

**Great Lakes Water Quality Board – 182<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**  
**Summary of Discussion**  
April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
The Embassy Suites Hotel, Diplomat Room, Washington, D.C

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**US Member Participants**

Susan Hedman (Co-Chair)	US Environmental Protection Agency
Roger Eberhardt (on phone for J. Allan)	Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality
Lori Boughton (on phone)	Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection
Terry Cosby	USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (Ohio)
Thomas Easterly	Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management
George Elmaraghy (for S. Nally)	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Suzanne Hanson	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
David Ullrich	Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives
Kim Walz (on phone for R. Rasmussen)	Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources

**Canadian Member Participants**

Diane Johnston (Interim Co-Chair)	Environment Canada
Sharon Bailey (on phone)	Ontario Ministry of the Environment
Eric Boysen (on phone)	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Gavin Christie (on phone)	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Jim Richardson (on phone)	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Maxine Kingston (on phone)	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Louise Lapierre (on phone)	Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife & Parks

**Observers**

Cam Davis	US Environmental Protection Agency
Steve Davis	USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (Ohio)
Diane de Beaumont (on phone)	Environment Canada
Caroline O'Neil	Ontario Ministry of the Environment

**Commission Staff**

Raj Bejankiwar	Great Lakes Regional Office
Matthew Child	Great Lakes Regional Office
Jasmine Jarjour (on phone)	Canadian Section
Saad Jasim	Great Lakes Regional Office (Director)
Li Wang	Great Lakes Regional Office

**Commission Liaisons**

Dave Dempsey	US Section
Paul Allen	Canadian Section

**Secretariat**

John Wilson	Great Lakes Regional Office
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### **1. Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs)**

The US Co-Chair welcomed everyone to the 182<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board and introduced Diane Johnston who would be acting as the Canadian Interim Co-Chair for the meeting on behalf of Mike Goffin. Members and participants introduced themselves.

The meeting was held concurrently with the Commission's Spring Semi-Annual Meeting.

### **2. Review and Approval of Agenda (Co-Chairs)**

The agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions or changes.

### **3. 181<sup>st</sup> Meeting Summary Review and Approval (All)**

The summary was approved with some minor edits and will be made available on the Commission's website.

### **4. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (Co-Chairs & Commission Representatives)**

The US Co-Chair provided an update on the Parties' activities to-date which included the amended Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement entering into force in February, 2013. Members were briefed on the purpose and functions of the Great Lakes Executive Committee (GLEC) as well as its recent activities. The Parties have also been working on preparing for the Forum and Summit, as required under the Agreement, which will be held during Great Lakes Week in Milwaukee this coming September.

Commission staff briefed members on the latest revisions to the draft Board composition and detailed functions documents that are being developed to meet the Commission's obligations under the revised Agreement. Members provided feedback and comments for the Commission's consideration and further discussion during the Board's appearance before Commissioners during the Spring Semi-Annual meeting scheduled for later in the week.

### **5. Assessment of Progress Priority – Environmental Indicators Project (David Ullrich and Gavin Christie & IJC Staff)**

The Environmental Indicators workgroup Co-Chair, Dave Ullrich, presented a Summary Report for the project which was distributed to members prior to the meeting for review. Members discussed the draft summary report and the next steps for the project. Board members endorsed the Summary Report and approved it for transmission to the Commission following final edits. Workgroup Co-Chairs requested that members provide their suggestions for any final edits by the end of the week so that the revised report can be forwarded to the Water Quality Board and Science Advisory Board Co-Chairs for transmission to the Commission in a timely manner.

Action Item: Board members to provide written comments to workgroup Co-Chairs by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Action Item: Workgroup Co-Chairs to incorporate member's comments into a final draft to be forwarded to the Water Quality Board and Science Advisory Board Co-Chairs

Action Item: Board Co-Chairs to review and approve the final version of the summary report and forward it to the Commission.

### **6. Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority (Co-Chairs & IJC Staff)**

Commission staff briefed members on progress made to-date on the science and social/economic components as well as the next steps for the overall Priority. Members were also informed that the

Commission's Priority Management Team is currently working on developing a draft synthesis report that will include sections on science, social/economics and policy. The policy section will incorporate the work currently being done as part of the Board's nutrient management policy options project. Members may be asked to review the synthesis report.

The Co-Chairs briefed members on the status of the Board's policy options project and discussed a number of options for moving forward. It was decided that the project documents would be sent to members for review a final time prior to the materials being forwarded to the Commission's Priority Management Team for use as part of the Priority synthesis report.

Action Item: Nutrient management policy options material to be sent to members for review. Members will be given roughly two weeks to check the accuracy of the information for their particular jurisdiction.

Action Item: Member comments to be incorporated into the nutrient management policy options material for final review and approval by the Board Co-Chairs.

Action Item: Following Co-Chair approval, the revised materials will be forwarded to the Commission's Priority Management Team for use in the Lake Erie Ecosystem Priority Synthesis Report.

#### **7. Semi-Annual Meeting Schedule & Closing Remarks (Co-Chairs)**

Co-Chairs briefed members on the remaining Board related activities scheduled for the Semi-Annual meeting.

The Board Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their participation.