NALMS Members to Vote on New Bylaws

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Over the last few months, you may have read in NALMS Notes about our efforts to change NALMS’ state of incorporation from Maine to Wisconsin. Briefly, the NALMS office has been located in Madison, Wisconsin for almost 20 years, but when the organization was founded in 1980 it was incorporated in the State of Maine and Maine has remained our “legal residence” ever since.

After almost 20 years in Madison, Wisconsin, the members present at the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting in Madison, approved a key change to our Constitution & Bylaws allowing the organization to begin the process of changing our state of incorporation. This is not a simple process and there can be significant ramifications if it’s not done correctly. In a nutshell, NALMS is in the process of creating a new corporation in Wisconsin and merging the existing Maine corporation into it. One of the many steps in this process is the creation of a new set of bylaws.

Why do we need new bylaws? The States of Wisconsin and Maine have different requirements for the organizational documents of their corporations. The biggest change for NALMS is the fact that Wisconsin corporations do not have constitutions, only bylaws. Wisconsin also has specific requirements regarding quorums for meetings, dissolution and indemnification among other topics that either aren’t required in Maine or necessitate new language.

The NALMS Board, led by our Constitution and Bylaws Committee and staff, has examined line-by-line the Bylaws drafted by our attorney and believes that the spirit of our existing Constitution & Bylaws has been captured in the new Bylaws, if not the exact letter. Our overall goal was to preserve as much of the original language as possible.

The proposed Bylaws for our Wisconsin incorporation have been posted to the Members-Only section of our website as well as our current Constitution & Bylaws. We’ve also posted annotated versions of both documents laying out what is new language in the Wisconsin bylaws and which clauses exist in our current Constitution & Bylaws. We invite all of our members to take a look at the proposed changes and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

The membership will be asked to vote on the proposed Bylaws at its Annual Meeting on October 30 in San Diego.
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If you are having a conference, have a lake-related question, need advice, are looking for similar lake problems/solutions, have an interesting story to share, or just want to be heard throughout NALMS, please send your material to Steve Lundt at slundt@mwrd.dst.co.us. All newsletter material is due by the first Friday of each month to be considered for inclusion in that month’s issue.


President’s Message

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NALMS President Ann Shortelle posted this image and the uplifting phrase “Game On” to convey her positive attitude for her recovery from very recent breast cancer surgery. Although Ann hopes to return to work in about a week, she will be unable to travel for several months and will regrettfully miss our San Diego Symposium. During her convalescence, she has tapped Past-president Al Sosiak to take over her Presidential responsibilities. We send warmest wishes to Ann for a speedy and thorough recovery, and gently remind her to take it easy!

Cooke Symposium Fund Matching Grant

In November of 2012 Denny Cooke, the first president of NALMS and Emeritus Professor of Biological Sciences at Kent State University, provided a substantial gift to NALMS. NALMS used this gift to establish the G. Dennis Cooke Symposium Fund to support themed sessions and plenary speakers at our annual Symposia. At the time of his gift Denny also offered to contribute an additional $5,000 to match donations made by NALMS members. This matching grant expires at our upcoming Symposium in San Diego. Throughout the past year many NALMS members have made generous donations but we still need $1,200 to reach our $5,000 goal. Please consider making a donation today. You can donate on our website under the “Donate/Sponsor” tab, or when you renew your membership, or you may call your donation into the office at 608.233.2836.

Have You Voted Yet?

NALMS is currently holding its 2013 Elections for Officers and Directors. Ballots may be cast online until October 13.

Visit the NALMS website to cast your vote.
Membership in Motion

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We’ve worked hard over the last month on member retention initiatives. And with those efforts we’ve seen the return of a number of members who let their memberships expire on June 30th. We’ve also seen quite a few early renewals and new members come into the fold. All of these additions have brought our membership totals to 1,003 members!

In order to maintain this membership total we will need a number of members to renew before their September 30th membership expiration date. Please don’t delay in renewing your membership if it expires soon. You can renew on the NALMS website, fill out a Membership Registration Form and send it to our office, or you may also renew when you register for the Symposium. Call me at 608.233.2836 or email me at garenz@nalms.org if you have any questions.

Before I close I’d like to highlight a membership opportunity of which you might not be aware. I encourage all of our individual NALMS members to explore our Certified Lake Manager (CLM) and Certified Lake Professional (CLP) program. NALMS established the CLM and CLP program to identify individuals who have exceptional training and experience in lake management. One of NALMS specific goals is to “improve the professional status of all persons engaged in any aspect of managing lakes and their watersheds.” The CLM and CLP program does just that by helping our members demonstrate their expertise and raise awareness of their professional profiles. In turn, certification gives members the opportunity to establish themselves as valuable participants in the mission of NALMS. You can learn more about this opportunity on our website under the “Programs” tab.

NALMS Office Notes

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The calendar may say that we have a few days left of summer, but there is already a definite autumnal crisp to the air here in southern Wisconsin. Like clockwork, Labor Day marks the pivot point between summer mode and autumn mode. It may be ridiculously hot and humid over the holiday weekend, as it was this year, but without fail temperatures dip down to the low 40s within a week or 2 and I have to figure out where I stowed my jacket last May.

For many of our members, fall marks the end of a busy field season. Here in the NALMS Office, we’re going the opposite direction and Labor Day marks the beginning of our busy season. The election of new officers and directors has just started, we’re beginning to work with our President-elect on putting together a budget for the next year and, of course, the bulk of our time is spent working on the annual symposium, which all of a sudden is just around the corner.

The early bird registration deadline for the symposium has just passed and we’re focused on finalizing the last details of the conference program and logistics. The conference host committee has been holding conference calls every other week for most of the summer and soon those will become weekly calls as we get into October.

Adding to the activity level, NALMS will be facilitating the biennial National Monitoring Conference once again in 2014. This will be the fourth time we’ve facilitated this conference since 2006 and we’ve enjoyed working with the National Water Quality Monitoring Council on these conferences, but it does add significantly to our workload as we make the final preparations for our own conference.

In this mad dash to get everything done before we leave for San Diego, I probably won’t get to see much of autumn, or at least autumnal weather. By the time we return to the office after the symposium, we’ll be experiencing our first flurries of snow and I’ll have to figure out where I put the snow shovels and the ice scraper. In the meantime, I’ll do my best to enjoy this little taste of fall.
NALMS 33rd Annual Symposium

Information

October 30 - November 1, 2013
San Diego, California
Lake Management in an Era of Uncertainty

Important Dates

September 27, 2013
Last day conference hotel rate available.

October 18, 2013
Regular registration ends

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Thank you to the following sponsors of the 2013 Symposium in San Diego, California. We still have a number of sponsorship opportunities available. If you are interested in sponsoring, please contact us at 608-233-2836.


NALMS 2013 Symposium Golf Tournament

As we all know, San Diego is a leading golf destination and many of those attending our annual meeting may want to get out and play a round. We'd like to make that a bit more interesting with a golf tournament. The Town and Country Hotel is adjacent to the Riverwalk Golf Club (www.riverwalkgc.com). Instead of a traditional scramble, those interested in participating in this event will work an 18-hole round of golf at the Riverwalk into their time in San Diego. Men will play from the White tees, women from the Red tees. There is no entry fee; players will be responsible for their green fees. Each player that wants to participate will record their scores on a Riverwalk score card as individual stroke play. You can arrive early, play at some point during conference week or stay after and play through the weekend.

All participants will report their score (email scorecard image, text image, etc.) to tmcnabb@aquatechnex.com by Sunday November 3rd (after meeting). We will award a $500.00 certificate from Edwin Watts Golf, a national chain that supplies all things golf related to the low score winner. Those that have a USGA handicap can also qualify for a $250.00 certificate from Edwin Watts Golf for lowest handicap adjusted score. You will have to forward a copy of your handicap with your score to be considered for this award. www.edwinwattsgolf.com is the web site to view or use your award or you can find one of their stores in many parts of the US. We will then send the certificates to the winners and report the results in the following NALMS Notes issue. Town and Country has an agreement with the golf course to provide both discounted green fees and optimal tee-times. Thanks for participating and here is one more reason to head to sunny San Diego this October!
Donate to the Eberhardt Memorial Student Fund

NALMS founded the Eberhardt Memorial Student Fund to honor the lives of Tom and Elinor Eberhardt, proud supporters of NALMS and good friends to all of us in the NALMS family.

The Eberhardt Memorial Student Fund supports travel grants for student presenters to attend the Annual Symposium. Awards may cover the costs of registration fees, travel, and/or overnight accommodations. This year, seven students will receive travel assistance to attend the San Diego Symposium through the Eberhardt fund.

We depend on donations and proceeds from the annual silent auction to fund each year’s travel grants. Please help support next year’s applicants by donating directly to the Fund or by donating an item for the silent auction. Visit the NALMS website to donate to the fund or contact Lindsey Witthaus (lwitthaus@gmail.com) to make a silent auction donation.
EPA Seeking Strategies for Removing Algal Mats

As part of EPA’s ongoing nutrient pollution outreach campaign, the Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds is pursuing a new project to collect, compile, and disseminate information about strategies for the removal of algal mats stimulated by nutrient pollution and the associated economic costs. EPA has received requests from state DEPs asking for advice on how to remove mats as well as from participants in the EPA HAB webinar series. EPA is requesting success stories from around the country, including successful methods of removal as well as any alternatives to dumping the mats in landfills. If you know of such a story or have a recommended person to contact, please get in touch with Christina Badaracco (badaracco.christina@epa.gov or (202) 566-0174).

Lake Erie Algae Wreaking Havoc – Podcast

August 28, 2013, Great Lakes Echo, by Karen Schaefer

Listen here: greatlakesecho.org/2013/08/28/lake-erie-algae/

Persistent toxic algae blooms on Lake Erie have been wreaking havoc on Ohio’s multi-Billion dollar lake tourism industry. Now state agencies are fighting back with new tools to better help them monitor the blooms and reduce the nutrients feeding them from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana farms and cities. But as independent producer Karen Schaefer reports, the battle isn’t over yet.

Research Ship Docked in Windsor Will Track Great Lakes Pollution

August 27, 2013, CBC News

The Sea Dragon sailed the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans collecting samples before making its way to the Great Lakes.

The Sea Dragon has made its way into Windsor for the Tall Ship Festival but the sailing vessel is more than just a crowd attraction. Besides taking people on tours, the crew conducts research on marine life, collecting samples for water quality and pollution testing.

“Here in the Great Lakes we’re looking at two different things. We’re looking at plastic particulate, which is plastic floating in the water. We’ve also been looking at persistent pollutants like fire retardants and PCBs in the water,” said ship captain Eric Loss. “The samples still have to go back to the lab and get analyzed, which could take six months to a year before results get published, but we have found just looking at samples as we’ve been going by, things like … lots of small pieces of plastic broken down from bottles and various other items that get washed in and float around in the lakes and become part of the food chain,” Loss said.

Pigeon Lake Lovers Battle Blue-green Algae with Education, Research, Lifestyle Changes

August 18, 2013, Edmonton Journal by Alexandra Zabjek
www.edmontonjournal.com/health/Pigeon+Lake+lovers+battle+blue+green+algae+with/8804274/story.html

Alberta - The bright, smelly scum that crept across Pigeon Lake in 2006 was a “wake-up call” for Bob Gibbs. The Edmonton cottager had spotted blue-green algae blooms before in his 30 years on the lake, but the 2006 appearance was so severe that residents such as Gibbs took action.

For Gibbs, that meant getting rid of his two-stroke boat, having his cottage assessed for how to make it more “lake friendly” and joining the local watershed association.

“I believe everyone working together, it all adds up,” said Gibbs. It’s an ongoing fight to keep Pigeon Lake, about 100 kilometres southwest of Edmonton, a premier recreation spot in the face of concerns about the lake’s health. Those most invested in the lake are tackling its problems with data collection, public education campaigns, policy proposals and lifestyle changes.
**Botulism Tied to Soaring Loon Deaths in Michigan**

August 13, 2013, the Detroit News by Jim Lynch

The common loon is among the most beloved birds in Michigan for its trilling call and diving acrobatics - a key note in the soundtrack of the outdoors and a visual fixture along its shores. But the species is in trouble.

In most years, deaths total in the hundreds, but in recent years, most notably 2010 and 2012, the toll has reached several thousand.

Many loons that die here each year are from other Great Lakes states. Michigan’s own population of loons is estimated at around 2,000, so the losses - regardless of the birds’ home state - are viewed with alarm. High-profile issues impacting the Great Lakes in recent years – invasive species such as mussels and gobies as well as the spread of an algae called Cladophora – seem to be contributing to the increase in loon deaths.

“Before these outside factors were introduced, the number of loon deaths from botulism wasn’t as bad as it is now,” said JoAnne C. Williams, state coordinator for the Michigan Loon Watch, a volunteer organization focused on the birds’ preservation. “But they are increasing the instances and the severity of the die-offs.”

**Dwindling Colorado River Forces First-Ever Cuts in Lake Powell Water Releases**

August 20, 2013 by Terrell Johnson

Today, Lake Powell is only about 45 percent of its full capacity while Lake Mead stands at 47 percent full, according to Chuck Collum of the Central Arizona Project (CAP), which delivers water from the Colorado River to central and southern Arizona.

He told USA Today that the forecast would mean CAP would see its water releases reduced by about 320,000 acre-feet, or a cut of about 20 percent. CAP says this will have no impact on the cities and Native American tribes it serves, however, because the reduction would impact largely underground storage and non-Indian agriculture. For Las Vegas, which draws most of its water from Lake Mead and grew by more than 6,000 people a month in the 2000s, the extremely dry conditions of the past decade already have prompted a raft of water restrictions and conservation measures – including banning grass front lawns in new home developments.

But the city isn't counting on conservation alone. If the conditions of the past several years continue indefinitely, by 2015 water levels at Lake Mead could drop below one of Las Vegas’s two intakes there, imperiling the city’s water supply. Today, its water authority is scrambling to build a third intake to allow it to draw water at levels below 1,000 feet – an insurance policy if the lake’s levels drop low enough to put its first intake out of service.

“It’s essentially a race for us,” Scott Huntley of the Southern Nevada Water Authority told National Geographic, because the lake likely “is going to drop more precipitously than seen in the past.”

At their root, the potential water shortages both lakes face are the result of what has happened to the Colorado River over the past decade. Long-running drought across the Southwest has starved the river to its current low flows, and climate change is expected to reduce them by 5 to 20 percent over the next 40 years, University of Colorado geoscientist Brad Udall told Smithsonian Magazine.

Its impacts will be felt at each stage of the river’s development: less snowfall in the Rocky Mountains will mean less water enters the river at its start, while hotter air temperatures and drier weather will mean longer droughts and more water lost to evaporation. Drought, combined with overuse – some 70 percent of the river’s capacity is siphoned away to water more than 3 million acres of farmland – already have produced some of the Colorado’s lowest flows in more than 1,000 years, Udall told National Geographic.

“Something very, very unusual is going on,” he added, noting that today’s low water levels should be a “kick in the pants” to spur both short-term and long-term water planning for the region. “Climate change has the potential to throw curveballs,” Udall added. “To throw extreme events at us the likes of which we’ve never seen and we’re not prepared to deal with.”
Welcome New Members!

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