



Great Lakes-St. Lawrence  
Legislative Caucus

## GLLC Committees and Task Forces 2020

In 2018, the leaders of the GLLC reframed the mission of the organization to focus on taking coordinated regional action to assure that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River continue to provide a plentiful source of clean, affordable water for the region's residents, businesses, and industries. To carry out this mission, the GLLC organizes committees and task forces as needed to focus on specific issues on the GLLC's policy agenda. The following committees are or will be active in 2019-2020. GLLC members who are interested in joining one or more committees or task forces should contact Lisa Janairo, GLLC Director, at 920.458.5910 or [ljanairo@csg.org](mailto:ljanairo@csg.org).

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### **Executive Committee** (elected positions)

*The GLLC Executive Committee directs and oversees the work of the Caucus. This bipartisan committee is made up of one elected representative from each of the 10 jurisdictions in the region as well as the elected officers of the Caucus (chair and vice chair). Past GLLC chairs and the chairs of any committees or task forces serve as ex officio members of the Executive Committee. Caucus officers and Executive Committee members are elected every two years at the GLLC Annual Meeting; the next election will take place in September 2020. Candidates for officer positions must have served previously as members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee holds conference calls as needed and currently holds one meeting in conjunction with the GLLC Annual Meeting.*

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| 1. Senator Ed Charbonneau, Indiana (chair)           | 8. Representative Michael Sheehy, Ohio   |
| 2. Representative Robyn Gabel, Illinois (vice chair) | 9. MPP Jennifer French, Ontario  |
| 3. Senator Laura Fine, Illinois                      | 10. Representative Curt Sonney, Pennsylvania                                   |
| 4. Senator Rick Niemeyer, Indiana                    | 11. MNA Gilles Bélanger, Québec  |
| 5. Senator Curtis VanderWall, Michigan               | 12. Representative Beth Meyers, Wisconsin                                      |
| 6. Representative Jennifer Schultz, Minnesota        | 13. Senator Ann Rest, Minnesota (past chair)                                   |
| 7. Assemblyman Peter Lawrence, New York              | 14. Senator André Jacque, Wisconsin (chair, Task Force on Nutrient Management) |



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## **Task Force on Lead**

*The Task Force on Lead drives the Caucus's work on lead in drinking water. Organized in September 2018, the task force has produced a GLLC resolution, action plan, and model policy on reducing exposure to lead in drinking water. The task force will continue its work in 2020 with a focus on financing the full replacement of lead service lines, reviewing and commenting on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule revisions, and refining and working to enact the GLLC's model policy on lead in drinking water. The task force will hold 3-4 conference calls in late 2019 through the end of 2020.*

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| 1. Senator Laura Fine, Illinois                | 14. Assemblyman Sean Ryan, New York          |
| 2. Representative Robyn Gabel, Illinois        | 15. Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson, Ohio  |
| 3. Representative Rita Mayfield, Illinois      | 16. Representative John Rogers, Ohio         |
| 4. Senator Ed Charbonneau, Indiana             | 17. Representative Michael Sheehy, Ohio      |
| 5. Representative Earl Harris, Jr., Indiana    | 18. MPP Jennifer French, Ontario             |
| 6. Senator Rosemary Bayer, Michigan            | 19. Representative Curt Sonney, Pennsylvania |
| 7. Senator John Bizon, M.D., Michigan          | 20. MNA Gilles Bélanger, Québec              |
| 8. Representative Rachel Hood, Michigan        | 21. Representative Gary Hebl, Wisconsin      |
| 9. Representative Leslie Love, Michigan        | 22. Representative Lisa Subeck, Wisconsin    |
| 10. Senator Curtis VanderWall, Michigan        |  |
| 11. Senator Ann Rest, Minnesota                |  |
| 12. Senator Carrie Ruud, Minnesota             |  |
| 13. Representative Jennifer Schultz, Minnesota |  |

## **GLLC 2020 Priorities Committee**

*In 2020, the GLLC 2020 Priorities Committee will develop an informational piece to educate newly elected federal officials about Great Lakes issues and the Caucus's priorities. Members from all jurisdictions are welcome to join. The committee will hold 2-3 conference calls from early May through October so that the outreach to federal officials can take place immediately after the November 2020 election.*

1. Representative Tim Butler, Illinois
2. Representative Sonya Marie Harper, Illinois
3. Senator Curtis VanderWall, Michigan
4. Representative Michael Sheehy, Ohio
5. Senator André Jacque, Wisconsin
6. Representative Lisa Subeck, Wisconsin
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## **Task Force on Nutrient Management**

*New in 2019, the Task Force on Nutrient Management leads the GLLC's efforts to take coordinated regional action to reduce nutrient pollution that contributes to the formation of harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River, and other waterbodies. Most of the task force members participated in the inaugural Birkholz Institute in late 2019. GLLC members from all jurisdictions are encouraged to join. The task force will hold conference calls periodically starting in 2020 and 2021. The members also will hold a workshop in August or September 2020 to evaluate progress in implementing the GLLC's action plan.*

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| 1. Representative Tim Butler, Illinois             | 14. Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, New York          |
| 2. Representative Anna Moeller, Illinois           | 15. Senator Theresa Gavarone, Ohio              |
| 3. Representative David Abbott, Indiana            | 16. Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson, Ohio     |
| 4. Senator Mike Bohacek, Indiana                   | 17. Representative Michael Sheehy, Ohio         |
| 5. Representative Mara Candelaria Reardon, Indiana | 18. MPP Jennifer French, Ontario                |
| 6. Representative Joe Bellino, Michigan            | 19. Representative Mark K. Keller, Pennsylvania |
| 7. Representative Rachel Hood, Michigan            | 20. Representative Dan Moul, Pennsylvania       |
| 8. Representative Bronna Kahle, Michigan           | 21. MNA Gilles Bélanger, Québec                 |
| 9. Senator Curtis VanderWall, Michigan             | 22. Senator André Jacque, Wisconsin             |
| 10. Senator Roger Victory, Michigan                | 23. Representative Tip McGuire, Wisconsin       |
| 11. Representative Anne Claflin, Minnesota         | 24. Representative Lisa Subeck, Wisconsin       |
| 12. Senator Carrie Ruud, Minnesota                 |   |
| 13. Senator Pamela Helming, New York               |   |

## **Fundraising Outreach Committee**

*The Fundraising Outreach Committee will work with the GLLC director to identify potential funding partners for the GLLC and to conduct outreach, as appropriate, to philanthropic, community, and corporate foundations and to potential event sponsors. Members from all jurisdictions are encouraged to join. The committee will hold 2-3 conference calls in 2020.*

1. Representative Rachel Hood, Michigan
2. Senator Janet Bewley, Wisconsin
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### **Task Force on Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day**

*Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day is an effort by the GLLC to spread awareness about the value that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River bring to the region. The Caucus first worked to establish the occasion in 2019 through resolutions and governors' proclamations. This new task force will recommend to the Executive Committee a new resolution to establish September 7, 2020, as the day of celebration, as well as ideas for publicizing the event and coordinating with other Great Lakes organizations. The committee will hold 2-3 conference calls in March and April.*

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### **Nominating Committee**

*The GLLC's Nominating Committee will solicit interested candidates for positions as officers or members of the Executive Committee. The committee will recommend a slate of candidates for election at the 2020 Annual Meeting in Detroit in September. GLLC members who are interested in being a candidate for GLLC officer or Executive Committee member are not eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee will hold 2-3 conference calls in May through mid-September.*

1. Senator Ann Rest, Minnesota
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### **Birkholz Institute Steering Committee**

*The Birkholz Institute Steering Committee will plan the 2021 Patricia Birkholz Institute for Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Policy. The GLLC Executive Committee will decide on the focus for the 2021 institute in the summer of 2020. The committee will organize in late 2020 to plan the institute, which will involve deciding on the dates and location; developing the agenda; and, if desired, participating in the institute as Birkholz Fellows. Up to six GLLC members may serve on the steering committee. The committee will hold one or two conference calls in late 2020, with calls every four-six weeks in 2021.*

1. Senator André Jacque
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