

Great Lakes Legislative Caucus Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee 333 West Kilbourn Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 15-16, 2016

Agenda

Representative Cory Mason, Wisconsin, Presiding

Friday, July 15

11 am – 1 pm GLLC Executive Committee Working Lunch

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(for Executive Committee members)

12:30 – 1:30 pm Check in for Site Visit

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1:30 – 5:45 pm Optional Pre-Meeting Site Visit

Participants will tour the state-of-the-art research facilities of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's renowned School of Freshwater Sciences, where they will learn about ongoing research into water issues and the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. Attendees will also have a chance to sail on the Neeskay, which is the School's primary research vessel. The site visit will continue with a trip to the City of Racine to learn about green infrastructure and other improvements that helped to transform the City's North Beach into one of the top freshwater beaches in the U.S.

The site visit is limited to **45 attendees** who are registered for the GLLC meeting.

6 – 7 pm Registration

OUTSIDE VUE NORTH, 21st FLOOR

6:30 – 8 pm Reception

VUE NORTH

GLLC members and other meeting attendees will have an opportunity to visit with one another informally as they enjoy refreshments in a beautiful setting atop the Hyatt. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.



Saturday, July 16

8 – 9 am Breakfast on your own

8:30 – 9:30 am Registration REGENCY BALLROOM ATRIUM

9 am Great Lakes Legislative Caucus Meeting Convenes REGENCY BALLROOM AB

9 – 9:05 am Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Preview

9:05 – 9:15 am Welcome to Wisconsin

The Honorable Tom Barrett, Mayor of Milwaukee

9:15 – 10:30 am Business Session

Chair's Report (5)

State and Provincial Roundtable (60)

Resolutions to be Considered (10)

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 – 11:20 am The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Status Report on Progress and Funding

This session will provide an overview of federal activities that are promoting the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes.

Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

11:20 – 11:55 am Revitalizing Great Lakes Communities: What Works and Why

Attendees will hear about recent efforts to transform the economies of Great Lakes cities in ways that leverage the valuable economic and recreational benefits presented by the lakes.

Brian Vandewalle, CEO/President, and Jolena Presti, Principal Planner, Vandewalle & Associates, Inc.

11:55 am – 12 pm Announcements

12 – 1:45 pm Featured Luncheon Presentation: EXECUTIVE AB

The Great Lakes Water Wars Revisited

Ten years after the publication of his seminal work The Great Lakes Water Wars, author Peter Annin will share his insights on the Great Lakes Compact and its implementation.

Peter Annin, Codirector of the Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation and Director of Environmental Communication, Northland College

1:45 – 2 pm Break

2 – 2:35 pm Spotlight on Lake Michigan

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The Caucus continues its tradition of shining a "spotlight" on the local water body with a look at Lake Michigan – its unique characteristics, the challenges the lake faces, and its importance not just to the four states that share its waters but to the entire region.

J. Val Klump, Director of the Great Lakes Water Institute, UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences

2:35 – 3:10 pm Economics of Cities in the Great Lakes Region

In addition to being an ecological wonder, the Great Lakes are an economic engine for the region. This session will look at regional efforts to promote sustainable growth from the ground up, as well as opportunities for states and provinces to be partners in building the future economy.

David Ullrich, Executive Director, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

This session will provide a quick update on recent developments involving issues that the Caucus has followed recently, including topics addressed by GLLC members through resolutions passed at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

3:30 – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 – 5 pm Business Session Resumes

- Resolutions: Discussion and Action (15)
- Election of Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2017-2018 (15)
- Discussion of GLLC Goals (15)
- Open Forum and Discussion (20)
- Invitation to the 2017 Annual Meeting (5)
- Closing Remarks (5)

5 pm Adjourn