



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.

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.

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

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.

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

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 Sabeck, 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.

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

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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