

Status of the Great Lakes Observation System

- 1) The GLOS Board met for the first time on June 20, 2006 following the final GLOS annual meeting under the interim structure.
- 2) The bylaws will be revised by the GLOS Secretariat and resubmitted to the Board for final review and approval.
- 3) GLOS will be incorporated in the State of Michigan
- 4) The FY06-07 work plan was approved, with a quarterly progress review required.
- 5) An MOA will be drafted between the GLOS Board and the Great Lakes Commission, defining the GLC's role as the GLOS Secretariat through June 30, 2008. In accordance with the approved work plan, the MOA will define roles and responsibilities, staff allocations, financial obligations and advocacy support.
- 6) Roger Gauthier was endorsed to be the Interim Executive Director for GLOS on a part-time basis with responsibilities to be defined in the MOU between the GLOS Board and the GLC.
- 7) GLOS Board officers were elected: Chair: Bill Werick. Vice Chair: Frank Kudrna. Treasurer: Al Beeton. Secretary: Jeff Boehm. Initial Board terms will run through March 31, 2008. Preliminary committee assignments were made:

The following committee chairmanships were proposed and accepted.

- Finance: Beeton
- Education/Outreach: Keillor, Boehm. Boehm agreed to serve as Board liaison to the Sea Grant's Education and Outreach committees.
- Membership: Phenicie
- Personnel: Boehm
- Science/Research: Thomas
- Advocacy: Kudrna + another TBD
- Fundraising: Boehm + another TBD
- Binational Relations: Shear
- NFRA: Kudrna (Vice Chair)

Next Board meeting is scheduled for November 13-14 in Chicago.

During the last week of July, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a FY '07 bill for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and Science Agencies **which included \$1.0M for the Great Lakes Observing System, pushed by Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)**. The Senate Appropriations Committee has directed NOAA to develop a competitive, peer-reviewed process for awarding regional ocean observing systems grants in FY 2008. This is good news for GLOS, of course, since it was operating on a small developmental grant.

I will forward the GLOS semi-annual report, to be posted for Council members on the CGLRM site. Also, check out www.GLOS.usa