



Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Alliance des villes des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

RESOLUTION 13-2006M

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (hereinafter, the Board) consists of 16 mayors of municipalities, or duly elected chief executives of local units of government;

WHEREAS, the Board meets on a monthly basis to conduct the business of the corporation, and also has a midyear and annual meeting;

WHEREAS, the busy schedules of mayors frequently means that they are not able to participate directly in the meetings;

WHEREAS, it takes a quorum to conduct the official business of the corporation, and often there is not a quorum of mayors present at a meeting of the Board;

WHEREAS, the mayors on the Board desire that the business of the corporation proceed even though they all may not be able to attend certain meetings;

WHEREAS, the mayors on the Board have senior staff in whom they place full confidence to represent their interests in Board meetings;

WHEREAS, the mayors on the Board voted to approve the following change to the Bylaws of the Corporation at their regular meeting on March 2, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative desire that the business of the corporation move forward, even if mayors are not personally present at a Board meeting, and wish to allow Board members to designate individuals to carry their full authority on the Board in their absence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Members hereby amend Section 5.01 of the Bylaws of the Corporation by adding the following sentence at the end of said section:

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David Miller, Mayor of Toronto, Chair

Richard M. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, Founding Chair



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“Each director may designate an official representative to serve on the Board in the full capacity and with all the authority of the director whenever that director cannot attend a Board meeting. The director shall provide the name, title, and contact information of such official representative in writing to the executive director of the corporation.”

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is and active and growing organization with a full agenda of policy and administrative activities;

WHEREAS, the day to day business of the organization has been handled by the executive director in the home office in Chicago since July of 2003;

WHEREAS, the organization merged and incorporated in May of 2005, at which time the responsibilities and authorities of the Board of Directors and Officers were set out in the Bylaws of the corporation;

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the corporation refer to “managers,” along with the Directors and Officers, but do not spell out what managerial positions there are or what responsibilities they have;

WHEREAS, the executive director is responsible to the Board of Directors and Officers;

WHEREAS, the activities of the corporation have grown to a level where good business practices require that the responsibilities of the executive director be set out in more detail;

WHEREAS, the Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative wish to set out those responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative hereby amend the Bylaws of the Corporation to add a new Section 8.07, Responsibilities of the Executive Director, providing that the executive director of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative shall have the following responsibilities:



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8.07 Responsibilities of the Executive Director

1. Carry out the day-to-day administrative duties of the corporation;
2. Provide policy and administrative advice to the Board of Directors and Officers;
3. Carry out the directions of the Board of Directors and Officers;
4. Represent the Board of Directors, Officers, and Members in various forums where the corporation has an interest;
5. Interact with partners and stakeholders on efforts relating to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence;
6. Sign contracts, checks, and other documents on behalf of the corporation;
7. Recruit and retain staff, contractors, interns, and others to help carry out the work of the corporation;
8. Direct the work of the staff, contractors, interns, and others providing services to the corporation;
9. Conduct such research and generate such reports as may be needed by the corporation;
10. Manage the finances of the corporation utilizing good business practices; and
11. Carry out such other duties and assignments as may be requested by the Board of Directors and Officers or as may be necessary for the efficiency and effectiveness of the corporation.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

David Miller, Chair
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative



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FOUNDING UNITED STATES CHAIR AND DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, founded the Great Lakes Cities Initiative in 2003, served as president of the International Association of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Mayors in 2004, and was the founding Chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in 2005;

WHEREAS, Mayor Daley has provided strong local, regional, national and international leadership on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence issues, as well as on a wide range of environmental matters;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative wish to continue the leadership role of Mayor Daley in the future of the organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative hereby amend the bylaws of the organization in part "**Directors Part 5.01 Composition and Designation**" by adding the following sentence at the end:

Included in the sixteen (16) members of the Board of Directors will be one member designated as founding United States Chair and Director for Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2006

David Miller, Chair

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**61st Annual Meeting
of the Midwestern Legislative Conference
of The Council of State Governments**

Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers
Chicago, Illinois

August 20-23, 2006

**Resolution on the
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin
Water Resources Compact**

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are the world's largest resource of fresh water, containing approximately 20 percent of the fresh surface water on the planet; and

WHEREAS, fresh water is relatively limited in quantity and is highly vulnerable to contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes provide drinking water to tens of millions of people in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes provide a vital habitat for a diverse collection of plant, animal and aquatic species; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are vital to key industries in the Midwest such as agriculture, manufacturing, shipping and tourism; and

WHEREAS, state and federal policymakers have historically not developed adequate conservation strategies to ensure that the best management practices are in place to shield the Great Lakes from significant degradation; and

WHEREAS, Great Lakes restoration, protection and conservation is critical to the economic prosperity and the quality of the lives of future generations of those living in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Great Lakes Governors has developed a comprehensive interstate agreement to address Great Lakes water issues in the following ways:

- Ban new diversions of water from the basin (limited exceptions could be allowed, such as for public water supply purposes, but would be strictly regulated);
- Enforce a consistent standard to review proposed uses of Great Lakes water;
- Collect and share technical data on the use of Great Lakes water and promote the sharing of information among states and provinces;
- Develop regional goals for water conservation and efficiency;
- Encourage water conservation and efficiency programs in the states and provinces;
- Promote lasting economic development balanced with sustainable water use;
- Recognize the Great Lakes Basin as a shared public treasure and commit to continued public involvement in the implementation of policies; and

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WHEREAS, the CSG Midwestern Office, on behalf of the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus, is collaborating with the Council of Great Lakes Governors to inform state and provincial legislators about the proposed compact; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that The Midwestern Legislative Conference hereby endorses and recommends adoption of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact by the eight states composing the Great Lakes region -- Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin -- and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will be transmitted to governors and premiers, legislative leaders, and appropriate legislative committee chairs throughout the Great Lakes Basin.