

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL**

March 17, 2014, 1:00 - 3:20 PM

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on March 17, 2014, chaired by Lana Pollack.

COMMISSIONERS

Lana Pollack	Chair, U.S. Section
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Ted Yuzyk	Director, Sciences and Engineering, Canadian Section

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

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Raj Bejankiwar	Physical Scientist
Jennifer Boehme	Physical Scientist
Colin Branton	Intern
Mark Burrows	Physical Scientist
Leah Quin	Intern
Lizhu Wang	Physical Scientist
John Wilson	Physical Scientist

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. The agenda was accepted with the addition of one item that was discussed under item #4.

MINUTES

2. Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 7, 11-12, and 14, 2014, Executive meeting, as modified.

APPOINTMENTS

3. **A. International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board**
Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. James Stark to be a U.S. member of the Board for a three year term effective April 1, 2014, to March 31, 2017.

IJC ACTION ITEM LIST

4. Commissioners reviewed the updated action item list and noted the following items:
 - a) Shoal Lake - Commissioners received a read out of meetings held with representatives of the Iskatewizaagegan Independent First Nation and the Shoal Lake #40 First Nation concerning the Shoal Lake diversion. Commissioners requested that staff draft a summary of the meetings for the files. Commissioners committed to a site visit and follow up meeting with the First Nations during the summer.
 - b) Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Report - Commissioners received an update of the timetable for completing the report, noted their interest in receiving more details about roll out plans for the report, and requested that staff schedule a separate conference call for Commissioners to discuss the report.
 - c) GLRO Review - Commissioners agreed to reserve time at the Spring Semi-Annual meeting for further discussion on the issue of GLRO governance and requested that Secretaries include a session on this topic on the meeting agenda.
 - d) Adaptive Management - Commissioners expressed interest in receiving a read out of the discussion with the Great Lakes control boards on adaptive management that will take place at their March 25-26 meetings and in moving forward after those meetings.
 - e) Lake Superior Order - Commissioners received an update on the State Department's review of the Order and requested that Secretaries schedule a separate conference call for Commissioners to discuss next steps.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

5. Commissioners approved the request to hire someone on a short term contract (6-9 months) to act as the GLRO Public Affairs Officer while the search process is underway to fill the position on a permanent basis. Commissioners also concurred with the Director's plan to have U.S. Section Policy Advisor Dave Dempsey carry out the high priority PAO functions until the short term contract can be implemented. The Canadian Chair asked staff to draft a short background paper on the history of the GLRO PAO position.

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6. Commissioners noted that this issue would be informed by the discussion that takes place at the March 19-20 strategic planning workshop and agreed to defer consideration of this issue until after the workshop.

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

7. Commissioners reviewed the Health Professionals Advisory Board report entitled *Recommended Human Health Indicators for Assessment of Progress on the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement* and agreed: 1) that the author page be modified so that IJC staff contributions are acknowledged but that staff are not to be listed as authors; 2) that the Parties be given notice prior to the report's posting on the board's website for public comment; and 3) that a letter be sent to the Board thanking it for its efforts to develop the report.

IJC STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

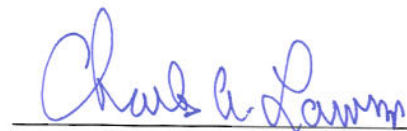
8. Commissioners received an update on planning for the strategic planning workshop that will be held March 19-20, 2014, in Quebec City.

MANITOBA LAKE FRIENDLY ALLIANCE/ACCORD

9. Commissioners received information on the Lake Friendly Accord and Lake Friendly Stewards Alliance, which is an initiative to foster collaboration to improve and protect Lake Winnipeg water quality. Commissioners agreed to meet with representatives of the alliance during the Spring Semi-Annual meeting to receive a briefing.



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