

DRAFT Governance Structure for the Great Lakes Observing System

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Board
<p><u>Composition</u> Inaugural: Appointments to Board at incorporation</p> <p>Future: Elected at Annual Meetings Board can make appointments on its own to fill vacancies</p> <p><u>Compensation</u> Compensated for travel time, otherwise voluntary</p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u> Bylaws Hiring, firing executive director Audits of books Approve annual workplan updates</p> <p><u>Officers</u> Chair Vice-chair Secretary Treasurer</p> <p><u>Committees</u> (chaired by) Finance (Treasurer) Personnel/Elections (Secretary) - review of Exec Dir, Board nominations Advocacy (Vice-chair) Membership Fundraising?</p>

Membership
<p><u>Classes</u> Federal State, incl GLC, CGLG? Academic Commerce/Industry Native American NGO Regional organizations (IJC, GLFC...) Canadian? Local governments</p> <p><u>Roles</u></p> <p><u>Responsibilities</u></p> <p><u>Benefits</u></p> <p><u>Costs</u></p>

Advisory Committee
<p>Members elected to 2-year terms</p> <p>5 categories, mapped to classes of Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal (up to 10?) = Federal - State (up to 10?) = State, incl GLC, CGLG? - Academic (6? up to 10?) = Academic - At-large (6? up to 10?) = Commercial/industrial, Native American, NGO, Regional Org, Local Govt - "Observers" <p>Probable permanent positions for GLC, CGLG IJC Ontario, EC, DFO</p>

Executive Director
<p>Hired by Board</p> <p>Hires, fires support staff</p> <p>Develops annual work plan and budget [in conjunction with Advisory Committee]</p>

Other notes:

- Match Federal fiscal year: October 1 – September 30
- Annual meeting planning work starts process for next year's plan
- Annual meeting date ca. March/April?