



MICHIGAN WATERFRONT ALLIANCE

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WE LOBBY TO PROTECT MICHIGAN'S LAKE AND STREAMS. THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

We are asking you to update your membership to Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA). By doing so, you can help in a statewide effort to protect Michigan's lakes and streams. MWA lobbies state government on a wide variety of issues that affect our water resources, such as road-end access, overnight and seasonal mooring of watercraft at public road ends, funding for the state's permitting system, marina regulations, septic upgrade regulations, phosphorus fertilizers, and much more.

You know how it works. When the legislature is pushed to weaken water resource protection measures, they will do just that—unless we speak out to protect our lakes and streams. It is difficult for one person or one lake association to carry the burden of protecting 11,000 lakes. And though we'd like to think that right will always prevail, one lone voice is not enough to get the attention of the leaders in state government. That is why we must join together to make our collective voice heard in Lansing. These efforts were utilized in getting legislation passed, to restrict use of phosphorus fertilizer on turf near our wetlands and prohibit overnight mooring at public road ends.

To get our message out, we retain professional lobbyists who are skilled and experienced in issue advocacy. While this expertise is very effective, it is also costly. As such, we ask you to join or renew your individual membership for \$50, Lake Association membership for \$100 or your Corporation membership for \$200 per year.

Please note the line "MWA Legal Assistance Fund" on the enclosed return envelope and form. The MWA Board of Directors created a MWA Legal Assistance Fund to provide the funds to support significant legal cases relevant to the mission of MWA. Funds will be disbursed in a manner consistent with MWA bylaws.

We need to build this Legal Assistance Fund. There may be a misunderstanding that if you belong to ML&SA you belong to MWA. This is not the case. ML&SA has limits for lobbying, MWA does not. We need all your help to have the funds as the needs arise. **Please be as generous as you can.** Your past understanding and support has been appreciated and necessary in order to continue a professional campaign for water resource protection and control of Aquatic Invasive Species. Tell your friends and neighbors! *Please send back the enclosed green envelope and give the application below to a like minded neighbor or friend.*

Sincerely,
MWA Board of Directors

Michigan Waterfront Alliance Membership Application

Jan '17

Annual Dues: Individual Membership - \$50, Lake Associations - \$100, Corporations - \$200,

Please print:

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Township _____ Lake/Stream Assoc. _____

List your top concern and return to MWA

Make checks payable to: Michigan Waterfront Alliance
Send dues and contributions to:
Michigan Waterfront Alliance
PO Box 369 , Fenton, MI 48430

Individual (\$50)	_____
Lake Assoc. (\$100)	_____
Corp. (\$200)	_____
Legal Assist. Fund	_____
Other	_____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____



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MWA Mission Statement “This corporation is formed to protect, preserve and promote the wise use of inland waters – lakes, streams, rivers, creeks and the waters and bottomlands of the state of Michigan.

Presidents’ Corner

By Bob Frye

Dear Michigan Waterfront Alliance Members,

Thank you for your continued support in our shared quest for the preservation and protection of Michigan’s Inland Lakes and Stream. As you will see in the rest of this newsletter we taken on a daunting task: The reformation of various failed policies of the Michigan Waterways Commission and the DNR. I cannot begin to tell you the number of hours our board member Lon Nordeen and our esteemed friend Professor Ed Mahoney have put in to come up with the position paper that follows. As this effort unfolds you will be asked to call and email your state representative and state senator to help change the direction of invasive species control in our state.

I would also like to thank our Lobbying firm Karoub and associates and our membership for their help in getting a state appropriation of \$250,000 to help the Michigan Swimmers Partnership fund control programs on some of our most infested inland lakes.

Have a snowy winter!

Bob Frye MWA President

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ASSOCIATES

MWA Legislative Update – November 2016

A CLEAN SWEEP FOR THE GOP

From a stunning upset win for businessman Donald Trump to become the 45th president elect of the United States, to the GOP retaining the U.S. Senate and House, Republicans keeping their 9-5 margin in the U.S. Congress, blocking any attempt by the Democrats to take control of the Michigan House of Representatives and maintaining a lock on the Michigan Supreme Court, it was a remarkable Republican victory.

TRUMP RIDES A POPULIST THEME TO THE WHITE HOUSE

For the first time since 1988, Michigan would go Republican in selecting a U.S. President.

REPUBLICANS HOLD 9-5 EDGE IN U.S. HOUSE

Retired Lt. General Jack Bergman crushed former Michigan Democratic Party Chair Lon Johnson 55 to 40 percent to win big in the 1st Congressional District where incumbent U.S. Representative Dan Benishek (R- Crystal River) did not seek reelection.

In the 8th Congressional District Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) scored a healthy 57 to 39 percent margin victory over Democratic challenger Suzanna Shkreli and U.S. Representative Tim Walberg coasted to his fifth-term win by defeating Gretchen Driskell 59 to 36 percent.

And former Ross Educational CEO Paul Mitchell was a first-time winner in his expected defeat of former Representative Frank Accavitti in Michigan's 10th Congressional district.

GOP KEEPS CONTROL OF THE MICHIGAN HOUSE

Donald Trump's strong showing in Michigan put the brakes on any hopes the Democrats had of taking control of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Republicans will continue to hold the 63-47 edge they currently have in the House with the defeat of Representative Bill Lavoy (D-Monroe) who lost to Joseph Bellino Jr., the Monroe County Commission Chair and the Democrats flipping a Republican held seat in the 23rd House district where Darin Camilleri defeated Republican Bob Howey.

In a closely watched race in the 71st House District, Representative Tom Barrett (R-Potterville) won a 10-point victory turning back a challenge by former Representative Theresa Abed (D-Grand Ledge) who he defeated two years ago in a closely fought race.

Democrats needed nine seats to take majority and spent heavily in several contested seats. Recent polls suggested that up to six seats were in play for the Democrats and they ultimately came up short in all but one of those seats.

SUPREME COURT INCUMBENTS VICTORIOUS

Justices Joan Larsen and David Viviano scored easy victories to give Republican-nominated justices a 5-2 advantage on the high court bench.

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(For review of other watershed legislative matters, see our web site - <http://www.mwai.org/>)

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations

News and Views for Winter of 2017

By Scott Brown, ML&SA Executive Director

Save the Dates!

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations 56th Annual Conference

When: Friday and Saturday, April 21st & 22nd, 2017

Where: Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, Michigan

The 54th Annual Conference will be highlighted by workshops, seminars and special sessions dedicated to learning about: Michigan Riparian Rights, Inland Lakes Stewardship, MiCorps CLMP Volunteer Monitor Training and Aquatic Invasive Species. the latest strategies and technologies for the management and control of aquatic invasive species. Are you interested in learning about the latest technologies designed to control and/or eradicate zebra and quagga mussels or the latest strategies for controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil and hybrid milfoil, if the answer is yes, than plan on being at our 56th Annual Conference!

Membership Application

(Dues for 2017 are due January 2017)



The annual dues for individual membership In Michigan Waterfront Alliance are \$50. Lake Association Membership is \$100. Commercial, Individual & Legal Donations Are Appreciated.
Please Print:

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Last Name	First Name	Day Phone	Evening Phone	
_____	_____	_____	_____	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	Email Address
_____	_____	_____		
County	Township	Lake or Stream Association if established		

List your top concern and return to MWA

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SUMMARY MWA MEETING(S)



**MICHIGAN WATERFRONT
ALLIANCE, INC.
BOARD MEETING**

**September 15, 2016 –10:00 am – Karoub,
Lansing
Minutes (unapproved)**

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 am. Present were Frye, R. Brown, R. Carey, Highfield, Nordeen, N. Beckwith. Excused were S. Brown. W. Carey gave his proxy to R. Frye. Also present were M. Kurta of Karoub Association.
2. It was noted with regret that J. Hood & Bill Sharp had resigned from the MWA Board.
3. Minutes of last 2016 were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report was presented for review and accepted.
5. R. Frye felt Nordeen and Mahoney were making great progress on White Papers. It was noted that follow up on MWA Facebook sight will be pursued.
6. M. Kurta reported that many legislative issues are inactive due to campaign activity. It was noted that swimmers itch funding was approved at the Senate Subcommittee for \$250,000.
7. It was suggested to include a survey to gage member concerns in the next newsletter. A sample paper to fill out with member concern and send those concerns to their State Rep.
8. The dates for MWA Annual meeting and Annual Board meeting were established as starting on May 26, 2016 at 10:00 am at the office of Karoub.
9. R. Frye will get a Swimmer's Itch update.
10. Future meeting set for December 8, 2016 Lansing MI
11. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm

Take a copy of the MWA membership form on page #3 and share with your friends and neighbors.

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ALLIANCE,
ONLY THROUGH
YOUR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT,
IS YOUR LAKE PROTECTED.
Your Support Does
Make a difference!
It's an investment that pays off!**

Lobbyists are NOT FREE, but individual membership in MWA is VERY CHEAP; it costs just \$50 a year, your lake Association is only \$100. Think of it as an insurance policy against the erosion of the value of your riparian rights of your valuable property.

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