

(Adding) Alternate(s) vote only in the absence of delegate(s).

Rationale: There is a need for a Vice President to preside in the absence of the President and to be in a position of succession. Adding the Bulletin Editor to the Board of Directors adds an additional member and will strengthen the Board

A full complement of delegates and alternates will help the organization run more efficiently and give us more person-power for our work.

The board feels the selection and status of alternate delegates to the Board of Directors needs to be clarified.



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LMILO ON THE WEB!



We would like to express our appreciation to Dendra Best, new delegate from Michigan, who has done a fantastic job of getting our Web page up and running. Go to <http://www.lmilo.org/> and check it out. There you can read an expanded Newsletter, receive email notification of the latest publication, plus get the latest news about action alerts, problems, programs and legislative efforts to protect our Great Lakes. PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ACCOUNT - let us know at editor@lmilo.org as distributing news via email will save on printing and postage and be more time responsive.

MICHIGAN ENERGY FAIR

[Suzanne Dixon, LMILO Treasurer (center); Kathi Houston (right) LWV Manistee County at MI Energy Fair]

Board members, state & local Leagues provided public education outreach advocacy, workshops and materials throughout the recent three day June event.

Devoted to providing a wide range of exhibits, presentations and workshops on sustainable, renewable energy, the goals of Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (www.glrea.org) match those of LMILO - namely protection and prevention of degrading the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin.



LMILO CoPresident Jeanette Neagu gave a workshop on LMILO's purpose to grow grass roots advocacy. **A Powerpoint presentation**, which can be modified to reflect current Great Lakes issues and legislation, is available for presentation by any League of Women Voters group.

The presentation tailored for the MI Energy Fair included news on ballast issues and invasive species such as Viral hemorrhagic septicemia, or VHS.



[Image courtesy of MI DNR]

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Michigan's 1970 Environmental Protection Act, passed by the Michigan Legislature and signed by Governor Milliken, included wording, giving anyone the right to sue over damage to the state's water, air or land. On July 25, Michigan's Supreme Court struck down that provision saying only those who can prove they were directly harmed have a right to sue. In a 4-3 decision, the court's ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed by environmentalists claiming a Mecosta County water bottling plant operated by Nestle Waters North America threatened to lower the levels of two nearby lakes, a stream and three wetlands. The court said they lacked legal standing to sue for damage to those waterways where they did not reside or own property.



Indiana is grappling with the balancing act of weighing the value of jobs and economic development with the environmental impact of industrial discharges to Lake Michigan. British Petroleum seeks to expand its Whiting, IN refinery at a cost of \$3.8 billion. Industrial discharge levels are set by USEPA by a formula pegged to production. Whiting's permit by Indiana Department of Environmental Management, increases discharge levels by up to 1,500lbs. ammonia and 5,000lbs. sludge daily into Lake Michigan. With additional permit reviews under way for other IN industrial plants, LWV IN has been called to give testimony.



Illinois hosts the 3rd Annual Great Lakes Healing Our Waters® Restoration Conference http://www.greatlakes.org/calendar/restoration_conference.asp

Join key players from government, business and advocacy groups who are at the center of the movement to restore the Great Lakes. Help set the Great Lakes restoration agenda for the coming year; hear first-hand about the issues facing the Great Lakes; and help advance the actions needed to protect the world's largest surface fresh water source.

And, best of all, have fun doing it: Enjoy an evening at the Shedd Aquarium, a beautiful sunset cruise, dynamic speakers, field trips and much more!

When: September 6-8, 2007

Where: Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois

LMILO: ANNUAL FY BUDGET 2008

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	BUDGET								
2	12 months Ended June 30, 2008								
3			<u>General</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Conferences</u>	<u>Action/ Education</u>	<u>National Convention</u>	<u>Annual Meeting</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	REVENUES								
5	Dues		1,200						1,200
6	Monetary Donations					500			500
7	In Kind Donations		100						100
8	Annual Meeting							2,000	2,000
9	From (To) Reserves						675		675
10									
11	TOTAL REVENUES		1,300	0	0	500	675	2,000	4,475
12									
13	EXPENSES								
14	Printing			500					500
15	Postage			150					150
16	Stationary & Supplies								0
17	Copies		25						25
18	Transportation						300		300
19	Hotel						350		350
20	Conference Registration				100		350		450
21	Meals							2,000	2,000
22	Web Site		200						200
23	Organization Membership		100						100
24	Action/Education					400			400
25	Other								
26	TOTAL EXPENSES		325	650	100	400	1,000	2,000	4,475
27									
28	NET INCOME		975	-650	-100	100	-325	0	0

AREAS OF CONCERN THAT WE MONITORED AT THE JULY GREAT LAKES CITIES AND ST. LAWRENCE INITIATIVE ANNUAL MEETING



MICHIGAN

Saginaw Bay Initiative: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation legislation: Newly introduced Compact legislation. Ballast Issues.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Falling water levels in the Great Lakes Basin are having serious economic and health impacts. The electricity industry is second only to agriculture as the largest user of water in the US. Electricity production from fossil fuels and nuclear energy requires 190,000 million gallons of water per day, accounting for 39% of all freshwater withdrawals in the nation, with 71% of that going to fossil-fuel electricity generation alone. Warnings were issued concerning how rising temperatures will result in changing weather patterns; increased extremes of weather events; increased forest fires; movement of insects, fungus and mold spores further north to areas with little or no resistance; the possible extinction of 20-30% of species.

BIOMASS FUEL PRODUCTION

Is this a trade off between sustainable energy and sustainable water resources? The choice between fuels, method of transportation and power production is by no means black and white. Great Lakes shipping and ballast issues are interconnected.

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING, BASIN-WIDE and INTERNATIONAL

We see a 'rising tide' of public awareness of the true economic impact of environmental degradation. 180 representatives of US and Canadian cities large and small, non profit organizations, US and Canadian state and federal representatives - all focused on establishing resolutions and goals to restore and protect the future of the Great Lakes ecosystem. See www.glc.org and www.glslcities.org/



LMILO ORGANIZATION: 2007 Annual Meeting at Illinois Beach State Park.

October 5-6. Registration Information and Attendance Form

Location: Illinois Beach Resort www.ilresorts.com
1 Lake Front Drive, Zion, Illinois 60099
Telephone: 847-625-7300

Hotel Cost: **Reservations must be made with hotel by Sept 15.** **\$116.55 tax included**

Registration: Includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch meal package **\$70.00.**

* See below for partial attendance costs

Friday

11:00-12:30 pm:

LMILO Board Meeting and lunch (not included in registration cost)

1:00-3:00 pm: North Shore Sanitary District sludge dryer and melter tour

3:30-5:30 pm: Des Plaines River Wetlands Demonstration Project tour

6:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

Dinner: **Joyce O'Keefe** Open Lands Project Regional water supply task force
Debra Nelson. IDNR - Dunes expert

Saturday

8:00 - 9:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 - 11:30 am - Annual meeting

Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

12:00 - 1:00 pm - Lunch

1:30- 3:30 pm - Guided dunes walk

REGISTRATION FORM – Please respond by Sept. 19, 2007

Yes, I/We will Attend the LMILO Annual Meeting

Attendee Name(s)

Local LWV or Organization

Telephone and email



COST:

Meal package (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, w/ tax and gratuity): **\$70.00 per person**

Any additional contribution to further the work of LMILO will be graciously accepted.

Friday dinner: Circle Choice(s)

1. North Atlantic salmon
2. Roasted garlic pork loin
3. Vegetable lasagna

*** For those NOT attending the entire convention: Circle one below**

Friday dinner and events \$45.00 Saturday events and meals \$32.00

, Also please circle Friday meal selection

Checks payable to: Lake Michigan Interleague or LMILO \$_____

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