

# Agricultural Modeling Team Update

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# We have been approved

- Thank you everyone!

Vote Position	Tally
<b><u>Endorse</u></b> : I like it	15
<b><u>Agree with reservations</u></b> : I can live with it	4
<b><u>Stand aside</u></b> : I trust the group and will not block this decision but need to register my disagreement.	1

# How did we get here?

We met in July

- Did NOT end up voting on consensus

Changes were made offline based on feedback

Voting was conducted via online poll

- Voting members approved the changes

# Voting results

<b>Please enter your name and affiliation:</b>	<b>Do you approve of the updated AMT charge and call for nominations?</b>
Frank Schneider, SCC	ENDORSE: I like it.
Elizabeth Hoffman, MDA - Maryland	ENDORSE: I like it.
Timothy Rosen, ShoreRivers	ENDORSE: I like it.
Emily Dekar - Upper Susquehanna Coalition	ENDORSE: I like it.
Leon Tillman- USDA/ NRCS	AGREE WITH RESERVATIONS: I can live with it.
Greg Albrecht, NYS AGM	ENDORSE: I like it.
Gurpal Toor, ENST-UMD	ENDORSE: I like it.
Cindy Shreve, WVCA	AGREE WITH RESERVATIONS: I can live with it.
Clinton Gill-Delaware Dept. of Ag	ENDORSE: I like it.
Matt Royer, Penn State University	ENDORSE: I like it.
Jeff Hill Conservation District	ENDORSE: I like it.
Paul Bredwell - U.S. Poultry & Egg Association	STAND ASIDE: I trust the group and will not block this decision but need to register my disagreement.
David Graybill	ENDORSE: I like it.
Seth Mullins - VA DCR	AGREE WITH RESERVATIONS: I can live with it.
Jenna Schueler, Chesapeake Bay Foundation	ENDORSE: I like it.
Marel King, Chesapeake Bay Commission	AGREE WITH RESERVATIONS: I can live with it.
Ken Staver UMD Wye REC	ENDORSE: I like it.
Evin Fitzpatrick, Country View Family Farms	ENDORSE: I like it.
Kelly Shenk EPA	ENDORSE: I like it.
R.O. Britt, Smithfield Hog Production	ENDORSE: I like it.

# Additional Comments

Would like to see USDA agencies identified as AMT voting members since one of the functions is coordination with said agencies. This would ensure their data and vote is considered as a foundational function and not diluted in the vote of multiple federal agencies for consensus.

While discussing the eligibility of "At-Large" members, I questioned why potential members were limited to " federal agencies, and academic institutions." While the language was softened to expand the universe of potential "At-large" members beyond just " federal agencies, and academic institutions," the wording included in the Updated Charge does not reflect the sentiment of the suggested change.

While there is an understanding of the reasoning to potentially have Ag Wkgrp members serve on the AMT, but we should be careful to keep the AMT technical and not perceive any undue influence. There is a realization that technical expertise may be the very reason why the membership overlaps. Just something we should keep in mind moving forward.

Allowing states to make their appointments as they see fit seems better.

# Next Steps

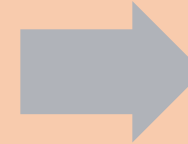
Call for nominations →  
August 8<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>

- AgWG members will submit:
  - Name
  - Conflict of interest forms
  - CV/resumes



Confirm group nominations  
→ September 15<sup>th</sup> -  
October 20<sup>th</sup>

- Four at large positions with alternates, as necessary.
- If we receive more than four candidates, the AgWG members will rank the nominees and the top four will be confirmed.



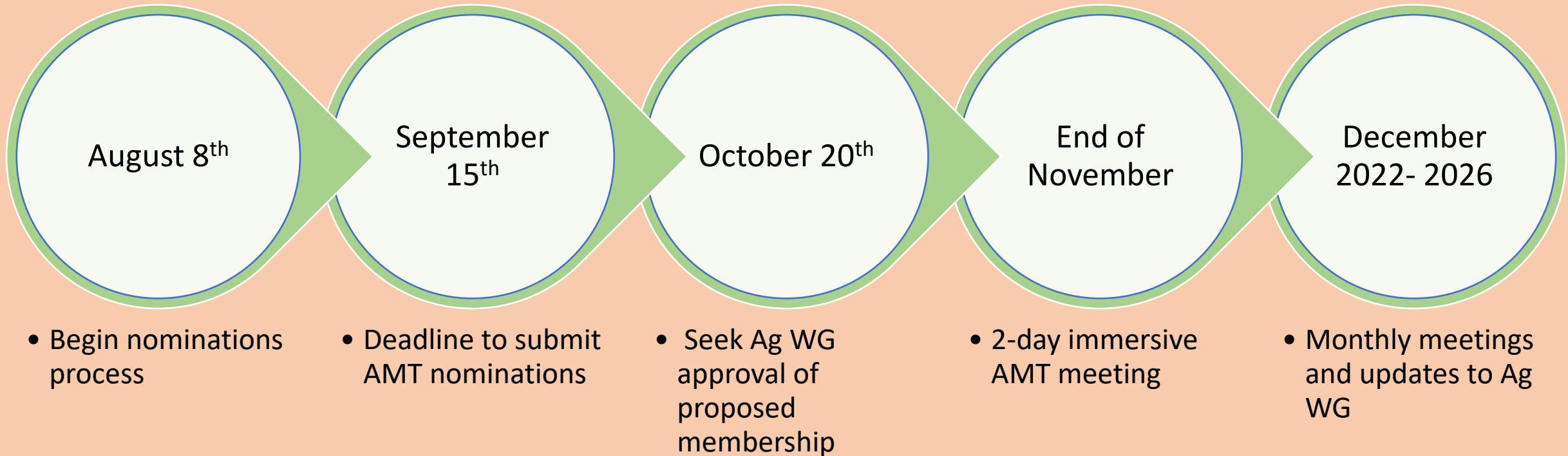
Establish team  
priorities/timeline → End  
of November

- 2 Day in depth review of CAST
- Provide context to new members
- MANDATORY

# Call for Nominations

- August 8<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>
- **3 things**
  - Name
  - CV/Resume
  - Signed [Conflict of Interest](#) Form
- Email to [butler.thomas01@epa.gov](mailto:butler.thomas01@epa.gov)
- Attend a 2-day workshop in late November

# Tentative Timeline



\* We will need to structure meetings to boost attendance on relevant topics, Crops then Animals, alternate, etc. \*



Questions?