2022 Science Committee Vacancy Work Group Charge

**Background:** The Stakeholder Committee and the Implementing Committee each are charged, pursuant to Subsection 7.9.1 of the FMA, with appointing an equal number of members to the Science Committee, with one appointment made jointly. Currently, there is a vacancy, resulting from a resignation, for one of the positions appointed by the Stakeholder Committee. Based on absences, the possibility also exists that another vacancy may develop in the near future.

**Work Group Membership:** [To Be Determined]

**Charge:** The Work Group is charged with reviewing nominations to fill the vacancy, or vacancies, for Stakeholder-Committee-appointed positions on the Science Committee identified during the term of the Work Group and with presenting a recommendation to the Stakeholder Committee for filling each such vacancy.

**Term:** The term of membership on the Work Group is initially set to extend until the end of any Stakeholder Committee meeting held on October 13, 2022, but, if the Stakeholder Committee has not taken action to appoint persons to fill all then-vacant Stakeholder-Committee-appointed positions on the Science Committee by the end of that meeting, the term will automatically continue until the end of any Stakeholder Committee meeting held on December 15, 2022.

**Procedures:** Pursuant to Subsections 8.1 and 8.7 of the Stakeholder Committee Program Operational Rules, the Work Group is authorized to conduct its business and hold meetings, with appropriate notice and opportunity for public input, entirely through virtual communication channels, including, but not limited to, Zoom or Microsoft Teams. For purposes of approving the final text of a Work Group report and/or approving meeting minutes, the Work Group also is authorized to rely solely on email communications or individual conversations, including by phone call, in lieu of a meeting.

Adopted by the EAHCP Stakeholder Committee on March 24, 2022