



**Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**  
**Interdisciplinary Research Building**  
**Howard University**  
**2201 Georgia Avenue (Intersection of Georgia and W Streets)**  
**Washington, DC 20059**  
**9:00 AM – 12:30 PM**  
**Minutes**

Present- See list of attendees at <https://chwacesu.al.umces.edu/meetings-3/>

A recording of the proceedings is available at <https://chwacesu.al.umces.edu/meetings-3/>

Meeting started at 9:17am

Dr. Eric Davidson, Chesapeake Watershed Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CHWA CESU) Director, opened the meeting with a welcome and introduced Dr. Anthony K. Wutoh, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University.

Dr. Wutoh welcomed attendees to Howard University and recognized Linda Jones, Bruce Jones, and George Middendorf. Expressed the University's sincere desire to collaborate with partners through the CESU.

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. Peter Goodwin, President of UMCES.

Dr. Goodwin recognized Dr. Daniel Filer and Dr. Davidson for their leadership of the CHWA CESU and acknowledged the strength and of the CESU network and relationships between partners. Thanked Howard University for hosting, and after providing a description of the unique mission and structure of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES), expressed the University's interest in furthering partnerships to increase diversity within STEM fields. Thanked Howard University for hosting the meeting.

Dr. Davidson introduced Perry Wheelock, Associate Regional Director for Resource Stewardship and Science, National Capital Region, National Park Service (NPS)

Ms. Wheelock thanked Howard University, Dr. Davidson and Dr. Filer. She recognized Dr. Filer's expertise and work in financial assistance and acknowledged the value of the CESU to the NPS National Capital Region.

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. John Dennis, Deputy Chief Scientist, NPS, to present on the history and purpose of the CESU network.

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. Bruce Jones, Vice President for Research, Howard University.

Dr. Jones welcomed all to Howard University. He described Howard's history related to social justice and equity and explained Howard's current research goals, including becoming an R1 institution.

Break from 10:13am to 10:40am

Meeting resumed at 10:40am.

Dr. Davidson acknowledged Dr. Dan Filer and Ms. Rhonda Schwinabart for their contributions to the CHWA CESU and introduced Dr. Filer, CHWA CESU NPS Research Coordinator for his network update.

Dr. Filer provided the following update on the CHWA CESU:

- Recognized the federal partners, new non-federal partners, and longstanding non-federal partners in the room and encouraged partners to use meeting as opportunity to network.
- Reviewed new brochure and asked for feedback.
- With new partners, CHWA CESU is now the largest CESU in the country by one (1) non-federal partner.
- Last year saw a 21% increase in funding to non-federal partners, engaging twenty-nine (29) partners (approximately 75% of non-federal partners at the time).
- Shared latest newsletter and encouraged partners to send story ideas.
- Reviewed CHWA CESU Experts Database and encouraged members to submit profiles. Database will be used by federal partners to identify research partners for projects. Attendees engaged in discussion of database and expressed desire for third-party update option (similar to FastLane).
- Reviewed CHWA CESU website, demonstrating where partners can find posted funding and job/internship opportunities, as well as active project reports.

Dr. Filer invited Dr. Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Director of Public History Program, Howard University, to introduce her students.

Majella Chube Hamilton and Brenda Zanders, Howard University Ph.D. students, co-presented *Colonel Charles Young: Researching a Life of Transformative Impact*.

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. Daniel Yeager, Howard University to present *Radiative Properties of Aging Saharan Dust Plumes Entering the Tropical Atlantic*.

Following the presentations, Dr. Davidson thanked attendees, and with no further business pending, adjourned the meeting.

Federal partners meeting scheduled for 2pm in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor faculty lounge.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43pm