

2026-2027 Board of Directors Nomination Applicant and Employer Commitment Letter

Thank you for your interest in submitting a nomination for one of the upcoming open board positions with the Chesapeake Water Environment Association (Chesapeake WEA). It is important to have active, motivated volunteers to help Chesapeake WEA achieve its mission, vision, and goals that were established in our 2022-2028 Chesapeake WEA Strategic Plan.

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The open positions for the 2026-2027 Chesapeake WEA Board are Vice-President (4-year term with increasing responsibility and role progression to President-Elect, President, and Past-President), Secretary (2-year term), DE Trustee (3-year term), WEF Delegate (3-year term), and Utility Member Representative (2-year term).

Please indicate which role you are submitting your application for: _____

By signing this Commitment Letter, you are confirming that you have read the Chesapeake WEA Bylaws and the appropriate Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the volunteer Board position you are submitting for.

By signing this Commitment Letter, if you are elected, you are confirming that, although a volunteer position, you understand the time and responsibility commitment that the position requires and are agreeing to fulfill the duties outlined in the SOPs. Commitment requirements encompass board meetings, committee meetings, attendance at certain Chesapeake WEA and/or WEF planned or collaborated events, along with any related duties. These meetings, events, and/or activities may take place during the typical workday, evenings, and/or weekends.

Nomination Applicant's Signature & Date

Nomination Applicant's Supervisor

Thank you for your willingness to allow your associate to submit this nomination. Not only will your associate receive valuable leadership training and experience, but they will also have an immediate influence on improving the water/wastewater industry, along with giving positive exposure to your organization.

By signing this Commitment Letter, you are confirming that you understand the time commitment and responsibilities that will be required of your associate on a volunteer basis to serve on Chesapeake WEA's Board of Directors and are agreeing to allow them to fulfill those requirements.

Applicant's Supervisor's Signature & Date

Thank you both for your willingness to help advance the water/wastewater industry in our region through education, collaboration, and environmental stewardship!