PSC meeting dates in 2024 and at a later date calendar invitations for each of the quarterly meetings.