

## Results of survey conducted during the Great Lakes Recreational Water Quality Conference, October 30, 2002

Fifty responses were received to the questionnaire.

### ***Regular Meetings***

Yes	50	No	
Alternate years		7	
<b>Annual</b>		<b>36</b>	
Semi Annual		7	

Comments: *None*

### ***Meetings should be mostly...(rank 1-3)***

<b>Informational</b>	<b>1.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2.</b>	13	<b>3.</b>	6
Forum and discussion	1.	16	<b>2.</b>	<b>22</b>	3.	10
Projected oriented	1.	9	2.	11	<b>3.</b>	<b>26</b>

Please note some voted all three items as ones while others ranked only their first choice

Comments:

*Loved format for this meeting*

*Format used 10/30 was very productive*

*Unless we can come up with a project that is good at integrating the diverse interests of our membership*

*Meeting should be kept informal (somewhat)*

*5 min presentations are Great! And provided for good comments/questions*

### ***Meetings should be in***

<b>Fall</b>	<b>33</b>
Winter	14
Spring	6
Summer	3

Please note there were multiple answers on some sheets because of the semi-annual preference

Comments:

*Winter—Less field work*

*Too many other meeting in fall and spring*

*Summer—early June or early summer*

*Worst time*

*Fall—To recap the past summer's beach advisories/results*

*Prior to the Lake Michigan CC and BEC meeting*

*Coordinate with other meetings helps*

### ***Please suggest a location for the next meeting***

Any metro beach

Alternate between each Great Lake area

Ann Arbor, MI

Apostle Islands, WI

Buffalo, NY

Chicago

Cleveland, OH

Door County, WI

Duluth, MN  
Gary, IN  
Honolulu  
Lake County, IL  
Lake St. Claire, MI  
Macomb County, MI  
Mackinaw Island, MI  
Madison, WI  
Michigan  
Milwaukee  
New York (state)  
Northwest Indiana  
Ohio  
Traverse City, MI  
Windsor, ONT IJC  
Wisconsin

***If volunteering to host the meeting, please indicate your name and phone number***

Doug Alley (519)257-6703	IJC
Shannon Briggs (517) 335-1214	Michigan
Toni Glymph (608) 264-8954	Wisconsin
International Joint Commission	Ann Arbor or Windsor
James B, Meyer (219) 938-0800	Northwest Indiana
Nominate UW Sea-Grant to host	
Gary White (586) 469-5236	Mt. Clemens, MI (metro beach area)
Holly Wirick (312) 353-6704	Chicago

***Membership in the Association should be more formal.***

Yes	9
<b>No</b>	<b>34</b>
Maybe	1
Unnecessary	3
Blank	3

**Comments:**

*Not necessary but not opposed to a formal structure*

*If it is beneficial to organize meetings*

*If that would help distribute the “weight” of the needed duties*

*But not too formal*

*Keep current membership “requirements” convenient, not time consuming or paper wasting*

*If it helps distribute the work load*

***I am in favor of a Board of Directors or Officers***

<b>Yes</b>	<b>37</b>
No	5
Maybe	4
Blank	4

Comments:

*Wishy Washy*

*Yes if it helps to distribute the work load*

*Small organizing or planning committee*

*At least someone from each Great Lake state to encompass all of the issues in all of the lakes.*

*Officers will be a necessity in order to charge dues and accumulate funds etc...*

*If that would help distribute the "weight" of the needed duties.*

*If have a formal association then need a Board*

*If it is beneficial to organize meetings*

***If no, do you have an alternative suggestion?***

*Volunteers for a Steering Committee*

*A more loosely structured advisory committee or council*

*Steering Committee might be better for such an informal group. Maybe some work groups centered on projects or issues. People want to share in greater depth.*

*Round table with alternate leaders @ year*

*How does a Board of Directors benefit the Association? If it is necessary to facilitate meetings, then fine. What needs to be decided?*

***I support becoming a sister organization to Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management Society (AEHMS)***

Yes 18

**No 23**

Maybe 4

Blank 5

Comments:

**Yes**

*We should align/associate ourselves with this or another organization*

*Excellent idea*

**No**

*Don't know enough about them and their objectives. Also, I question whether international meetings would be attended by us local folks.*

*I like the suggestion of waiting to see what this organization becomes in a year or so to decided on affiliating.*

*Maybe something like this in the future.*

*Depends on cost*

*I think the scale of this group (AEHMS) is beyond ours. We could lose focus.*

*Participating in IAGLR a better choice*

*Possible Associations: NEHA, Environmental Water Quality Association, IAGLR*

**Blank/Maybe**

*Unsure would want to research other options*

*Perhaps later*

*Maybe investigate other options, give it time to see if needed*

*Depending on conditions and costs of memberships. I favor waiting another year or two before deciding.*

*What is the cost?*

*So we don't reinvent the wheel, I agree we should wait 1-2 years.*

*How about International Association for Great Lakes Research*

*National Park and Recreation Association*

***I am interested in having papers generated by the Great Lakes Conference included in a special issue of AEHMS.***

**Yes 32**

No 11

Blank 7

Comments

**Yes**

*Cost? Who would need to join AEHMS?  
Other journals maybe appropriate also.  
If that will help distribute info*

**No**

*I agree on multi-organization but only with in Great Lakes  
I hope attendees will be able to get the papers  
This would be a nice option: however, I'm planning to submit a manuscript on my poster elsewhere*

**Blank**

*I'm not an author so intentionally left blank*

***Please comment how we can make the Association better and more of a benefit to your purposes.***

*Just a comment on present format of conference: 5 min to learn about a project is really not enough time. I would really like to hear more.*

*Expanding the Association may lose the necessary focus on Great Lakes water quality.*

*I would be very interested in seeing or sharing and comparison of E. coli isolates (both environmental and fecal strains) between labs, for the purpose of comparing analysis techniques. A centralized "project" could even facilitate a "blind" design and repository.*

*Have posters/presentations available on a CD at the conference ( electronic copy-PDF)*

*I like the Great Lakes focus, keeping the cost down and sharing in the region.*

*Follow agenda*

*Develop a website for updates of useful information including other meetings of interest.*

*It has already been very useful to me via the list-serve when I had questions re: methodology for analyzing indicator levels. Lots of people responded to my questions and were very helpful.*

*Please have recycling at future meetings.*

*Better advocacy at the local levels.*

*I would like to see more of a balance between policy, management, and scientific—the science seemed to get buried.*

*Increase time for informal discussion/chats. There was no opportunity at lunch to meet new people.*

*Committees associated with the various angles of cooperation—data sharing, etc... Web site development?*

*We seem to have a critical mass that finds it worthwhile to meet each year. The list serve and website should continue and expand—this is valuable communication link.*

*I am only recently aware of this Association. I think it is very valuable, I can't think of anything right now that would make it better.*

*We need to get decision makers, politicians to attend sessions or 1 two hour session so they can learn about the issues and dispel misinformation. Media coverage. Need copies of presentations (electronic or hard copy)*

*Keep the orientation science-based and avoid too much formality.*

*Share journal articles (published papers) or reference info on list serve. If possible I would like to hear about ongoing research year round versus at annual meetings.*

*Disseminate project information throughout the year. Keep emphasis on investigation of sampling/testing, modeling and source identification.*

*A website for the Association would be useful to exchange information, host the list serve archives, conference /meeting abstracts, ongoing projects, upcoming meetings, etc...*

*It may be helpful to use the accumulated knowledge at these meetings to pass resolutions and/or formalize recommendations for funding/policies to relevant entities.*

*More Bi-national involvement. More outreach to local jurisdictions (via our own website?) eg. Health Depts.*

*Provide disc with posters.*

*The Chicago Park District would be interested in working with the GLRWQA more closely to ensure consistent sampling protocol at our beaches, to work with the IDPH in increasing public awareness and allowing predictive modeling of our beaches.*

*Dedicated website. E-mail newsletter (quarterly)*

*Web page with more info: jobs section, abstracts of papers.*

*Stay plugged in to other broader groups such as Lake Michigan Monitoring Coordination Council, Lake Huron Initiative etc... Use GLIN for announcements and info as much as possible. Keep your list serve open and provide as much public access to both organizational, content and educational info as possible.*

*Consider development of action plan or strategy to issues or implement a pilot project as a group.*

*Greater emphasis on coordinated reporting mechanisms. Better connections to overall beach management (i.e. control of sources). Techniques to reduce closures.*

***Names submitted to serve on a Board of Directors, or Panel or Officers or Steering Committee.***

Robert Bagley  
Judy Beck  
Shannon Briggs  
Donna Francy  
Toni Glymph  
Sheridan Haack  
Rick Hoffman  
Marcia Jimenez  
Julie Kinzelmann  
Kathy Luther  
Sandra McLellan  
Jeff MacDonald  
Jim Meyer  
Mark Pfister  
Greg Olyphant  
Sharyl Rabinovici  
Jeffrey Ram  
Geeta Rijal  
David Rockwell  
Evert Ting  
Charles Tseng  
Janet Vail  
Richard Whitman  
Gary White  
Holly Wirick

Walter Johnson, Hoffman Estates?