

Approved April 17, 2009

**MINUTES
INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE MEETING
Washington, DC March 31**

The International Joint Commission met in Executive Session at the One Washington Circle Hotel in Washington, DC, on March 31, 2009, and with its Boards, Task Forces, and the Canadian and U.S. Governments on April 1, 2, and 3, 2009, with Irene Brooks in the chair.

COMMISSIONERS	
Irene Brooks	Chair, U.S. Section
Herb Gray	Chair, Canadian Section
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Bruce Kirschner	Physical Scientist

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda.

INTERNATIONAL AIR QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD (IAQAB)

2. Commissioners received an update on the review of the IAQAB being undertaken by staff with the assistance of a contractor.

APPOINTMENT

3. Commissioners approved the appointment of Tom Brown as a U.S. member of the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control for a term ending December 31, 2009, or until such time as a new Board is appointed by the Commission, whichever comes first.

BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY CENTENNIAL

4. Commissioners received an update on activities associated with the 2009 centennial of the Boundary Waters Treaty noting that:
 - a. the BWT100 website had a successful launch on March 20, 2009;
 - b. the BWT100 celebration-in-a-box kit is ready and available for Board events and was used for the first time at the March 11-12 Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum;
 - c. a limited run of IJC centennial letterhead stationery is now in production;
 - d. work on updating the IJC activities map continues;
 - e. a draft invitation to be issued by the BWT100 committee is ready and was provided to Commissioners for their review; and
 - f. a draft PowerPoint slide show for use before screenings of the IMAX film "Mysteries of the Great Lakes" has been prepared and was previewed for Commissioners' comment.

Commissioners approved a proposal to provide staff the opportunity to purchase identifier clothing items that depict the BWT100 logo or the IJC corporate logo. They also approved the purchase of 500 hats depicting the BWT100 logo. The Canadian Section will cover the cost to purchase the hats.

2009 GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT BIENNIAL MEETING

5. Commissioners received an update on preparations underway for the October 6-8, 2009, Biennial meeting, including the draft agenda, and approved the draft agenda as modified.

INTERNATIONAL WATERSHED INITIATIVE (IWI)

6. Commissioners received a report on the roll out of the Third IWI Report to Governments, which was released formally on March 26, 2009, and noted that the presentation developed for the release of the report could be used for other, broader IJC presentations on the Initiative.

LAKE OF THE WOODS

7. Commissioners reviewed letters sent to Canadian Foreign Minister Cannon from the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Water Stewardship of Manitoba in which the Premier and Minister expressed support for issuing a reference to the IJC on Lake of the Woods water quality issues. The Premier also expressed support for expanding the mandate of the Rainy River Pollution Control Board to include Lake of the Woods. Commissioners considered staff suggestions for

possible consolidation of Lake of the Woods and Rainy River/Rainy Lake issues and undertook to discuss the issues with the State Department and Department of Foreign Affairs.

INTERNATIONAL UPPER GREAT LAKES STUDY

8. Commissioners approved text for a letter responding to a February 6, 2009, letter from the Georgian Bay Association Foundation.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. **World Water Week**

Commissioners noted that the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI - organizers of World Water Week) had accepted the IJC proposal for a half-day seminar at World Water Week in Stockholm, August 16-22, 2009. Commissioners approved SIWI's request that the IJC partner with the United Nations University and the Lake Chad Basin Commission as co-convenors of the seminar and submit a revised seminar proposal to reflect a broadened scope.

Decisions made during discussion/appearances of Boards/Task Force/Council reporting on Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2.

NOTE: Commissioners agreed that, subject to any final edits by staff and Boards, all submitted Board Reports could be released to the public and posted on the IJC website. Those Boards submitting reports included: the International Upper Great Lakes Study Board, the International Lake Superior Board of Control, the International Niagara Board of Control, the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control, the International Rainy Lake Board of Control/International Rainy River Water Pollution Control Board, the International St. Croix River Watershed Board, and the International Red River Board.

INTERNATIONAL UPPER GREAT LAKES STUDY BOARD

10. Commissioners confirmed to the Study Board that they would like to have IJC staff attend the public meetings that will be held after the release of the draft St. Clair River report.

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Secretary
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Charles Lawson
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