

DRAFT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE GLBA

Great Lakes Beach Association

Purpose: Working together to improve recreational beach water quality.

Mission: Our mission is the pursuit of healthy beach water conditions in the Great Lakes area. We strive to develop and encourage collaborations and maximize resources to achieve our purpose. To meet our mission, information is shared in four major categories: Investigative, Modeling, Methodology, and Information Systems. [BEACHNET](#) is the host communication network/listserv. An annual conference is held to conduct business and share new information in the four categories.

About Us

The Great Lakes Beach Association (GLBA) is presently made up of individuals from across the US and Canada, as well as from several other countries. Local, county and state public health, regulatory agencies, coordinating agencies, researchers and environmental groups are among the groups involved. The GLBA began in 2001 in response to the need for a forum to discuss beach issues and share ideas for achieving cleaner beaches. The GLBA is an informal organization. There are no membership dues.

Members: People interested in beaches

Leadership: President, Elected Board members, and Advisory Board members

Elected Board Members: Seven nominated and elected members from the general membership.

Advisory Board Members: Three Beach Program representatives from the 3 USEPA Great Lakes regions, the eight US Beach Program managers for Great Lakes states, and past presidents of the GLBA are automatically Advisory Board members. [Preferably, one Canadian Federal, one Canadian Provincial, and one at-large Canadian representative, as well as one US Tribal and one Canadian First Nations representative will also participate on the Advisory Board.](#) There is no limit to the number of at-large Advisory Board members.

President: Elected from among the Elected Board Members following elections in even-numbered years.

Elected Board

The Elected Board will be comprised of 7 members elected from the membership. The term for Elected Board membership is two years. Individuals may be re-elected to a second 2-year term. The current list of Elected Board members is presented below. In 2008, positions of 4 Elected Board members (Alley, Briggs, Haack, and Wirick) will be open for election. Following filling of these positions, the current President will become the Past President and will remain on the Elected Board for two years to ensure continuity. The current past president will move to the Advisory Board. The new Elected Board will elect from among its 7 members, a new President who will serve a two-year term. In Spring of 2009, the two remaining Elected Board positions (Lis and Kinzelman) will be open for election, and those will be filled for two-year terms. [The Elected Board should represent a balance of expertise in the following categories: research and academia; local, state, federal \(US or Canada\) or tribal beach regulation or beach management; and health departments and public health.](#)

Responsibility of Elected Board

Elected Board members are responsible to protect and promote the mission of the Great Lakes Beach Association; to hold the annual Great Lakes Beach Association conference, maintain a GLBA website, manage the beachnet listserv, and provide guidance when requested. Elected Board members will serve for two years and may serve two successive terms if re-elected. Elected Board members are eligible to serve as President, and members standing for election to the Elected Board should consider the possibility that they may serve as President, and then as past president on the Elected Board. The Elected Board is also responsible to communicate with the Advisory Board to advise of Elected Board activities and solicit guidance. The Elected Board may solicit Advisory Board members or the general membership to form committees for specific purposes, such as maintaining contemporary information on the website. The Elected Board may solicit the Advisory Board for advice or information. The Elected Board will meet once per year at the Great Lakes Beach Association Annual Conference. The majority of Elected Board business will be conducted by e-mail or conference calls.

Responsibility of President

The President of the Elected Board will be elected by and from the existing Elected Board members, following elections in even-numbered years, and will serve as President for two years followed by serving as an Elected Board member for two years in the capacity of Past President. The outgoing president will serve two years as an Elected Board member to provide consistency and historical knowledge. The President is responsible to initiate planning and ensure that the Great Lakes Beach Association conference is held at least once per year. The President is also responsible to develop and maintain collaborations to ensure that the GLBA website and the beachnet listserv are managed and maintained.

Responsibility of the Advisory Board

Advisory Board members have unique knowledge that is useful to other scientists, managers, and coordinators at local, state, regional, federal, and international agencies. Advisory Board members should provide guidance to the GLBA Board, identify individuals who may be encouraged to volunteer for specific activities, advise the Elected Board on matters pertaining to the annual meeting, the beachnet listserv, the website, or other Association activities. Advisory Board members may form committees for specific purposes. Advisory Board members act independently of the Elected Board, and do not have voting privileges.

Elected Board Members as of Spring 2008

Name	Agency	Membership
Doug Alley	International Joint Commission, Windsor, Ontario, Canada	Board member
Shannon Briggs	Beach Program Manager, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	Board member
Sheridan Haack	Research Scientist, US Geological Survey, Michigan Water Science Center	Board member, President
Julie Kinzelman	Research Scientist/Lab Director, City of Racine Health Department, Wisconsin	Board member
Jill Lis	Supervisor, Bathing Beach Program, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Cuyahoga County, Ohio	Board member
Richard Whitman	Research Scientist, US Geological Survey, Great Lakes Science Center	Board member as past president
Holly Wirick	Beach Program Coordinator, USEPA, Region V, Chicago, IL	Board member

Advisory Board Members (names in bold also serve as elected board members)

Current Member	Automatic Representation
Justin DeWitt	Illinois Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Michelle Caldwell	Indiana Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Shannon Briggs	Michigan Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Heidi Bauman	Minnesota Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Eric Wiegert or Karen Terbush	New York Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Jill Lis or Mary Clifton	Ohio Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Doug Range or Scott White	Pennsylvania Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Bob Masnado	Wisconsin Beach Program Manager (or delegate)
Doug Alley	Ontario, Canada
Vacant	Federal, Canada
Vacant	Canada, At-Large
Holly Wirick	USEPA Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)
Helen Grebe	USEPA Region 2 (NY)
Denise Hakowski	USEPA Region 3 (PA)
Current Member	Tribal
Margaret Watkins	Grand Portage Reservation
Current Member	At-Large
Vacant	