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2025 Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting

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Attendee List

Name	Title	Organization
Tori Agnew-Camiener	Fellow	Great Lakes Commission
Todd Ambs	Commissioner	State of Wisconsin
Cailyn Andrews	Program Manager	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers
Aaron Annable	Consul	Consulate General of Canada - Minneapolis
Peter Annin	Executive Director	Burke Center for Ecosystem Research
Kevin Beardsley	Executive Director	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Rajesh Bejankiwar	Physical Scientist	International Joint Commission Great Lakes Regional Office
Joe Bertram	Deputy Director	Great Lakes Commission
Thomas Boland	Retired	
Kerith Brand	Public and Governmental Affairs Attachée	Québec Government Office in Chicago
Eric Brown	Director of Policy and Government Affairs	Great Lakes Commission
Timothy Bruno	Great Lakes Program Coordinator	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Sophie Buchholz	Great Lake Policy Specialist	Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
Emma Burgeson	Restoration Project Manager	Stantec
Mark Burrows	Acting Director	International Joint Commission Great Lakes Regional Office
Stephanie Comer	President	Comer Family Foundation
Megan Cunningham	Vice President for Programs	Alliance for the Great Lakes
Valerie Damstra	Associate Director-Operations	Burke Center for Ecosystem Research

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Shannon Dougherty	Great Lakes Program Director	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Kate Fineske	Executive Director	National Museum of the Great Lakes
Emily Finnell	Great Lakes Senior Advisor & Strategist	Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Molly Flanagan	Great Lakes Senior Program Officer	Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation
Hon. Morgan Foreman	State Representative	Michigan House of Representatives and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus
Deanna Geelhoed	Climate Resilience Planner	Arrowhead Regional Development Commission
Valerie Glazer	Manager, Government and Community Relations	St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
Hon. Patrick Harkins	State Representative	Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Alaina Harkness	CEO	Current & Great Lakes RENEW
Abigail Hendershott	Executive Director	Michigan PFAS Action Response Team
Kelly Herfendal	Environmental Scientist	ISG
Nick Hickey	VP Business Development	Fraser Shipyards
Avery Hildebrand	Public Engagement Program Manager	Conservation Minnesota
Jean-François Hould	Delegate	Québec Government Office in Chicago
Matt Hudson	Associate Director-Great Lakes	Burke Center for Ecosystem Research
Edo Jakupovic	Conseiller en relations internationales	Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques
James Jennings	Acting Director	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Erika Jensen	Executive Director	Great Lakes Commission
Katrina Kessler	Commissioner	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Amy Kireta	Youth STEM Outreach Director, Swenson College of Science & Engineering	University of Minnesota Duluth
Collin Knauss	Project Development Manager	Great Lakes Protection Fund
Kirk Koudelka	Assistant Commissioner	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Ann Larson	Deputy Director	Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Frederic Lecomte	Scientific Counselor	Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques
Yu-Feng Lin	Hydrogeologist	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
John Logue	Director	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Leo Luong	Director, Great Lakes and Inland Waters Branch	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Ontario
Kathleen MacKay	Lawyer	

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Michelle Marchello	Executive Deputy Commissioner	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Shauna Marquardt	GLRI Program Manager	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Jacob Martin-Malus	Assistant Deputy Minister for Biodiversity, Wildlife and Parks	Government of Québec
Sherri Mason	Director, Project NePTWNE	Gannon University
Christopher McClain	President	The McClain Corporation
Greg McClinchey	Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs	Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Mary Mertz	Director	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Josh Miller	Director of Programs	Great Lakes Commission
Rae Mindock	Director of Water Programs	Fresh Coast Climate Solutions
Felicia Minotti	Deputy Director	Global Affairs Canada
Kay Nelson	Director, Environmental Affairs	Northwest Indiana Forum
Gene Nepomuceno	Senior Manager	Ontario Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs
Eric Oberhart	Program Director	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers
John O'Meara	Executive Vice President	Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.
Bruno Pigott	Executive Director	WateReuse
Richard Pohlman	Acting Director of Water Resources	Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Kelsey Prihoda	Great Lakes Transportation Extension Educator	University of Minnesota Sea Grant College Program
Todd Renville	Principal	Ramboll
Hannah Reynolds	Administrative Coordinator	Great Lakes Commission
Kirsten Rhude	Stewardship Coordinator	Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve
Mary Sabuda	Maritime Transportation Policy Advisor	Great Lakes Commission
Timothy Schaeffer	Executive Director	Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Teresa Seidel	Director of the Great Lakes National Program Office	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5
Jillian Senkiw	Consul - Political/Economic & Public Affairs	Consulate General of Canada in Chicago
Emily Shaw	Great Lakes Resource Specialist	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community - Natural Resources Department
Cody Sheik	Associate Professor	University of Minnesota Duluth
Lora Shrake	Interim Executive Director	Council of the Great Lakes Region
Michael Simpson	CEO	M.E. Simpson Co., Inc,
Marc Smith	Policy Director	National Wildlife Federation Great Lakes Regional Center

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Chris Smith	Deputy Director	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Michael Snyder	Ocean and Great Lakes Director	New York Department of State
Scott Sowa	Great Lakes Program Director	The Nature Conservancy
Sharon Stephens	Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Heather Stirratt	Chair	Great Lakes Observing System
Michelle Stockness	Executive Director	Freshwater Society
Wade Strickland	Director, Office of Great Waters	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Polly Synk	Division Chief	Michigan Department of Attorney General
Paul Tanghe	Scientist	
Peter Tester	Deputy Commissioner	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Adam Tindall-Schlicht	Senior Advisor, Transport Americas	Ramboll
Carla Torchia	Manager, Great Lakes National Program Office	Canada Water Agency
Hon. Paul Torkelson	State Representative	Minnesota House of Representatives
Galen Treuer	Director	Zicher Consulting
Jeff Udd	Director of Government & Environmental Affairs	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Marnie Urso	Senior Director, Policy	Audubon Great Lakes
Anne Vogel	Regional Administrator	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5
Yongli Wager	Professor	Wayne State University
Beth Wanamaker	Director of Communications	Great Lakes Commission
Jim Weakley	President	Lake Carriers' Association
Shawna Weaver	Director of Learning and Engagement	Great Lakes Aquarium
Travis Wheeler	Chief Policy Officer	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Loren Wobig	Illinois Department of Natural Resources	
Nicole Zacharda	Program Manager	Great Lakes Commission