



DATE: April 11, 2018

TO: Board of Directors, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Re: Appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Executive Council

We are pleased to present for your consideration four candidates for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for a term of four years beginning April 20, 2018 and ending April 20, 2022.

New Member:

- Rhonda Chapman of Washington, DC, Executive Director, Groundwork DC to succeed Neil Wilkie

Re-appointment:

- Matt Ehrhart of Avondale Pennsylvania, (current CAC Vice Chair) Director of Watershed Restoration, Stroud Research Center to succeed himself
- Verna Harrison of Arnold Maryland, Principal Verna Harrison Associates, LLC to succeed herself
- Pat Levin of Lancaster Pennsylvania, to succeed herself

All of the candidates have expressed interest in serving as volunteers on the CAC.

Attached please find Ms. Chapman's letter of interest and brief biography. Brief biographies of the current members under consideration for re-appointment are also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kate Fritz
Executive Director
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

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Jessica Blackburn
CAC Coordinator
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Ronda Chapman

Executive Director, Groundwork DC
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When Ronda was a young girl, she had several wise sages and influencers: her parents, Woodsy Owl, Smokey the Bear, and Iron Eyes Cody from the Keep America Beautiful ad campaign. The latter three shaped her life in ways nobody had predicted including herself. Her first environmental job out of high school was as a canvasser for Greenpeace USA and throughout the 30 years that followed Ronda found herself living in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah as an active outdoor recreation enthusiast, obtaining an environmental history degree from Portland State University, managing sustainability programs for various local government institutions, training green organizations on diversifying the environmental movement, and advising environmental agencies on racial equity and community engagement.

In January 2017, Ronda became the Executive Director for Groundwork DC (aka Groundwork Anacostia River DC). She builds on the great work of her predecessor and incorporates additional elements of community well-being including issues such as restorative justice, nutrition, and mindfulness. A DC area native, Ronda is looking forward to bringing her experiences to the place she calls home.



Matt Ehrhart: Vice-Chair

Matt is the Director of Watershed Restoration at the Stroud Water Research Center. He manages Stroud's multi-state restoration program, advises numerous funders and their grantees on restoration efforts, and provides training for conservation professionals and volunteers on restoration initiatives throughout the region. Prior to moving to Stroud in January, 2013, Matt served as the Executive Director for the Pennsylvania office of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) for over a decade. He currently serves as Past President for the Penn State College of Agriculture Ag Council and on the Steering Committee for the PA in the Balance Initiative to improve PA's efforts on Chesapeake Bay restoration. Matt received his undergraduate degree in Environmental Resource Management and his Master of Engineering in Engineering Science from the Pennsylvania State University.

Verna Harrison

Verna is principal of Verna Harrison Associates, LLC, a consulting and philanthropic advising firm, specializing in helping foundations and advocates achieve goals to provide clean water for all. From 2003-2010 as the first Executive Director of The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment, she guided the establishment of the Foundation and managed the development and execution of its \$65 million grant making in the Chesapeake region. She was co-founder and co-chair of the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network.

For the previous 20 years she served as Assistant Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, with responsibility for Maryland's Forest, Park and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Police, Maryland Environmental Trust, and Tidewater Administration. During that period, she had lead responsibility for state-wide coordination/implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Program for three MD Governors. Earlier in her career she was Assistant Legislative Officer for the Governor of Maryland, Legislative Officer of the Maryland Department of Transportation and staff of the Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Pat Levin

Pat is a Registered Nurse, Folklorist, Historian and Genealogist. She taught at University of Penn as graduate student where she received her Doctorate, and in American Studies at Penn State Harrisburg. Pat is a retired Adjunct Professor in Women's Studies as well as American Studies at Franklin & Marshall College. She is now a Textile Artist in rug hooking working on her certification as a teacher. Pat was formerly active in planning and community issues in Lancaster County.