



Forestry Workgroup Membership - *Review of Voting & At-Large Members*



April 2025 FWG Meeting



Membership Breakdown

1. **Signatory Members**

- a. The WQGIT Workgroups strive to maintain a membership that is representative of the signatories to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
- b. Each signatory gets one primary member and one alternative.

2. **At-Large Members**

- a. To empower non-signatory partners in the decision-making process, priority for at-large membership will be reserved for nongovernmental organizations, quasi-governmental organizations, Federal Agencies, academic institutions, and other local practitioners.
- b. Each workgroup can have up to 6 at-large members.

**Language from the WQGIT Governance Protocols.

3. **Interested Parties**

- a. While not official workgroup members, they are key stakeholders in these issues, often participating in meetings and offering valuable perspectives and expertise.
- b. Open to the public, no limitations for the number of interested parties.

Signatory Members

Jurisdiction	Name and Affiliation
Delaware	Taryn Davidson, DDA
	Catie Soriano, DNREC
Maryland	Anne Hairston-Strang, MDNR
	Alanna Crowley, MDNR
Pennsylvania	Matthew Keefer, PA DCNR
	<i>Vacant</i>
New York	Cassie Davis, NY DEC
	Lauren Townley, NY DEC

Signatory Members cont.

Jurisdiction	Name and Affiliation
Virginia	Caitlin Verdu, VDOF
	<i>Vacant</i>
West Virginia	Jeremy McGill, WV DOF
	<i>Vacant</i>
Washington, DC	Robert Corletta, DDOT
	Erica Carlsson, DC DOEE
Federal government	Julie Mawhorter, USFS
	Katie Brownson, USFS
Chesapeake Bay Commission	<i>Vacant</i>

At Large Members - Group A

(Terms expiring in 2026)

Name	Affiliation
Lydia Brinkley	Upper Susquehanna Coalition
Craig Highfield	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Alexis Dickerson	Potomac Conservancy

At-Large Members - Group B

(Terms expiring this year; positions up for re-election or new nominations)

Name	Affiliation
Frank Rodgers	Cacapon Institute
Rob Schnabel	Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Susan Minnemeyer	Nature Plus

At-Large Member Nomination Process**

Step 1 - Call for nominations

- All members, advisors, and interested parties can participate in nominations.

Step 2 - Nominees will submit a short email to Staffer and Coordinator, stating their reasons for wanting the post and qualifications.

Step 3- Nominees introduce themselves and will be given one minute to speak to the group.

Step 4- Forestry Workgroup Signatory Members prioritize the nominees (up to 6 At-Large members are allowed).

**Process taken from WQGIT Governance Protocols.