



Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus

GLLC Committees and Task Forces 2019-2020

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 Dan Lauwers, Michigan (chair,
Birkholz Institute Steering Committee)

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

Birkholz Institute Steering Committee

The Birkholz Institute Steering Committee planned the inaugural Patricia Birkholz Institute for Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Policy in 2019 and wrapped up its activities in November. A new steering committee will form in late 2020 to plan the next institute, which will take place in 2021. In addition to planning the institute, members of the steering committee have the opportunity to participate in the institute as Birkholz Fellows.

1. Senator Dan Lauwers, Michigan (chair)
2. Senator Karen Tallian, Indiana
3. Senator Ann Rest, Minnesota
4. Representative Michael Sheehy, Ohio
5. Senator André Jacque, Wisconsin

Task Force on Nutrients

New in 2019, the Task Force on Nutrients will spearhead the GLLC's efforts to take coordinated regional action to reduce nutrient pollution that leads 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. To achieve the goal of having representation from all 10 jurisdictions in the region, the task force is seeking at least two members from New York. GLLC members from other jurisdictions also are encouraged to join. The task force will hold conference calls periodically starting in late 2019 and continuing into 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. Senator Curtis VanderWall, Michigan
9. Senator Roger Victory, Michigan
10. Representative Anne Claflin, Minnesota
11. Senator Carrie Ruud, Minnesota
12. Senator Theresa Gavarone, Ohio
13. Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson, Ohio
14. Representative Michael Sheehy, Ohio
15. MPP Jennifer French, Ontario
16. Representative Mark K. Keller, Pennsylvania
17. Representative Dan Moul, Pennsylvania
18. MNA Gilles Bélanger, Québec
19. Senator André Jacque, Wisconsin
20. Representative Tip McGuire, Wisconsin
21. Representative Lisa Sobeck, Wisconsin

GLLC 2020 Priorities

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. Senator Curtis VanderWall, Michigan
2. Representative Michael Sheehy, Ohio
3. Representative Lisa Sobeck, Wisconsin
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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 potential event sponsors. Members from all jurisdictions are encouraged to join. The committee will hold 2-3 conference calls in 2020.

1. Senator Janet Bewley, Wisconsin
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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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