



Great Lakes Legislative Caucus

2018 Annual Meeting

Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel
Erie, Pennsylvania

September 21-22, 2018

Agenda

Senator Darwin Booher, Michigan, Presiding

Friday, September 21

11:30 am – 1:15 pm **GLLC Executive Committee Luncheon Meeting**
Safe Harbor Wolverine Room (for Executive Committee members and invited guests)

1:15 – 1:30 pm **Check in for Site Visit**
Hotel Lobby

1:30 – 5:30 pm **Optional Pre-Meeting Site Visit**

Attendees will visit the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle State Park, located along Erie's stunning lakeshore. Attendees will also learn about the successful cleanup of the Presque Isle Bay Area of Concern (AOC), funded in part by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

5:30 – 6:30 pm **Registration**
Pre-Conference Area

6 – 8 pm **Opening Reception**
Harlequin Ballroom BC

The 2018 hosts invite GLLC members and other meeting attendees, as well as spouses and adult guests, to join them at an opening reception hosted by VisitErie. Attendees will have a chance to visit with one another and learn about the host city as they enjoy a variety of refreshments, including locally produced beverages.



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Saturday, September 22

7:30 – 8:30 am **Breakfast on your own**

8 – 8:30 am **Registration**
Pre-Conference Area

8:30 am **Great Lakes Legislative Caucus 2018 Annual Meeting Convenes**
Harlequin Ballroom

8:30 – 8:40 am **Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Preview**

8:40 – 9 am **Welcome to Erie**

The Honorable Joe Schember, Mayor of Erie
The Honorable Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Executive

9 – 10:30 am **Business Session**

- Chair’s Report (10)
- Report on Strategic Planning Process (10)
- Resolutions to be Considered (10)
- Roundtable of States and Provinces (60)

10:30 – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 – 11:45 am **Assuring Access to Safe, Affordable Drinking Water in the Great Lakes Region**

Recently within the Great Lakes region, two cities – Flint and Toledo – experienced the unthinkable: the municipal water supply available to their residents became unsafe to drink. The experiences of these cities have focused policymakers’ attention on the urgent need to replace aging water infrastructure and to prevent contaminated runoff that leads to harmful algal blooms, particularly in western Lake Erie. This session will feature a report on the GLLC’s first Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Policy Institute, which focused on steps that state and provincial legislators can take to eliminate lead and other contaminants from drinking water in the region. The session will continue with a detailed look at the Great Lakes states’ implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Attendees will learn what is needed to improve the region’s drinking water resources – and what, specifically, GLLC members can do to make it happen.

Delegate from the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Policy Institute
Katie Rousseau, Director of Clean Water Supply and Great Lakes, American Rivers

11:45 am – 12 pm **Break**

12 – 1:45 pm **Featured Luncheon Presentation:**
Safe Harbor Wolverine Room **A 1,000-Mile Great Lakes Island Adventure**

In this luncheon presentation, biologist, writer, and adventurer Loreen Niewenhuis will take attendees to islands in each of the five Great Lakes and their connecting waters. In words, photos, and video, she'll explore the geology of the largest system of freshwater lakes in the world and will explain why there are tens of thousands of islands in the Great Lakes basin. She'll reveal how these islands are diverse in both geological underpinnings and in the life forms existing on the islands. Following her presentation, a selection of Ms. Niewenhuis's books will be available for sale and signing by the author.

Loreen Niewenhuis, Biologist, Writer, and Adventurer

1:45 – 2 pm **Break**

2 – 2:45 pm **Federal Initiatives in the U.S. and Canada**
Harlequin Ballroom

This session will provide an overview of federal activities that are promoting the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes, including developments related to implementing the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

**Chris Korleski, Director, Great Lakes National Program Office,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**
**Michael Goffin, Regional Director General, Environment and
Climate Change Canada – Ontario Region**

2:45 – 3:30 pm **Climate Change and the Potential Impacts on the Great Lakes**

How will warming temperatures and stronger, more frequent storm events affect the Great Lakes and coastal communities? This session will help attendees understand the potential impacts of climate change on the region, as well as the opportunities for coastal communities to prepare for and adapt to those changes.

**Laura Briley, Climatologist, Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and
Assessments Program (GLISA)**

3:30 – 4:15 pm

**Green Infrastructure in the Great Lakes States and Provinces:
Policy Barriers and Solutions**

Green infrastructure is a powerful tool for managing stormwater and preventing polluted runoff from reaching the Great Lakes and their tributaries. This presentation will review the findings and recommendations of an analysis of federal, state, and provincial policies that advance or – in some cases – impede green stormwater infrastructure in the U.S. and Canada.

Margo Davis, Great Lakes Commission

4:15 – 4:30 pm

Break

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Business Session Resumes

- Approval of Policy Agenda for 2018-2022 (5)
- Approval of the Amended Rules (5)
- Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2019-2020 (10)
- Resolutions: Discussion and Action (15)
- Open Forum and Discussion (15)
- Invitation to the 2019 Annual Meeting (5)
- Closing Remarks (5)

5:30 pm

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