



Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee Member Composition & Bylaws Summary

Scope & Purpose

- Provides independent scientific and technical guidance to the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) in various ways, such as (1) technical reports and white papers, (2) conducting reviews of CBP products, (3) technical workshops, and (4) interaction between STAC members and the CBP.
- Committee serves as a liaison between the region's scientific community and the CBP.
- Coordinated by staff at the Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC).

Member Composition

- Committee has 38 members from federal and state agencies, universities, research institutions, and private industry. STAC members are either mayoral, gubernatorial, federal, or at-large appointees.
 - Mayoral, gubernatorial, and federal representatives serve as the continuous communication link between STAC and their member of the Management Board (MB), Principal's Staff Committee (PSC) and/or the Executive Council (EC).
 - Mayoral and gubernatorial members are appointed by their jurisdictions and serve a term of 4 years or until a successor is appointed: 2 members from DC; 2 members each from Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania; and 1 member each from New York, West Virginia, and Delaware.
 - 6 federal scientists are appointed by the Director of the CBP and may serve up to 2 consecutive 4 year terms.
 - At-large STAC members provide expert opinion to CBP partners on any issue identified as important by the science community as well as management leadership.
 - 21 at-large members are appointed by the STAC Executive Board based on relevant scientific knowledge and needed area(s) of expertise. These members can serve up to 2 consecutive 4 year terms and apply through a self-nomination process.
- As of 2024, the Committee has 12 Gubernatorial and Mayoral members appointed, 21 at-large members appointed, and 6 federal members appointed. See [list of members here](#).

STAC Guidance Documents

- Committee Guidance documents, including STAC Bylaws and Operational Guidelines, can be [found here](#). Documents list activity protocols for workshops, reviews, and publications.