



## **Annual Meeting Agenda Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

**9:30am-11:30am**

**Zoom**

### **Welcome**

- Dr. Eric Davidson - Host Director of the Chesapeake Watershed CESU and Director/Professor, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science-Appalachian Laboratory
- Lisa Mendelson - Acting Regional Director for the National Capital Area of the National Park Service

### **Experts Database 2.0 Update**

- Katie Kline - Laboratory Manager, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science-Appalachian Laboratory

### **Web-Based Projects Database Update**

- Katie Kline - Laboratory Manager, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science-Appalachian Laboratory

### **2021 Renewal**

- Rhonda Schwinabart - Coordinator of External Affairs, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science-Appalachian Laboratory

### **Reminder of Technical and Administrative Responsibilities**

- Dr. Daniel Filer - Chesapeake Watershed CESU Research Coordinator, National Park Service

### **Break**

**Panel Discussion:** "How Can the CESU Contribute to Dialogues and Actions Needed to Address Underrepresentation and to Promote Inclusive Workplaces Among Our Institutions?"

#### **Panelists:**

- Dr. George Middendorf – Biology Faculty and Technical Representative, Howard University
- Dr. Gina Lewis – Art Faculty and Technical Representative, Bowie State University
- Vedet Coleman-Robinson – Executive Director and Technical/Administrative Representative, the Association of African-American Museums
- Camille Cipollone – Graduate Student Intern at the Museum Resource Center (National Park Service), Morgan State University

In the spirit of recent events across the country and a common belief in the inherent and equal dignity of every person, the Chesapeake Watershed CESU host institution (University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Appalachian Laboratory) has convened a panel to discuss the role that the CESU can play to promote an inclusive workplace and to address patterns of underrepresentation within academia and their research structures. Our CESU network has made a concerted effort to be more inclusive in recent years, vigorously recruiting new membership, especially among non-profits (The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) and the Association of African-American Museums, for example) and HBCUs (our CESU network now includes one of the largest groups of HBCUs in the network). However, we recognize we have much work to do to address underrepresentation in our mission to prepare for future workforce needs. We seek pathways for fostering inclusive engagement of students, faculty, and federal partners in collaborative projects. Today's panel will explore ways that our CESU can contribute to the dialogs and actions needed to facilitate increased representation and inclusiveness among our institutions, in academia, and in our society at large.

### **Adjourn**