

Charter for Science Advisory Committee

1. The Science Advisory Committee of the Board is established and its members are appointed by the Board of Directors pursuant to Section 3.02 of the Bylaws. The Committee will have at least 4 members and no more than 15 members. Appointments will be made with an eye toward diversity; relevant expertise and experience; familiarity with Chesapeake Bay and/or watersheds sharing similar environmental challenges; and knowledge of governments and organizations that work on these issues. The Board will appoint a Chair of the Committee who will assure that due notice is given for meetings of the Committee. Notice may be by email or other electronic communication.
2. Suggested criteria for evaluating whether members initiate Committee investigation include:
 - a. areas of research necessary to ongoing or potential litigation by CLA staff;
 - b. relevance to ongoing CLA projects;
 - c. general investigation into innovative science affecting bodies of water;
 - d. investigation into innovative science affecting law and policy that ultimately affects the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
3. The Committee's primary mission will be to provide scientific and technical advice to the staff regarding the work of the organization. In making requests for assistance by the Committee, the Co-Executive Directors will assure that no confidential or privileged information is shared in a manner that would compromise the attorney-client privilege.
4. As part of the materials for each Committee meeting, the responsible co-Executive Director will ensure that a full report that lists pending and current CLA litigation matters is provided to all members of the Committee.

Proposed by Science Advisory Committee

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