

**Great Lakes Water Quality Board – 184<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Summary of Discussion**  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Teleconference

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**US Member Participants**

Dave Ullrich (Co-Chair)  
Sandy Bihn  
Martha Brand  
Douglas Busdeker  
Marvourneen Dolor  
Jane Elder  
David Mengebier  
Marc Miller  
Matthew Thompson

**Canadian Member Participants**

Rob de Loë (Co-Chair)  
Caroline Gravel  
John Jackson  
Dean Jacobs  
Betty Matthews-Malone  
Mark Mattson  
Jean Painchaud  
Russ Powers  
Mark Wales  
Gayle Wood

**Observers**

Mark Elster – US Environmental Protection Agency  
Caroline O’Neill – Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

**Commission Staff**

Matthew Child – Great Lakes Regional Office

**Commission Liaisons**

Dave Dempsey – US Section  
Cindy Warwick – Canadian Section

**Secretariat**

John Wilson – Great Lakes Regional Office

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**1. Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs)**

The Co-Chairs welcomed everyone to the 184<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board. Member and participants identified themselves over the phone.

**2. Review context for the meeting (Dave Ullrich)**

The U.S. Co-Chair reminded members of the requirement under the Directive to develop a work plan for approval by the Commission.

**3. Summary of process to date including key insights from the survey (Rob de Loë)**

The Canadian Co-Chair provided a summary of the process to identify areas of potential focus for the Board to date. This included reviewing the discussion from the Board’s Washington meeting, the results of the two round survey to identify and rank potential areas of focus and the formulation of work groups

in the identified areas of focus. Board members were very supportive of the survey process and felt that it was a very effective method for gathering input from everyone.

#### **4. Overview of proposed approach (Rob de Loë)**

The Canadian Co-Chair provided an overview of a proposed approach for addressing the identified areas of focus that included more detailed examples, proposed work group membership as well as timelines and potential next steps.

The proposed approach was informed by the results of the Board's work planning survey and is based on the formation of four work groups that would address each of the following areas: Emerging Issues, Assessment of Progress, Public Engagement and Indicators.

Work group membership was proposed based on the results of Round Two of the planning survey where Board members were asked to identify the level of engagement they would like to have with each proposed area of focus. Using those results the Co-Chairs formulated the membership and identified a US and Canadian co-lead for each group. Members were asked to review the group memberships and evaluate their roles for each.

**ACTION ITEM:** Members to review work group membership and provide feedback to the Board Secretary if they would like to make any changes.

Key dates and activities were also presented. Members were informed that Co-Chairs would like to have work plans for each group completed and submitted for discussion at the Board's upcoming September meeting. The work plans will be compiled and submitted to the Commission for discussion and approval at its Semi-Annual meeting in October.

#### **5. Detailed discussion of targets and timelines for work groups (Co-Chairs)**

The Co-Chairs facilitated an open discussion regarding the proposed approach, areas of focus, work group membership, the work planning process and next steps. Members were generally supportive of the proposed approach including the areas of focus and group membership.

During the discussion, it was requested that the Co-Chairs of the Board communicate with the Science Advisory Board to identify any areas for potential collaboration between the Boards.

**ACTION ITEM:** Board Secretary to contact the SAB Secretaries and arrange a teleconference with the Co-Chairs from both Boards

Members also requested that the secretary of the Board work with co-leads to setup the first teleconferences for each work group.

**ACTION ITEM:** Board Secretary to contact the work group co-leads and start the process of organizing initial teleconferences for the month of July.

#### **6. Conclusions & Next Steps (Dave Ullrich)**

The next meeting of the Board will be held September 24-25 in Windsor, ON.