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Speaker Biographies

Sharon Jackson – *Deputy General Counsel*, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb / Chair, Great Lakes Commission

Sharon M. Jackson is Deputy General Counsel to Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. She has been in that position since Governor Holcomb took office in January 2017. Ms. Jackson handles a wide variety of policy and legal issues, ranging from utility regulation to judicial appointments to pardons for convicted criminals. She also serves as head of Indiana's delegation to the Great Lakes Commission where she also serves as Vice Chair of that organization.

Prior to joining the Holcomb administration, she served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives investigation into the 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi, Libya. Prior to that, Ms. Jackson was a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of Indiana for 24 years where she handled a wide range of complex white-collar crime cases and national security matters.

Erika Jensen – *Interim Executive Director*, Great Lakes Commission

Erika Jensen was appointed interim executive director of the Great Lakes Commission in August of 2020. In addition to this appointment, she serves as the Commission's aquatic invasive species program manager. As such, she is the coordinator for the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species, providing strategic, administrative and programmatic support. She also provides staff support to the Invasive Mussel Collaborative and Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative and works with a variety of partners while managing other AIS projects focused on invasive species prevention and control. She is the Commission's designee to the federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. She has been a member of the Commission staff in various roles since 2006. She has a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Todd Ambs – *Vice Chair*, Great Lakes Commission / *Assistant Deputy Secretary*, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

From 2003-2010, Todd was the DNR's Water Division administrator, where he was lead negotiator for the State of Wisconsin during the development of the Great Lakes Compact. Todd has worked in the environmental policy field for more than 30 years, most recently as the campaign director for Healing our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition.

His extensive experience in both state government and nonprofit organizations includes serving as executive director of two statewide river organizations, policy director for the Ohio Attorney General and senior policy analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Todd graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Speech.

Michael P. Ripley – *Environmental Coordinator, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority*

Mike has worked as Environmental Coordinator for the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) since 1996. CORA represents five tribes in Michigan with regard to the tribes' commercial and subsistence fisheries in the 1836 treaty ceded waters of Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior. The Tribes comprising CORA are the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Bands of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Mike is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1987 with a B.Sc. in Geology.

Mike represents the fishery interests of CORA on the St. Marys River Remedial Action Plan, the Lake Superior Binational Program, the Lake Michigan LAMP Partnership, the Lake Huron LAMP Partnership and various other environmental and aquatic nuisance species prevention programs mainly in the Great Lakes Region. Mike also manages CORA's fish contaminant monitoring program that has allowed the annual analysis of contaminants from tribal commercial fish harvest since 1991. Mike also represents CORA as an Observer to the Great Lakes Commission and as a member of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species.

Robert (Bob) G. Lambe – *Executive Secretary, Great Lakes Fishery Commission*

Bob Lambe is currently the Executive Secretary for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC), a binational organization based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The GLFC was established by the 1955 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries between Canada and the United States. The Commission's primary functions include: coordination of fisheries management among eight U.S. Great Lakes states, Ontario, U.S. Tribal, Canadian and U.S. federal agencies; formulation and implementation of a program to control invasive sea lamprey populations in the Great Lakes; and, development and coordination of research in support of Great Lakes fisheries.

Prior to joining GLFC in 2013, Bob had a 35-year career within the Public Service of Canada where he held a number of executive positions, including six years as the Regional Director General of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's largest region – the Central and Arctic Region, based in Ontario. Between his retirement from the Canadian Public Service in 2011 and his joining the GLFC in 2013, Bob served as the first Executive Director of the Canada-Ontario Invasive Species Center based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Laura Rubin – *Director, Healing Our Waters—Great Lakes Coalition*

Laura Rubin has spent more than 30 years working on environmental protection, policy, and conservation issues. She is currently the Director of the Healing Our Waters—Great Lakes Coalition, which has been harnessing the collective power of more than 160 groups representing millions of

people, whose common goal is to restore and protect the Great Lakes. The Coalition has earned a well-deserved reputation as a national leader in securing federal investment in regional ecosystem restoration efforts.

Before that Rubin worked as executive director of the Michigan-based Huron River Watershed Council since 1998, where she transformed the nonprofit from a low-profile organization to a high-impact, high-visibility national leader in the field of watershed management.

She has served as a board member or advisor to local, state, and national organizations including the Great Lakes Protection Fund, Michigan Environmental Council, the Alliance for the Great Lakes, the University of Michigan School Of Natural External Advisory Board, the City of Ann Arbor's Greenbelt Commission, and others. For her national leadership in river protection, she received the River Network's 2013 River Hero Award.

She earned Master's degrees in Business Administration and Natural Resource Policy at the University of Michigan's Erb Institute, and a Bachelor of Arts in business economics from Colorado College.

Steven A. Fisher – *Executive Director, American Great Lakes Ports Association*

Steve Fisher has served as Executive Director of the American Great Lakes Ports Association since 1994. Based in Washington, D.C., the Association represents 15 public port authorities on the U.S. side of the Great Lakes. The Association's mission is to promote maritime commerce on the Great Lakes with the goal of creating jobs and fostering economic development via a competitive and sustainable waterborne transportation system.

Mr. Fisher serves on numerous marine industry organizations, including; the Great Lakes Commission; the Great Lakes Pilotage Federal Advisory Committee, and the Great Lakes Seaway Partnership.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Fisher served on the Washington staff of Indiana Senator Richard G. Lugar for 6 years, focusing on transportation and appropriations legislation. Prior to that, Mr. Fisher served 4 years on the staff of Indiana Senator Dan Quayle.

Mr. Fisher graduated from Ball State University in 1984 and holds a bachelor degree in Architecture, and a bachelor degree in Urban Planning.

Rep. Robyn Gabel – *Vice Chair, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus*

Robyn Gabel is from Evanston, IL, and has represented the people of the 18th District in the Illinois House of Representatives since 2010. Throughout her career, Robyn Gabel has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the people of Illinois as an advocate for all, especially women, children and the most disadvantaged. During her time in the House, she has earned a reputation as an independent legislative leader, successfully passing numerous sponsored bills.

Robyn's areas of focus have been ensuring the safety of our children, expanding access to social services, championing environmental and clean energy issues including efforts to promote wind, solar and other renewable energy, guaranteeing the rights of women and children, reforming government to be inclusive and effective, providing easily accessible voting rights, advocating for fair wages and reducing and preventing gun violence.

Jon Altenberg – *Executive Director, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative*

Mr. Altenberg received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from George Washington University and a Master's degree in Communications and Integrated Marketing from Northwestern University. He has over 15 years of experience in the fields of politics, communications and marketing. He has spent a portion of his career working at the U.S. Capital and Midwest State Legislatures.

Jonathan's background in public service, government affairs and management is a great asset to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. He has the skills and commitment to work with our member mayors to be a strong voice for our communities on both sides of the border.

Olivia Ortega – *Communications Lead, Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition*

Olivia Ortega currently serves as director of government advocacy at the Greater Cleveland Partnership, one of the largest metropolitan chambers of commerce in the nation. In her role she also helps lead the Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition, a collective of chambers of commerce across the Great Lakes region that jointly advocate on core policy issues.

Prior to this role, Olivia was named an inaugural Cleveland Foundation Public Service Fellow, and spent her fellowship at Cleveland City Council with its policy research team. Throughout her professional experiences Olivia has had the opportunity to research, write, and advocate policies around immigration, sustainability, infrastructure, and economic development. Most recently, Olivia was named as one of Crain's Cleveland Business 20 in their Twenties. She graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 2016 with a B.A. in Political Science.

Michael Goffin – *Regional Director General, Environment and Climate Change Canada*

In 2020, Mr Goffin took on a special assignment as Director General Water Policy within Environment and Climate Change Canada, responsible for creation of the Canada Water Agency.

Over the course of his more than thirty year career in the Public Service of Canada Mr Goffin has been engaged in policy develop and program delivery in areas which include environmental protection, wildlife management, meteorology, water and ecosystem management, intergovernmental affairs and community outreach and engagement.

For more than a decade, Mr Goffin has been responsible for leading Canada's efforts to restore and protect the water quality and ecosystem health of the Great Lakes and in 2012 he was lead negotiator for Canada responsible for the negotiation of the Canada-United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Mr Goffin has been a long serving member of the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Water Quality Board, and also currently serves as Canadian Co-chair of the International Joint Commission's International Rainy Lake of the Woods Watershed Board.

Anne-Sophie Lapointe – *Chief Development Officer* | Directrice du Développement, Hoola One

Anne-Sophie is a co-founder at Hoola One, a startup based in Quebec. With her team of engineers, Hoola One created a technology which allows to collect microplastic from beaches. We invited her today in order to share with us how her young and motivated team is seeking to make a difference with their innovative device.

Janet McCabe – *Director*, Environmental Resilience Institute at Indiana University

Janet McCabe is director of the Environmental Resilience Institute at Indiana University and a professor of practice at the IU McKinney School of Law.

From July 2013 to January 2017, McCabe was the acting assistant administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and was nominated by President Barack Obama to be assistant administrator of that office. She joined EPA in November 2009, serving as the principal deputy to the assistant administrator of OAR.

Prior to joining EPA, McCabe was executive director of Improving Kids' Environment, Inc., a children's environmental health advocacy organization based in Indianapolis, Ind., and was an adjunct faculty member at the IU School of Medicine, Department of Public Health, and at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. From 1993 to 2005, she held several leadership positions in the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Air Quality and was the office's assistant commissioner from 1998 to 2005.

Before coming to Indiana in 1993, McCabe served as assistant attorney general for environmental protection for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assistant secretary for Environmental Impact Review. McCabe grew up in Washington, DC and graduated from Harvard College in 1980 and Harvard Law School in 1983.

Dr. Sanjiv K. Sinha – *Senior Vice President*, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (ECT)

Dr. Sanjiv Sinha is a Member of the Board of Directors and a Senior Vice President at ECT. A frequent presenter on topics related to economic instruments in the water infrastructure market, he aspires to make these ideas mainstream. Before ECT, he held a visiting faculty position at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and specializes in open channel flows, ecosystem restoration, and numerical modeling.

At ECT, as the national director for the water resources service line, Dr. Sinha provides overall firm-wide leadership, is responsible for the service line's profits/losses, helps coordinate marketing efforts and branding exercises, and provides program management oversight that include reporting, financials, meetings, and interaction with clients and other stakeholders. Dr. Sinha's business role has been to provide critical thinking and disciplined leadership to seek out future/current market niches.

Aside from his full-time employment at ECT, in 2019-2020, Dr. Sinha serves as member of the Board of Directors of Delta Institute, a nonprofit based in Chicago that focuses on building resilient environment and economy through sustainable solutions, and as an advisor to the WaterWorks Fund, an equity crowdfunding platform that is focused on meeting water financing demand across the United States. Previously, he was the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Alliance of the Great Lakes, a member of the Board of Advisors for Augment Ventures, and a member of the Board of Directors at Michigan

League of Conservation Voters. In these roles, as a partner to the chief executive officer and other board members, he provided governance leadership.

Dr. Sinha has a doctorate in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Iowa and is licensed as a Professional Engineer in Michigan and Florida.

Kevin Shafer – *Executive Director, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District*

Kevin Shafer became executive director at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) in 2002. Since becoming executive director, Mr. Shafer has been providing the regional leadership in implementing grey and green infrastructure in MMSD facilities. He also coordinated a \$58 million long-range planning process that produced the most intensive water quality research ever for six Milwaukee area watersheds. Additionally, under his leadership, MMSD instituted a regional stormwater runoff rule and has been a leader for innovative ways to manage stormwater runoff.

Mr. Shafer's leadership has helped improve regional cooperation, most notably with the creation of the Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust (Sweet Water), an organization that brings together representatives from the private, nonprofit, and public sectors to improve the region's water quality.

Prior to joining the District, Mr. Shafer spent 10 years in private industry with an international engineering firm in Chicago and Milwaukee, and six years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Worth, Texas. He is a past president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and currently serves as the Chair of the U.S. Water Alliance's Urban Water Sustainability Leadership Council.

Oluwole A. McFoy – *General Manager, Buffalo Sewer Authority*

Oluwole A. McFoy serves as the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager for Buffalo Sewer. McFoy was named to the post in a unanimous vote on August 26, 2015 by the Board of Directors. With an operating budget of \$55 million and a capital budget of \$25 million, Buffalo Sewer provides wastewater collection and treatment for a population of nearly 500,000 in Western New York.

Kyle Vander Linden – *Program Manager, Credit Valley Conservation*

Kyle Vander Linden is a Program Manager with the Integrated Water Management team at Credit Valley Conservation (CVC).

Based on lessons from the field over the last 11 years in LID implementation, he provides facilitation and guidance to municipalities on critical processes for LID/GI design, construction, assumption, operation and maintenance.

Kyle is a lead instructor for the Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program's (STEP) Low Impact Development (LID) training program and continues to focus on ways to improve the business case for LID.

William (Bill) Schleizer – *CEO, Delta Institute*

Bill drives strategy behind Delta's collaboration with more than 180 communities in Chicago and throughout the Midwest to solve environmental challenges and spur economic development. He

balances high-level decision-making with tactical implementation. Further, he sets an authentic and inclusive culture, including personally engaging with all staff consistently. Bill's accomplishments include: working with 1,400 farmers and foresters to reduce climate change impacts; implementation planning for the Chicago Climate Action Plan—focusing on residential and commercial energy efficiency mitigation strategies that most impact greenhouse gas emissions; helping establish the Michigan Saves program, an energy efficiency loan program that has \$160M in its loan portfolio; and incepting a venture decision framework to spin off and scale initiatives.

He has over 18 years of experience in systems analysis, environmental science, and consulting, and serves on the Advisory Board for Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Environmental Sustainability. He earned his bachelor's degree in Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology and Environmental Studies from Tulane University and his master's degree in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making from Rice University. He is a 2019 Notable LGBTQ Executive for Crain's Chicago Business.

Patricia Fuller – *Ambassador for Climate Change, Canada*

Patricia Fuller holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics and Political Studies from Queen's University, and a Master of Science with distinction from the London School of Economics.

Throughout her career, Ms. Fuller has specialized in trade and economic policy, as well as climate change and energy. At Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, she served as Deputy Director for Trade Remedies (1997-1999), Director of the Softwood Lumber Division (2003-2004), Chief Economist (2007-2010), and Director General of Planning and Reporting (2010-2012). While working at Natural Resources Canada from 2015 to 2017, Ms. Fuller headed the Office of Energy Efficiency and contributed to the development of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. She also gained experience on environment and climate change files earlier in her career while working at the Privy Council Office and supporting the Cabinet Committee on Economic and Regional Development Policy from 2000 to 2003.

Ms. Fuller served abroad as Ambassador of Canada to Uruguay from 2004 to 2007 and as Ambassador to Chile from 2012 to 2015. Previous international assignments also included Mexico and Guatemala.

Most recently, she has been serving as Director General of Economic Development at Global Affairs Canada. Her responsibilities include oversight of Canada's engagement with International financial institutions, as well as leadership for development assistance policy related to economic growth and governance.

Katrina Kessler – *Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*

Katrina Kessler was appointed Assistant Commissioner for Water Policy and Agriculture in April 2019. Prior to Katrina's return to the agency, she was the Director of the Surface Water and Sewers Division at the city of Minneapolis. In that role, Katrina was responsible for providing strategic direction for the management of the city's 150-year-old sewer infrastructure along with work to meet climate and water quality goals. Previously, Katrina worked at the MPCA for 13 years as a permit engineer in the Municipal and Industrial Divisions. Katrina also served as the Effluent Limits Supervisor and Manager of the Water Assessment Section in the Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division.

Katrina has a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from American University and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Minnesota. Katrina enjoys swimming, biking, and running outside when it isn't snowing and downhill and cross country skiing when it is. She also enjoys traveling to mountains and beaches with her husband, and their two sons.

Katrina is excited to bring her passion for public service as well as her collaborative and pragmatic problem-solving approach back to the MPCA.

Bruno Pigott – *Commissioner*, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Bruno L. Pigott was appointed commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) by Governor Eric J. Holcomb in 2017. Mr. Pigott joined IDEM in 2000, but most recently served as chief of staff from August 2015 through December 2016. From April 2005 through August 2015, he worked as assistant commissioner in the Office of Water Quality. Prior to 2005, Mr. Pigott served in a number of different positions in the Office of Water Quality, including chief of the Permits Branch, the Compliance Branch, and the State Revolving Fund Section. He received his master's degree from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs and his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Robert Sisson – *U.S. Commissioner*, International Joint Commission

Robert Sisson has been involved with the environmental organization ConservAmerica since 2006, where he has served as president since 2011, and more recently was appointed by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder to the state's Environmental Justice Working Group in 2017. The Michigan League of Conservation Voters named him Environmental Leader of the Year in 2008. Mr. Sisson has also been involved in the government of the Michigan city of Sturgis, where he has served as mayor from 2005-2007 and as a city commissioner from 2003-2008 and again from 2011-2016. Concurrently, he was a member of the boards of directors for both the Sturgis Economic Development Corporation and the St. Joseph County Economic Development Corporation.

Heather Stirratt – *Great Lakes Regional Lead*, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management

Heather Stirratt is the Great Lakes Regional Lead for NOAA's Office for Coastal Management (OCM). Ms. Stirratt is working to enhance NOAA connections with customers and partners in the Great Lakes region. Currently she is focusing on the following programmatic areas of focus for the Great Lakes: habitat restoration, benthic mapping, blue economy through recreation and tourism, and coastal community resilience. Ms. Stirratt currently serves as the NOAA co-chair of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Coastal Systems Working Group, NOAA representative to the Great Lakes Habitat and Species Working Group, and NOAA representative to the Great Lakes Commission's Standing Committee on Climate Resilience.

Ms. Stirratt has a broad portfolio of non-governmental, county, state, and federal work experience. Having served previously as the Special Assistant for NOS' Assistant Administrator (AA), she was responsible for daily operational support to the AA, building professional relationships among NOS' executive leadership, and fostering collaborative partnerships with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on

projects of national interest. In total, Ms. Stirratt has served for over 10 years as a Fisheries Management Specialist focusing on some of America's most valuable state and federal fisheries. Her contributions to U.S. management of highly migratory species have been nationally recognized by the Department of Commerce and NOAA's General Counsel. Ms. Stirratt has logged over 800 hours at sea conducting scientific research in addition to her policy and coastal permitting work for the Environmental Defense Fund and Dade County Coastal Management Program, FL, respectively.

Ms. Stirratt holds a Masters degree in Marine Affairs, with specialties in fisheries science, management, ocean and coastal law, from the University of Rhode Island and a B.A. in Marine Affairs from the University of Miami, FL. Beyond her academic and professional careers, Ms. Stirratt enjoys recreational scuba diving, backcountry hiking, and spending time with her husband and three children.

David F. Bucaro – *Chief*, Project Management Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Bucaro serves as project delivery lead for the Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and provides project management oversight of multiple projects constituting the District program. He develops and monitors project schedules, budgets and milestones throughout their life cycle in coordination with functional elements of the District, stakeholders and partners. He provides authoritative project information and coordinates activities with customers and other outside interests, including project sponsors, state, local, and community officials, elected officials, other Federal agencies, the news media, and members of the public. He plans and assigns work of subordinates, sets and adjusts short-term priorities and prepares schedules for work completion.

Chris Korleski – *Director*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO).

Chris Korleski is director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO). GLNPO coordinates U.S. efforts in implementing the goals and objectives of the Canada - U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, working under the strategic framework of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Before coming to GLNPO, Korleski was director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He also served as counsel to Honda of America Mfg. Inc. in Marysville, Ohio, and was an assistant attorney general in the Ohio Attorney General's Environmental Enforcement Section.

Korleski earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy from The Ohio State University College of Agriculture, and a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Nebraska. He received his law degree from The Ohio State University.

Lisa Duriancik – *Leader for the Watershed Assessment Studies Component of the Conservation Effects Assessment Project, USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service*

Lisa Duriancik works in the Resource Assessment Branch of USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service as the Leader for the Watershed Assessment Studies Component of the Conservation Effects Assessment Project. She provides national leadership for a network of long-term watersheds assessing conservation effects on water and soil resources. She leads several interagency coordination efforts for NRCS related to conservation effects and water quality and spent a year as the GLRI Coordinator for NRCS. Lisa brings 27 years of experience to our panel, working at the interface of watersheds, water quality and availability, conservation, and agriculture.

Ralph Grundel – *Research Ecologist, USGS Great Lakes Science Center*

Ralph Grundel is a research ecologist with the USGS Great Lakes Science Center. He is also station chief for the Lake Michigan Ecological Research Station in Chesterton, Indiana at Indiana Dunes National Park and chief of the Restoration and Conservation Science branch within the Great Lakes Science Center.

Brad Potter – *Science Coordinator, USFWS*

Brad works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Science Applications Program. He's worked for the Service for 15 years, all stationed in the East Lansing, Michigan Field Office. Working for both the Migratory Bird Joint Venture program and Science Applications, he's spent his career working with others in broad landscape partnerships to solve complex and widespread conservation challenges.

Timothy Bruno – *Chief, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Office of the Great Lakes*

Timothy Bruno serves as the Chief of the Office of the Great Lakes at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He is responsible for the leadership, coordination, and implementation of the Commonwealth’s Great Lakes water quality, water use, and watershed-related programs and policy initiatives.

Mr. Bruno is actively involved in governance across the Great Lakes, serving on the Great Lakes Commission as the head of Pennsylvania delegation. Additionally, he serves on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact Council and Regional Body, and on the Great Lakes Executive Committee – the coordinating body of the binational Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Mr. Bruno received his bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Gannon University, where he also obtained a graduate degree in Environmental Health and Engineering.