



Coordinator updates

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August: End of summer internships & Back to school

The end of summer approaches~~



- ***Take a moment and reflect on your favorite summer moments or experiences***
 - Professionally, my annual favorite end of summer event is the Chesapeake Student Recruitment, Early Advisement, and Mentoring (C-StREAM) symposium
- You can learn more about this year's interns and view the symposium here:
- <https://chesapeake.org/c-stream-symposium-2023/>
- If you are curious about hosting an intern as a mentor next year, let me know!

<p>Amy Guise & USACE funding programs</p>	<p>Slides from August 16 presentation to CBP Budget & Finance Workgroup available on CBP calendar page. [Direct link].</p> <p>Encourage you to review the slides and contact Amy or other listed contacts with questions or to learn more about your options</p>
<p>PA Ag Progress Days, at Penn State, August 8-10</p>	<p>EPA's Linktree: https://linktr.ee/healthyfarmscleanwater</p> <p>Other partners who attended or hosted an exhibit, please share your links/resources from the event in the chat!</p>
<p>Current EPA RFAs</p>	<p>Lots of RFAs, please see agenda!</p>
<p>2024 Chesapeake Community Research Symposium</p>	<p>Chesapeake Bay Restoration: Managing Water Quality for Living Resources in a Changing Climate, June 10-12, 2024 in Annapolis</p> <p>October 2 deadline for special session and workshop proposals. (submit to allison@greenfinstudio.com proposals 1000 words or less)</p>

**Next WQGIT
Submersion
series webinar!**



Thursday, September 14, noon to 1:30pm

Please remember to register if you plan to join us

**CBP webinar,
September 6 at
11am**

**Jump-Start Your Green Career in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
Registration.**

**Conowingo
WIP webinar,
September 6 at
10am**

Contact DEP colleagues or Jackie for info/link

Workgroup Updates

2 minutes or less, open to Chairs or Coordinators

Expected updates:

Federal Facilities Workgroup: Greg Allen

AgWG & RI-9, RI-10 status: Tom Butler

LUWG, updated charge & scope: Sarah McDonald

Confirming new Workgroup co-chairs

WQGIT confirmation needed, new Co-Chairs for
Wastewater Treatment Workgroup
Forestry Workgroup

WQGIT Leadership Status

GIT Leadership and Membership (CBP Governance Document, v5.0, p.14) [emphasis added]

- “Each GIT has either one Chair and one Vice Chair, or Co-Chairs. While the Chair, Vice Chair or Co-Chairs can be from federal or state agencies or from organizations such as NGOs, **at all times** either the Chair, Vice Chair or **one** Co-Chair **must be from federal or state agencies...**”
- “GIT Chairs, Vice Chairs or Co-Chairs serve two-year renewable terms, with concurrence of the MB. New GIT Chairs, Vice Chairs or Co-Chairs will be designated by the MB with recommendations from GIT members taking into consideration the partnership’s DEIJ goals and commitments to increase diversity of its leadership. **At the end of a two-year term, the GIT collectively discusses the renewal or change of the Chair’s, Vice-Chair’s, or Co-Chair’s leadership terms. Both the GIT and MB must concur with the renewal of the Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs. Otherwise, the Vice-Chair assumes the role of Chair with concurrence from the GIT and the MB, and the new Vice-Chair will be selected by GIT members.**”
- “In the event that the Vice-Chair declines the nomination, the GIT will nominate a new Chair and gain concurrence from the MB.”
- “The Chairs and Vice Chairs, or Co-Chairs, shall be individuals representing agencies with significant authority in that GIT’s topic area and those individuals should be at a management level or leaders within their organization. ”

Appointment of WQGIT Chair and Vice-Chair ([WQGIT Governance Protocols](#), p.3)

- The WQGIT collectively discusses the renewal or change of their Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship every two years. The renewal of a Chair will have concurrence from both the WQGIT and the Management Board. Otherwise, the Vice-Chair assumes the role of Chair with concurrence from the WQGIT and the Management Board, and the new Vice-Chair will be selected by WQGIT members. In the event that the Vice-Chair is not interested in assuming the role of Chair, the WQGIT will nominate a new Chair and gain concurrence from the Management Board.

Our path ahead following the governance

- We heard your concerns last month
- We have less than 3 months until the typical call for nominees (with GIT vote usually in Jan-Feb)
- Proceed with Suzanne as solo (Vice-/Acting) Chair until we have another nominee to serve in leadership role
- Suzanne & Jeremy will gladly meet and discuss the role with prospective candidates & we can talk more about the expectations, tangible & intangible aspects of the role
 - **ACTION:** Interested parties should reach out to Jeremy and Suzanne to schedule a chat (no commitment to be nominated unless you say otherwise)
- Additionally, we can work to expedite and advertise the position description for Vice-/Co-Chair ahead of the call for at-large member nominees
- Appoint Vice- or Co-Chair in early 2024