

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL  
November 14, 2014, 12:00 Noon - 2:15 PM**

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on November 14, 2014, chaired by Lana Pollack.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Lana Pollack	Chair, U.S. Section
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**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF**

Mark Burrows	Acting Director
Jennifer Boehme	Physical Scientist
Matthew Child	Physical Scientist
Hugh McDiarmid	Public Affairs Officer
Li Wang	Physical Scientist

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

1. The agenda was accepted with the addition of a number of items to be discussed under Other Business.

## **MINUTES**

2. Commissioners approved the draft minutes of the October 20-23, 2014, Semi-Annual Meeting, as modified.

## **IJC ACTION ITEM LIST**

3. Commissioners reviewed the updated action item list and requested the addition of two items - a) the possible transfer of the responsibility for overseeing the Poplar River from the International Red River Board to the Accredited Officers for the St. Mary-Milk Rivers; and b) holding an IJC event in the fall of 2015.

## **IJC HUMAN RESOURCES**

4. Commissioners reviewed recent IJC human resources actions and noted that Hugh McDiarmid currently is a contractor responsible for the public affairs portfolio in the Great Lakes Regional Office and that Tara Buchanan's replacement in the Ottawa Section office, Samantha Klaus, will start on November 24, 2014.

## **GREAT LAKES EXECUTIVE MEETING**

5. Commissioners reviewed material staff prepared for the Great Lakes Executive Meeting, which will be held in Toronto, Ontario, on December 2, 2014 and agreed with staff recommendation that the acting Canadian Chair deliver the IJC observer comments. Commissioners noted staff will provide talking points for Commissioners to use at the lunch meeting that the Commission, the Great Lakes Commission, and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission will have with the GLEC Co-Chairs. Commissioners discussed GLRO staff attendance at GLEC meetings, noted the usefulness of taking advantage of networking opportunities, but recognized that the change to a one day format for GLEC meetings (from a format where meetings were held over a two-day period) reduced networking opportunities.

## **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY BOARD**

6. Commissioners approved instituting term limits for members of the Health Professionals Advisory Board, with the limit being up to nine years (one initial three-year appointment and up to two three-year reappointments). Commissioners directed staff to develop a directive for the HPAB and to seek nominations for membership from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and a counterpart Canadian health department or agency.

## **HUMAN HEALTH INDICATORS REPORT**

7. Commissioners approved transmitting the final Health Professionals Advisory Board's report entitled "Recommended Human Health Indicators for Assessment of Progress on the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement" to the governments. They also approved, as modified, the transmittal letter to the governments. Commissioners directed staff to draft and issue a media release on the transmittal of the report to the governments.

## **LAKE CHAMPLAIN-RICHELIEU RIVER TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

8. Commissioners approved the establishment of the Lake Champlain-Richelieu River Technical Working Group by appointing the following eight experts to the Working Group: for the Canadian Section - Jean-Francois Cantin as Co-Chair, and Vincent Fortin, Daniel Leblanc, and Richard Turcotte as members; for the U.S. Section, Keith Robinson as Co-Chair, and William Saunders, Fred Dunlap, and Blaine Hastings as members. All appointments are effective November 14, 2014 to October 31, 2015. Commissioners also approved posting the membership of the Working Group and the group's directive on the IJC website and issuing a media release as revised to announce the establishment of the Working Group.

## **LAKE ERIE ECOSYSTEM PRIORITY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

9. Co-Chairs Walker and Pollack provided the other Commissioners and staff with an oral briefing on the four public meetings that were held to discuss harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie. Two meetings (one in the afternoon and one in the evening) were held in Leamington, Ontario, on November 12, 2014, and two were held in Oregon, Ohio, on November 13, 2014. The Co-Chairs noted that the meetings were well attended, especially the afternoon sessions in each location (approximately 75 participants in each session), and they thanked the staff involved in making all the preparations for the meetings. While there seems to be an increased awareness of the sources of the problem, the Co-Chairs noticed that participants expressed concern that the political will to make needed changes has not been demonstrated.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

10. **a) Great Lakes Regional Office Visit**  
Commissioners noted that the U.S. Consul General in Toronto, Mr. Jim Dickmeyer, will visit the GLRO on Thursday, November 20, 2014.
- b) Communications Webinar**  
Commissioners noted that the communications advisors are developing a webinar for the boards on communications issues.

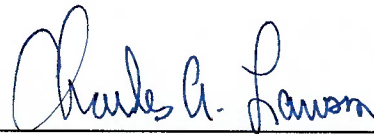
c) **Commission Great Lakes Water Quality Event in 2015**

Commissioners directed staff to put forward ideas for a possible Commission event in 2015 on Great Lakes Water Quality issues for discussion at the December 2014 Executive meeting.



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