

Splash! Business Meeting Invitation

The Newsletter of the Lake Michigan League of Women Voters

LMLWV Annual Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin!

The 2013 LMLWV Annual Meeting will be held this year in conjunction with The State of the Lake (SOLM) and The Great Lakes Beach Association (GLBA) Conference in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 15-17.

This joint conference typically draws resource managers, planners, scientists, elected officials, interested citizens, and of course, LMLWV members, all working to improve and protect Lake Michigan and Great Lakes beaches. The SOLM and GLBA have invited us to join them at the newly renovated Blue Harbor Convention Center and Hotel on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. In addition to 18 Lake-related sessions, there will be field trips to restoration project sites, workshops, an evening poster reception, and a beach bonfire. Very exciting and highly recommended! In addition, the Blue Harbor and City of Sheboygan offer many amenities and activities for companions and families to enjoy.

Important: LMLWV and the SOLM/GLBA have separate registrations.

So, first, sign up for our Annual Meeting:

We will have our annual meeting and dinner from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, October 15. (*Please note this is a change from the previously announced Thursday date.*)

Find our Annual Meeting Registration form at our website: http://lakemichiganlwv.wordpress.com/

Second, online information on the SOLM/GLBA Conference registration, **Blue Harbor hotel reservations**, agendas, sessions, tours and workshops are all available at: http://aqua.wisc.edu/solm/ It is not necessary to register for the SOLM/GLBA Conference to attend the LMLWV annual meeting, but we very much encourage you to take full advantage of this amazing opportunity.

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SAVE THE DATES: Oct. 15-17, 2013

Wisconsin will host the LMLWV Annual Meeting this year. Please join us at the State of Lake Michigan Conference this year for tours, speakers, and fellowship. LMLWV's annual business meeting of the LMLWV will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 15th.

What's Happening in our Host State...

This year's host state, Wisconsin, has lots going on legislatively...but you may find some of the same issues in your state as well. Currently, their statehouse is studying the status of the sea lamprey problem and funding, taking another look at shoreline zoning laws, and pondering a groundwater bill and permitting. The LWV of Ripon will actually be presenting their water study results for us. The benefits of meeting as a 4-state League are that we can be alerted as to what is happening in the other states surrounding our Lake (and might happen next in ours), *and* we can see what our fellow Leagues are doing to educate their communities, and find solutions.

Many thanks to Marge Palleon and her marvelous Wisconsin Annual Meeting planners!