

**Great Lakes United Board Meeting**  
March 26, 1993  
Stella Niagara, New York

**Board Members Present:**

Dick Kubiak	John Jackson	Fred Brown
Glenda Daniel	Sarah Miller	Paul Muldoon
John Witzke	Pat Lupo	Mike Dickman
Pam Leisinger	Camilla Smith	Jeanne Jabanoski

**Staff Members Present:**

Terry Yonker	Dottie White	Tony Luppino
Mary Ginnebaugh	Bruce Kershner	Sean Enright
Michelle Downey	Reg Gilbert	

**Adjustments made to the Agenda**

To take advantage of the quorum on Saturday, the agenda was adjusted for items that required a board decision.

**Approval of the January 16th Board Meeting minutes**

Minutes were approved with corrections made to page 9 ( Dick's comments to state there needed to be a balance between environmental professionals and grassroots members) and page 17, second paragraph.

**President's Report**

Dick reported on interest expressed by Toledo University Law School, Great Lakes Legal Institute to have law school interns work with GLU. Discussion ensued with concerns expressed about also having supervision of a practicing attorney.

**Fisheries Commission**

Dick requested the permission of the board to pursue potential projects dealing with fisheries/habitat/AOCs at the May Fisheries Commission meeting.

**Abandoned Fishing Nets**

Dick reported on the environmental concerns expressed over abandoned nets/lead weights. He suggested the possibility of GLU writing a grant proposal as a demonstration project to lift the nets.

Discussion: Glenda said GLU could only act as a support to fund someone else. Fred said this concern should be directed toward the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission. Dick will take responsibility in pursuing this further with suggested contacts.

**Executive Directors Report**

Terry reported that the staff has experienced several infirmities and losses. Karen's father had passed away Friday, March 26th; Tony broke his leg in January and Michelle broke her ankle in February.

There are currently four interns working with GLU staff. There is potential for more interns, and this is considered a positive program to be engaged in.

#### Fisheries Round Table

Terry reported that a crash in predator fish populations is expected for Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan and possibly Lake Erie, with a 10 billion dollar fishery in question. Possible solutions include phosphorus/nutrient loading adjustment and a reduction in salmon planting.

Discussion - John J. stated this issue is very hot for our membership and if we take it seriously, we should do research on the subject and write a report.

Attention was made to the information found in the packet on the DNR-RAP controversy.

Terry reported attending a organizing meeting in Green Bay. His efforts were rewarded with five new organizational memberships.

Lake Erie Alliance is holding a meeting in Dunnville in April. A director has not been selected, but hopefully will be by the end of May.

Terry briefly discussed the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

#### Lake Levels Report

Fred reported that the report was finalized and will be submitted March 31st to the IJC. Public comment and review will follow. A basic requirement in the report is that there be no further study on any major structural device to affect levels. Fred stated that GLU's involvement in this whole effort is viewed very favorably.

#### SPAC Meeting

Terry and John J. attended the Michigan State Public Advisory Council meeting in February. Canadian bashing by Chris Grundler was not well received.

#### Globescope

Terry and Mary attended this meeting. Terry reported that GLU was one of the processes examined in the public education and involvement focus session at Globescope, held March 18-20th in Dearborn, Michigan. Some board members said that they did not understand GLU was being examined in this forum and were concerned about the implications, in light of the industrial influence exhibited at the conference. The Council of Great Lakes Industries is well organized, well funded and a possible threat to the environmental movement.

Glenda briefly summarized a 'Wise Use Movement' article.

#### Environmental Federation of New York

Mr. Ron Kim, Executive Director of EFNY, was introduced to the Board and made a brief presentation on the history of Environmental Federations, the United Way Concept of accessing companies to establish a workplace campaign in New York, and GLU as a member of EFNY. GLU paid a \$2000 membership fee two years ago and EFNY is requesting another \$2000 (due April 1st) from each of its members to continue the work in NY and move toward a regional campaign to access companies for workplace donations. Typically, the Board of EFNY does the presentation to companies for the workplace campaign. Now, member organizations, with EFNY's assistance, can work to access companies. If GLU accesses a particular company, GLU would receive 50% of the money gained through that company's individual contributions. The remaining money would be divided among the remaining member organizations of EFNY (currently a total of 16 organizations), less overhead for EFNY.

Discussion ensued on how GLU could avoid the short term loss (another \$2000 plus staff/board member time to access companies) for the long term gain (potential of sustained income of 30K to 500K for EFNY in 3 years, as in Oregon). There was discussion of GLU's original \$2000 membership fee and what that fee implied.

This corporation is based in NY, and several questions were raised concerning GLU's ability to financially support efforts outside NY with money raised through EFNY. Terry raised concerns that GLU is viewed by some environmentalists as a NY environmental organization. Discussion around the environmental ethics of certain companies concluded that it is the employees of companies that give the money to EFNY, not the company itself. Options can be made that GLU not receive any money from certain companies. Mr. Kim is willing to work with GLU to access companies outside NY. Terry suggested an access committee be established by board members with some staff members to further work on this. Mr. Kim concluded and was excused from the meeting.

Dick asked for clarification by the board on the payment of the \$2k membership fee, who was going to do the access work, charitable status concerns for money raised outside NY, GLU's presence in other States and issues of the money raised in NY staying in NY.

John requested we have the treasurer's reports before making any decisions on this issue. The board members agreed.

Camilla thought EFNY was flexible about the April 1st deadline for the \$2K and could be postponed until June and/or paid over a 3-4 month period.

#### **CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jeanne reported that the Canadian office spent more money than received. There would, however, be an influx of \$10K from the Laidlaw Foundation and \$1500 from Environment Canada. Jeanne stressed that funding needed to be supplemented as soon as possible.

Discussion followed that the Laidlaw money was for a particular project and would be used as restricted funds.

Jeanne stated that the budgeted \$20K through April '93 can be accomplished, if the anxiety is tolerated. Jeanne also reported that she and Sarah have written and submitted a proposal to the Environmental Education and Awareness Program dealing with Trade and GL Ecosystem.

Terry also made mention of the restricted funds from the Gund Foundation to support the Lake Erie Alliance through the Windsor office. Sustaining funding for the Windsor Office need to be developed.

**Motion to approve the Canadian Treasurer's Report: Jeanne  
Support: Paul, Unanimously passed**

#### **U.S. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fred referenced the February '93 Cash flow report in the packet information to conclude that, based on the monthly expenses incurred over the last two months and the amount of money in the U.S. account, there remained only four months of operation money for the organization. If GLU were to receive a grant from CS Mott to administer a 'mini-grant' program for the foundation there would be enough funding to extend operations for eight months. Fred expressed a deep concern for GLU's funding, considering unknown deficits for the AGM and the request to have a strategic consultant for \$18,000.

Glenda questioned the deferred revenue under the GLPF listed at \$6750. Dottie explained that a February 15th payment of \$6750 is late, but coming. Payments will also be coming May 15th, August 15th and Feb 15th, '94.

Terry reminded the Board that the \$50K from the Gund Foundation is restricted funds for the Lake Erie Alliance grant. There is \$3750 and \$1200 earmarked for the Windsor office to work on LEA projects and \$1,200 for accounting.

Sarah requested that a grid be prepared to show the projects that are being funded and when the payments are due to help the board understand the big picture of the organization, rather than only seeing the budget from an actual money-in-the-bank perspective, which is a narrow view of the life of the organization.

Discussion on reasons for the GLPF's delay in payment followed. The delay is a problem with GLPF reviewing reports, not reports being late.

Terry mentioned that GLU still owes a report to Public Welfare Foundation. The money to pay staff to work on the Pollution Prevention Guide comes from this year's general fund.

Fred questioned what additional work is needed to get funds from the CS Mott Foundation. Terry felt that a grant proposal to Mott to support the general fund would be necessary. He felt it was not time to panic over the funding and suggested grinding forward to resolve the problems.

**Motion to approve U.S. Treasurer's report as submitted: Jeanne**  
**Support: Pat Unanimously Passed**

John J. questioned the CS Mott mini-grant program. Terry responded that the latest list of Mott's priorities, received two days ago, did not include the mini-grant program.

Sarah questioned whether the Board has some structure to review all grants and proposals. Terry answered that there is a policy to submit abstracts for grant proposals to the executive committee for review.

Pat questioned whether there was any work on the Health Proposal. Terry answered that nothing new had been done and that Phil had sent his comments on the proposal as written. Pat felt that this proposal could be submitted within the current GLPF granting review cycle, of July 26th. A question of who has taken the responsibility for this proposal was discussed. Mary said the authority to move the proposal forward had been separated from the responsibility of writing the proposal. The proposal, as written, has failed to move forward because there is no authority to do so. Pat felt there would be some embarrassment at the AGM over the lack of movement on this three-plus year old idea.

**Sarah, Jeanne, Pat, John, Glenda and Mary will meet before the AGM to finalize the health proposal and determine foundations and/or granting institutions to fund it.**

#### **Windsor Office Report**

Mary reported on the IJC library, now the Great Lakes Collection, and the current progress toward getting the collection unpacked and shelved at the University of Windsor.

A brief report of the IJC Biennial Meeting, held in Windsor in October was given. Letters to organize and hold a steering committee meeting have been sent to several organizations. A meeting/conference call is scheduled for April 8th at 10:30 am.

GLU has re-filed their statement of the non-CSO issues concerning the Detroit Waste Water Treatment Plant in conjunction with Coronado and Perrin via Pat Hartig, pro bono attorney. The current obstacles in this case are whether the petitioners have legal standing. Pat Hartig will make a response to the City of Detroit's motions regarding GLU's standing in this case.

The \$10,000 check from the Laidlaw foundation was transferred through the Canadian charitable trustee, Citizens Environment Alliance. \$1500 will also be directed to the Windsor Office as a grant for general support through Environment Canada's Environmental Citizenship Initiative Volunteer Support Fund.

### **STAFF REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE ROOM FOR BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

Staff asked to return at 2:15pm

#### **AGM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Camilla reported on the AGM in Kingston, May 7-9 and directed board members to review the materials in their packets. Having a Citizens Award was agreed to by the board. The Board, by mutual agreement, also determined the following committees and committee members:

Awards committee - Camilla and Sarah

Credentials Committee - Scot Stewart and Chris Clark

Further decisions need to be made on a press conference location.

There was discussion on the finances for the AGM. It was suggested that next year, an advertisement book be done to help finance the '94 AGM.

Sarah indicated that in the Trade Proposal (included in the packet) the money for panel discussion members to attend the AGM was accounted for and would not be a direct expense to the AGM.

Sean reported on the budget of the AGM. The number of participants anticipated is an estimate based on last years attendance. The budget proposed is to keep expenses low. Sean was commended for his attention to this matter.

#### **NAFTA**

Dick requested the Board make a clear statement, through resolution, on GLU's position on NAFTA. Dick stated that the UAW's position was not in favor of NAFTA, but were willing to work with Clinton's Administration to re-write environmental and labor concerns into the agreement. The Canadian position on NAFTA was different than this.

A great deal of discussion on NAFTA ensued. Sarah commented that the fundamental decisions of the North American Commission Environment were based on a continental rather than Great Lakes mentality. Decisions are made with economics first.

John W. questioned NWF's position on NAFTA. Tony explained that NWF is alone in its support of NAFTA and is concerned with the side agreements that are made concerning the environment and labor, although it is not clear what weight these agreements will have.

Fred stated he does not oppose NAFTA. He agrees that water quality and quantity issues need to be carefully monitored.

Paul felt GLU needs to position themselves differently than the other organizations in an awareness/education role. John J. concurred with Paul and advocated GLU not get involved with the side agreements because there was no benefit to endorse them.

Paul continued to say that the Canadian position on NAFTA is different than the U.S. There has already been a significant loss in jobs (97,000) since '87 and there is serious concern that the Agreement would have a dramatic influence on the Canadian economy, and thus the environmental budget. Canada is \$13 Billion in debt. Mexico has the issue of sovereignty, which is very important. Paul felt that the Trade Agreement would act as a screen for environmental regulations.

Jeanne felt that the Trade Proposal would address the issues on a Great Lakes Basin perspective.

Sarah stated that the globalization of trade changes the ability of communities to sustain themselves within their own local environment. Watershed integrity and limits to growth are connected. She felt the Trans-Canadian pipeline will result from this agreement.

Fred inquired whether the Georgian Bay diversion issue was still alive. The answer was yes.

Paul stated that Pollution Probe is opposing all major gas pipelines from Northern Canada to the south. He continued to raise concern that NAFTA will liberalize all the rules, and once the tap is open, there will be no turning it off.

Glenda raised the concern that the new U.S. economic plan would be a new wave Monroe Doctrine.

Fred raised concern that Michigan needs to develop trading partners outside the region to maintain a viable agricultural economy. Further discussion about agricultural interests and trade followed.

Glenda asked whether the Board wanted to convey GLU's position on NAFTA to Clinton Administration. The Board agreed that this could be accomplished through the Trade Proposal.

**MOTION BY SARAH: THAT GREAT LAKES UNITED OPPOSE THE NAFTA AND UNDERTAKE A BROAD PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO INFORM OUR CONSTITUENTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE PROFOUND IMPACTS OF TRADE REGIONS ON THE HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE GREAT LAKES ECOSYSTEM.**

**SUPPORT: JEANNE, PASSED, WITH 1 NAY VOTE (BROWN) AND 1 ABSTENTION (WITZKE)**

Fred raised a question concerning the Trade proposal and a line item that identifies overhead for the grant. John J. stated that a line item for overhead is not allowed in this granting program.

#### **CHLORINE ISSUE**

Paul gave a brief summary of the Ontario government's regulations for the pulp and paper industry regarding the reduction of AOX (Absorbable Organic Halogens) in the effluent (from 1.5kg to 0.8 kg per tonne) and a plan for zero discharge. Paul commented that the political environment changed and Ruth Grier felt this was as far as she could take it. 0.8 kg/tonne is at a point where current control technology exists. 0.3 - 0.5 was the level requested. The planning requirement is so strict, that all facilities will go chlorine free, as a provision for pollution prevention. There is support for this regulation by the public, environmental groups, etc. The campaign from John Carey's research study is that AOX is not a problem but some other chemical. Ralph Daley is politicizing this issue, saying the pulp/paper industry is not a problem.

Fred asked whether mechanical pulp mills are included in this. The answer is yes.

Paul asking the GLU sign onto the collective groups decision of the review. The Board's position in '90 calls for a ban on chlorine in the pulp and paper industry.

**MOTION BY PAUL: THAT PAUL SEND A COPY OF THE REVIEW TO MIKE, FRED, TERRY AND SARAH TO REVIEW AND SIGN .**

**SUPPORT: PAT, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**

Paul also addressed the COA re-negotiation issue that needed an approval of the board. He reported that the agreement had expired 2 years ago, and a re-negotiation was well over due. He felt that a press release and a letter to the governments expressing the dismay in the lack of movement toward any re-negotiation was warranted.

**MOTION BY PAUL: TO APPROVE SENDING A LETTER OF DISMAY TO THE TWO MINISTERS OF ENVIRONMENT, REQUESTING A DATE BE SET FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN ON COA AND HAVING A PRESS RELEASE TO BOYCOTT ANY FURTHER PARTICIPATION OF GREAT LAKES UNITED IN FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL CONSULTATIONS ON GREAT LAKES MATTERS UNTIL A TIME TABLE IS SET FOR IMMEDIATE RE-NEGOTIATION OF COA.**

**SUPPORT: GLENDA, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**

#### **WATER DIVERSIONS:**

##### **GEORGIAN BAY DIVERSION**

It was reported to the board that there was a major proposal to build a water treatment plant on the Georgian Bay and construct a pipeline to the Kitchner/Waterloo area by Trans-Canada Pipeline.

There would be a crown corporation established to handle the water sewage and treatment plant in the province, much like Ontario Hydro. MOE has a draft discussion paper which identifies the need to plan for effluent going to the Grand River and concerns for that watershed. The Kitchner/Waterloo area has an ambitious water conservation project that is excellent and has identified further ground water resources for the area. The Georgian Bay residents are very upset with this project. Sarah would like to have a resolution for the AGM presented, but needs an extension on the resolution deadline because more information on the issue will be gathered at a Monday, March 29th meeting.

##### **MUDD CREEK**

Fred reported another diversion interest in Michigan in the Mudd Creed Irrigation district which is proposed to pump 80 MGD from the Saginaw Bay to agricultural farmland in the watershed area. Fred reported that the project would be administered by the MDNR, but would also need to be scrutinized by the members of the Great Lakes Charter, which includes words of 'loss of water, through evaporation, etc' as a diversion.

##### **KENOSHA**

Glenda and Bruce reported on their testimony on the Kenosha/Pleasant Prairie Diversion of which the Wisconsin DNR admitted neglect on the approval. It was felt that under the Great Lakes Charter, if no objection is given by a governor, a diversion was considered to be approved.

##### **LOWELL**

A bill is currently before congress (Vislosky). Must be defeated.

**MOTION BY FRED: TO OPPOSE THE GEORGIAN BAY DIVERSION.**

**SUPPORT: JEANNE, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

Bruce made the suggestion that an intern at the Buffalo office engage in a project that would look for Great Lake Basin diversions. By watchdogging them, state officials would be immediately notified. The project could also identify most likely areas that are seeking a diversion. The Akron area is suspected of diverting water, also the Chicago/Hobart area. The governors need to adopt a basin-wide conservation/use strategy.

**TERRY WILL CALL THE COUNCIL OF GREAT LAKES GOVERNORS AND TALK TO TIM MCNULTY.**

It was discussed that under the Ontario Water Resources Act, diversions can occur in Canada.

Bruce questioned the regulatory framework to carry out the charter. **TERRY AND/OR DICK WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS QUESTION.**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Sarah gave an overview of the strategic planning proposal submitted by David Jeffery and Mike Bulkwell. There was discussion on the '93 retreat and the need to develop a strategic plan for the organization. It was reported that Terry, Karen, Sarah and Jeanne met recently in Toronto to discuss the strategic plan. Page 6 of the proposal in the packet summarizes this as a "complex and ambitious mission". The ability of funding such a plan was a concern of Fred.

**MOTION BY JOHN J. TO ENGAGE IN A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR THE ORGANIZATION.**

**SUPPORT: FRED, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THE AGM**

Camilla questioned what had been done with Rebecca Shriner's request to address the bylaws regarding resolutions in the context of Jack's memo in the packet. There was consensus that something could be done through the rules committee, and Jack's memo go to the Task Force leaders as a guide.

**LABOR AND ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE**

There was discussion by Jeanne that the proposal be changed to soften the wording on rallies and pickets and that it called into question GLUs charitable status. Dick raised concerns that there be a balance between labor and the environment in the document presented. Dick asked what was the policy regarding the board and proposals submitted. Fred answered that the board reserved the right to approve all proposals but did not practice it. Terry said the board has adopted a policy that abstracts should be presented and reviewed by the executive committee at a minimum. Dick asked if this would be submitted on both sides of the boarder. Answer: yes.

**CANDIDATES FOR BOARD POSITIONS**

Fred noted that there were 5 candidates for the 3 Directors-at-Large positions. Because the bylaws require a majority vote of the voting members ( not counting blanks) to elect a board member, there may need to be several run-off elections to accomplish this.

**GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE**

Dick asked what strategy GLU had regarding this issue. Fred reported that the Federal Register will publish the initiative soon and then there would be a minimum of 120 - 150 days to submit commentary to the EPA. NWF has been the lead organization on this issue, and would like some help from other groups to get this message out.

Pat noted that the GLPF has some discretionary travel funds that individuals can apply for to pay for travel to the hearings held throughout the basin. Jeanne asked for a summary of the GLI and Fred obliged.

**POLLUTION PREVENTION ALLIANCE**

Terry reported that he attended a meeting at Wingspread and a draft document will be presented. GLU will probably be asked to sign on to the Toxic Use Reduction Platform.



## **WINTER NAVIGATION**

There currently is a proposal to move the date to open the Sea Locks to shipping March 21st. There has already been 9 deviations from the established date of April 1, plus or minus a week. The reasons for suspending the current date are social and economic emergencies. Dick gave a report on the conversations he has had with the authorities regarding the proposed change of dates. John W. requested that all information be FAXed to him so he can make proper comment to members of MUCC regarding GLUs position on Winter Navigation.

Mike asked about the environmental impacts of early navigation. Dick reported that there was concern for emergent wetland scouring which disturbs the spawning areas for fish and there was also a great potential for spills to occur if ships are damaged.

GLU needs to remain persistent in this area. **TERRY WILL FAX ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION TO STANLEY STEINBORN (AND THE WINDSOR OFFICE FOR JOHN W.) REGARDING GLU'S POSITION ON WINTER NAVIGATION.**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Michelle reported that there were 65 grossly overdue organizational memberships. Jeanne suggested that a letter be sent to these organizations making a final request to re-join, within a three month period. Sean mentioned that organizational members must have board approval to be dropped.

Michelle also reported that there were 363 individual memberships overdue. The same suggestion of sending them an appeal letter to rejoin by a certain period was given. **Dick requested the board members to contact the overdue members in their area.**

Discussion revolved around organizations that are unable to pay the \$100 and perhaps the need to change the bylaws regarding this policy.

## **WALLEYE FISHING IN THAMES RIVER**

John W. reported that a concern had been raised to him regarding out of season netting of fish in the Thames River. Because GLU expresses in its bylaws the need for resource management and habitat protection plus GLU has passed resolutions on fishing practices, John W. inquired about the position GLU takes in this issue. There was a great deal of discussion on this topic, particularly with the position native groups have taken on the sovereignty of their own land and resource management practices. It was felt that the board should have further discussions with the Native representation of GLU and that more information was needed before any decision could be made on this issue.

## **EFNY - REVISITED**

Discussion resumed concerning EFNY and Ron's invitation to address the board.

Dottie questioned the return on the investment for the \$2000. Camilla felt the board treated Ron poorly.

Fred was concerned that the time spent to access companies was at least a 100 hour commitment this year.

Camilla reiterated the positive points concerning EFNY and felt the work toward this effort was worth it in the long run.

Terry felt there needed to be some balance between the effort expended on grant proposals and work to achieve a long term sustaining funding source.

Sarah expressed the need to find a retired person with business experience to do volunteer work for fundraising and to do access work.

Pat agreed with Sarah and felt there were several groups that GLU could investigate to find someone.

Camilla reiterated Terry's suggestion that an access committee be formed to work on this. Fred expressed concern raising the extra \$2000 by June for EFNY. He also is concerned about the effort expended to ensure that this is a profitable adventure and that the earliest we could see money would be '94.

Dick suggested an effort be made to find a senior citizen through either AARP or SCORE to work with GLU in this effort.

Terry reminded the board on GLU's charitable status, which is only established in NY. He restated his concern of GLU appearing to other organizations as being a NY environmental group and the need to reduce the involvement in NY issues.

Mike supported Terry in this effort to pull back on the local issues and suggested the possibility of board members being more involved in the RAPs. He questioned if there were any guidelines for board members in representing GLU on RAPs, etc.

Terry felt GLU should focus more in the connecting channel RAPs.

#### **GREETING CARDS**

Jeanne suggested that the greeting cards discussion be tabled at this time and discussed at the June retreat in the context of a work plan that incorporated some overall strategy for GLU. She expressed concern that at every board meeting there is the same discussion to have some work plan and strategy with specific actions and objectives, but the board never does anything toward resolving the problem. She felt the board should address this issue at the June retreat.

Jeanne made a brief presentation on the greeting cards, which would be packets of 10 cards with art work of Scott Stewart on the front, blank inside and credit to the artist and GLU on the back. A donation of \$7-10 would be made to GLU for the packet.

Fred felt that this kind of activity works to raise money but was concerned about the up-front money needed to do this project and the Canadian/U.S. boarder concerns with transporting goods.

Both Pat and Sarah felt this was a great idea, particularly using one of our own board members as the artist.

Dick suggested the start-up money for this project could be a donation from someone.

Jeanne again suggested this idea be fully discussed in the context of the decisions made at the June retreat.

Dick stated that the board engages in a lot of discussion but not much action.

#### **RESOLUTIONS - REVISITED**

Camilla questioned the direction to be taken on Jack/s memo and suggested that it be considered as an amendment to the bylaws.

Dick suggested the task force chairs receive a copy of the memo for information purposes.

Sarah felt that more discussion needed to be held on the issue. She felt that the AGM needed to allow spontaneity from the member groups and this works against it. She felt the challenge is a functioning task force that would work on resolutions prior to the AGM.

Sean mentioned that only one resolution had been received and the deadline was Tuesday, March 31.

It was suggested that if this change is to be considered, then it should be worked on throughout the coming year.

Sarah and Camilla will speak to Jack about re-wording it and sending it to the task force chairs.

Pat felt some discussion with Rebecca Shriner was necessary, given her original request in the matter.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 11:55 AM, SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH**

Respectively submitted,

Mary Ginnebaugh,  
Acting Secretary