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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners
FROM: Sally Cole-Misch, Frank Bevacqua, Alan Clarke, Jim Houston, Philip Slyfield
RE: PROPOSED ORGANIZATION FOR 1993 BIENNIAL MEETING

Based on previous discussions with the Commission and the committee's subsequent conference calls, the committee proposes the following organization for the 1993 Biennial Meeting on Great Lakes Water Quality.

1. PURPOSE

The Commission's annual and biennial meetings were originally designed to allow the Great Lakes advisory boards to present their findings on progress under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement to the Commission in a public setting. While the annual meetings were fairly technical and straightforward, biennial meetings (which started in 1983 in Indianapolis, followed by Kingston, 1985; Toledo, 1987; Hamilton, 1989; and Traverse City, 1991) were expanded to include workshops, public discussion sessions similar to public hearings, and community awareness/involvement programs. Attendance has increased dramatically over the last nine years, from approximately 300 participants in 1983 to more than 1,600 in 1991.

Given that the meeting is the Commission's primary mechanism to interact with the broader public on Great Lakes water quality issues, we suggest that the purpose of the 1993 meeting remain consistent with the meetings' original purpose. Specifically, we propose that the 1993 meeting should:

1. allow the Commission and its advisory groups to present and discuss their findings and activities under the 1991-1993 priorities in a public setting; and
2. provide an opportunity for the public, governments and industries to present their findings to the Commission on progress under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

With adequate funding and community support, the meeting could also provide an opportunity for the host community/region to increase its awareness of Great Lakes issues.

2. PROGRAM

There are two other Great Lakes conferences are planned for 1993. The **Global Tomorrow Coalition** will hold a two-day leadership assembly for approximately 300 invited participants in March 1993, most likely in Ann Arbor, Michigan (see attachment 1). Their meeting will focus on the process and institutional arrangements available to address sustainable development for the Great Lakes region. Participants will produce, through plenary sessions and workshops, a "tool kit" of processes and programs needed for long-term sustainability. The coalition has a steering committee with broad representation from industry, government, citizen groups and the education sector to develop and implement the program, and have expressed a strong interest in presenting that "tool kit" to the Commission at its Biennial Meeting.

The **Parties** have scheduled their State of the Lakes conference for late April 1993 in Dearborn, Michigan. Their meeting is also by invitation only, including "key managers and action

Great Lakes.

Saturday, October 23, 1993

- o Presentations and discussion on priority topics (9-11 a.m):
 - Encouraging Community Awareness of Great Lakes Issues
 - Emerging Issues
- o Concurrent workshops on remaining priorities (11-12:30 p.m.):
 - State of the Lakes reporting
 - Groundwater contamination
 - Testing of the Council of Research Managers Framework
 - Atmospheric Deposition to Lake Superior
- o Lunch break (on own) (12:30 - 2 p.m.)
- o Public Hearing on Progress under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (2-6 p.m., dinner break on own, 8-10 p.m.)

Sunday, October 24, 1993

- o Proposed Priorities for 1993-1995 (9-10:30 a.m.)
- o Closing comments (10:30 -11 a.m.)
- o Local events/ancillary activities

The public hearing format would be similar to that used for other references, and the written comment period would be open until November 15, 1993. If the Commission considers desirable, nongovernment organizations and the Parties could be asked to provide materials as available before the meeting for distribution to registered participants, along with Commission reports on Great Lakes priorities. These reports would be sent approximately one month prior to the meeting. Registration would be simplified to address the meeting only, and hotel accommodations would be made by each registrant based on information provided in registration materials on location and cost.

4. THE NEXT STEPS

Based on the Commission's review and approval or revision of the above program proposal, we ask that the Commission:

- o determine which speaker(s) should be contacted for possible availability in October 1993
- o discuss the program with Great Lakes advisory boards and task forces at the October Semi-Annual meeting, to determine which priorities might need additional time for presentations (i.e. more than 90 minutes of presentation and discussion), and which groups would like to assist in each priority's presentation
- o determine what materials should be distributed with Commission reports, such as the Parties progress report or the Global Tomorrow Coalition's summary report of its March 1993 meeting.

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MEMO

TO: Paul Muldoon, Sarah Miller, John Jackson, Jeanne Jabanoski
Rick Coronado, Terry Yonker and Karen Murphy

FROM: Mary Ginnebaugh

DATE: April 16, 1993

RE: IJC Biennial and GLU's Participation/Coordination Efforts

After the biennial conference call last week, there was concern expressed by some GLU Board members and staff that GLU needed to get its act together with respect to what GLU wanted to accomplish for itself as an organization at the biennial.

To discuss this issue, a meeting has been planned at John Jackson's office in Kitchner on Monday, April 26th at 10:00 am. Please let John know if you will not be able to attend.

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