

2019 Great Lakes Islands Summit

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Summary Report

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About the Great Lakes Islands Alliance

The Great Lakes Islands Alliance is a voluntary, collaborative, bi-national network that brings together island leaders, residents, and advocates from across the Great Lakes region.

Its mission is to “encourage relationship building, foster information exchange, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands.”

Please visit our website: <http://www.greatlakesislandsalliance.org>

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 - Mackinac Island Town Crier
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Event Background

The Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) is a voluntary, collaborative, bi-national network that brings together island leaders, residents, and advocates from across the Great Lakes region. It is led by a 5-islander Steering Committee with backbone support from several mainland organizations. The mission of the GLIA is to “encourage relationship building, foster information exchange, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands.”

The Great Lakes Islands Summit (Summit) is the annual member meeting of the GLIA. The Summit serves as the forum for members to meet and interact with each other, learn from experts on topics of interest to islands, and provide input into network-wide activities and business. The event rotates to a different island each year and the local island community serves as host.

The 3rd annual Summit occurred in October 2019 on Mackinac Island, a community in State of Michigan waters of northern Lake Huron. Meeting space, meals, and lodging were all centrally located at Mission Point Resort.



Save-the-date post card for 2019 Summit. Credit: Northland College

Final registration for the event was 126 individuals, nearly all which (110) were islanders. Islanders came from 14 different Great Lakes islands in three U.S. states (Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin) and one Canadian province (Ontario). Rounding out the list were additional partners from multiple Great Lakes mainland organizations plus several from outside the region, notably the Rockland, Maine-based Island Institute and the Maine Islands Coalition, a multi-island partnership with similarities to GLIA. The full registration list is included as Appendix A.

Meeting Content

The meeting proper ran two full days, Monday October 21 and Tuesday October 22. Day 1 was largely dedicated to GLIA business and information sharing on topics directly relevant to the host island. Day 2 took a full GLIA network (14-island) perspective. An overview is provided below. The final detailed agenda is included as Appendix B.

Sunday, October 20

Attendees arrived throughout the day. Many islanders brought brochures and other materials from their community to share with others. Upon signing in, each receiving a packet of information that included a name tag, the Summit agenda, various GLIA materials, Mackinac Island brochures, donated items and more. A group dinner was provided to registered participants. The host team, joined by the Mayor of the City of Mackinac Island, welcomed the visitors to their island.

Monday, October 21

The morning session was used to orient attendees to the event and to the GLIA. It was estimated that one-third of the attendees were either new to GLIA or attending their first Summit.

- Michael Olson, chair of the host island team, kicked off the event with an overview of the 2-day agenda and logistical/housekeeping details. He also thanked the many sponsors and volunteers.
- The chair of the GLIA Steering Committee, Michael Childers, then provided the GLIA welcome and then facilitated introductions to everyone in the room. Prior to the event, each island was asked to designate a speaker and they were given a few minutes to introduce their members and their island community.



Michael Childers, GLIA Steering Committee Chairman, addresses the full GLIA membership. Photo: Kristy Beyer

- Finally, Matt Preisser, GLIA coordinator with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, provided a “GLIA 101” talk. This included: the origins & history of GLIA; its mission, goals, and other elements of the GLIA Charter; and accomplishments and next steps. As part of this segment, the new 2018-2019 GLIA Annual Report was recognized (Appendix C). The five-member GLIA Steering Committee then each took the mic and provided their perspectives on network-wide successes and challenges.

After a break, the remaining Day 1 agenda focused on the host island. The audience heard from two major Mackinac Island entities. First, members of the Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians provided an introduction to their tribe. They started with a traditional smudging ceremony. The tribal chairwoman, a council member and an educator discussed their long history with the island as well as their contemporary roles in the region. Next, the director of Mackinac State Historic Parks outlined the

European history and more recent evolution of the island community, leading up to the current focus on tourism and designation as a state park (comprising over 80 percent of the island).

Attendees were then asked to split up and attend one of five breakout sessions, based on professional and personal preference and relevance to their island community. A second series of breakouts was held after lunch. These sessions highlighted topics that were particularly relevant to the host island: tourism, housing, medical care, schools, infrastructure, fire/police, community foundations, and recycling. Each session was led by a local Mackinac Island expert and included an audience question and answer period.



Tim Hygh, Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, provides tourism statistics and strategies via a breakout session. Photo: Kristy Beyer

Everyone reconvened at 1:45pm to hear about the Mackinac Island Master Plan, including its development, content, and purpose. This is a significant resource for the host community. Not all of the GLIA communities have island-wide master plans.

The afternoon was finished with guided field trips to key island sites: the water treatment plant, the Butterfly House, and Fort Mackinac. These sites were specific examples to drive home discussions on infrastructure, environmental conservation, and historical preservation.

In the evening, a group dinner provided additional networking, followed by a wine tasting, art exhibition, and multi-media performance by the Mackinac Island Art Council. The lively performance included singing, acting and a movie by community members, including several students.

Tuesday, October 22

The morning began with an environmental talk by Mr. Eric Ellis, a project manager at the Great Lakes Commission (GLC). The GLC is a bi-national organization with members from each of the eight Great Lakes states plus associate members from the two Canadian provinces. GLC maintains full-time staff to carry out its mission:

“The Great Lakes Commission represents, advises and assists its member states and provinces by fostering dialogue, developing consensus, facilitating collaboration and speaking with a unified voice to advance collective interests and responsibilities to promote economic prosperity and environmental protection and to achieve the balanced and sustainable use of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River basin water resources.”

Mr. Ellis manages the GLC’s coastal conservation and habitat restoration program which includes planning and implementing projects to protect and restore important natural features. He has a diverse background which includes work on many islands. Eric discussed the many unique natural resources and environmental attributes of islands and provided some example case studies of restoration projects on islands. Citing the current lack of regional coordination specifically around Great Lakes islands conservation, Eric said he was excited to work with GLIA as it continues to grow as a regional player.

Eric’s talk helped set the stage for the next topic. Dr. Brandon Hofstedt, Director of the Center for Rural Communities at Northland College, introduced a major next step for GLIA. As background, in July 2019 Northland College was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to address several key needs for GLIA. The grant was guided by the following Vision and three broad Goals:

Vision: The vision for this 18-month project is to establish the GLIA as an influential actor in the region via a coordinated policy and communications approach and supported through a new organizational identity.

Goal 1 (Policy Influence): The GLIA becomes a strategic voice in regional policy development, with a primary focus on Environment and Natural Resources.

Goal 2 (Communications): The GLIA will increase its visibility and raise awareness about islands to a broader audience.

Goal 3 (Institutional Stability and Incorporation): The GLIA will evolve from a voluntary network to a robust, legally recognized, nonprofit organization.

The Mott grant project is 18 months long, ending December 31, 2020. Northland College elected to contract out the project tasks, however it will maintain oversight and will be assisted by a project advisory team consisting of the five-member GLIA Steering Committee and key partners: Matt Preisser; Kate Tagai with the Island Institute; and Jon Allan, with Jon W. Allan Group, LLC.

Dr. Hofstedt then introduced Ms. Lisa Brush, Executive Director of The Stewardship Network (TSN), the organization selected to lead Mott project. TSN is a nonprofit organization based in Ann Arbor, Michigan which supports environmental stewardship by connecting and mobilizing people and organizations. Lisa discussed her organization and its experience bringing together diverse organizations and facilitating complex conversations.

Lisa discussed how her organization will undertake the Mott project and expressed excitement to work with GLIA to better understand the needs of island communities. To better understand the GLIA – specifically its membership and self-identified characteristics – Rachel Muelle (TSN) and Kate Tagai (Island Institute) led the full group in an interactive exercise using live polling. Using their smart phones,



Joe Shorthouse discusses examples of how island communities may engage in citizen science. Photo: Matt Preisser

Stephanie Fortino (Mackinac Island, MI) and Kevin Boyle (Beaver Island, MI): Stephanie and Kevin were interested in exploring how the various media organizations across all the islands could work together, perhaps forming a “Great Lakes Islands Media Network.”

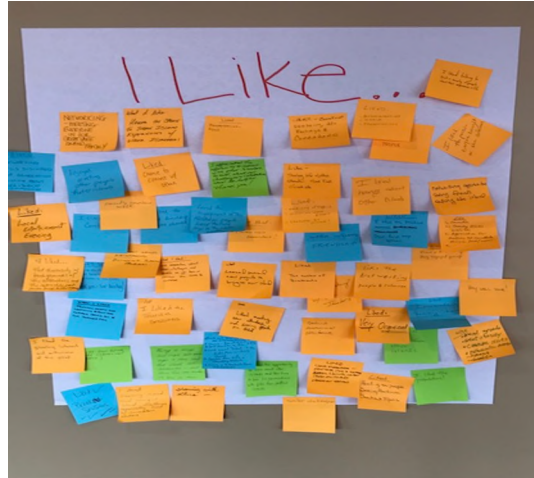
Wil Cwikiel (Beaver Island, MI) and Steve Poe (South Bass Island, OH): Both superintendent-principals, Wil and Steve proactively collected baseline information from all the Great Lakes island schools (sent as an electronic survey prior to the Summit), presented those initial results, and held a discussion about different ways to support island schools.

Each breakout was repeated after lunch to allow each participant to attend two sessions. The full group then reconvened to hear report-outs (results and next steps) from each breakout lead. Appendix E contains breakout summaries drafted by each lead.

Finally, the business portion of the 2019 Summit was formally closed out with several actions:

- The five-member GLIA Steering Committee, who started approximately one year ago at the 2018 Summit, were all reappointed for a second year. The full membership thanked them for their leadership and commitment.
- Brandon Hofstedt (Northland College) announced he will be leaving the college and taking a new position within the University of Wisconsin system. GLIA acknowledged Brandon’s considerable contributions and presented him with a signed Great Lakes lighthouses photo book. (More on this transition under Next Steps below)
- The outgoing Summit host team (Mackinac Island) was recognized one last time and they “passed the baton” (or in this case, a note inside a bottle) to the next Summit team. The 2020 Summit team, led by a single representative from each of the four major Lake Erie islands, promised another unique experience in fall 2020, hinting at a progressive-style event involving all four island communities. GLIA members were asked to save the tentative dates for the 2020 Great Lakes Islands Summit: October 4-7, 2020.

- On the way out of the assembly room, the audience participated in a “gut check” exercise. Each attendee was given two sticky notes and asked to anonymously record at least one positive comment about the event (“I like...”) as well as one or more perspectives on what could have been done differently (“I wished...”). This exercise would take the place of a formal evaluation. Raw results are shown in Appendix F.



*Participant stickies expressing a diversity of “likes.”
Photo: Matt Preisser*

Similar to the late afternoon of Day 1, the second day offered three additional field trips to local sites: several community organizations (library, school, Stuart House Museum); health & welfare organizations (medical center, fire department and police department); and significant infrastructure facilities (solid waste handling facility, airport, and wastewater treatment plant).

Wednesday, October 23

Most participants departed throughout the day on Wednesday.

Outcomes

By most accounts, the 2019 Great Lakes Islands Summit met or exceeded expectations. It successfully reinforced the original idea that led to GLIA forming in the first place: that Great Lakes islands faced unique challenges (compared to mainland communities) and they would benefit from connecting with one another. This bodes well for GLIA’s continued growth and evolution as a value-added network dedicated to islands. GLIA has become a rich amalgamation of many talented and passionate people possessing a variety of expertise and interests. The future for kinship between Great Lakes islands communities remains bright.

Several specific outcomes and conclusions are provided below.

1. The event confirmed the utility of sharing solutions between distant island communities: Through plenary presentations, smaller group breakouts and field trips, the 2019 Summit featured a broad variety of social, economic, and environmental topics. The topics were put forward by islanders as important to their communities. Though the 14 participating islands are very different from one another

in size, geography, character, etc., all attendees appeared able to find something of value and relevance to their own community. The breakouts did a good job of lining up qualified experts and they shared strategies and solutions, rather than just focusing on the challenges. In the event comments (Appendix F), a dominant theme was appreciation for the breakout sessions; in fact, many attendees requested even more time at future summits.

In the future, a challenge for GLIA will be how to track the long-term, secondary results or cascading actions that may or may not occur back on each island (i.e., how is this information being used). GLIA will also need to consider whether to continue to dabble in many topics versus focusing on a few (this will be addressed, in part, via the Mott project).

2. Interpersonal relationships matter: The participating islanders can remotely connect with one another throughout the year via teleconferences, email, and other methods like Slack. For most, the Summit is the one time when they meet face to face. The comments (Appendix F) clearly demonstrate that the GLIA membership recognizes the value of developing and nurturing one-on-one relationships. Research shows that stronger networks will be more efficient and effective in communications and collaboration.

In the future, the GLIA may consider ways to better understand its internal network connections and gaps, as well as how it may better “exploit” the external networks possessed by participating islanders.

3. Reinforced the value of Island Summits as an annual event: This was only the third Summit overall and the first with GLIA having a full year under a group charter. Each Summit to date has had a different format and flavor. Planning and carrying out each event is an enormous undertaking, often starting the prior winter. Each year, the GLIA members from the host island continue to step up and provide considerable logistical oversight and planning. Participating islanders are asked to travel long distances (some requiring several days) to reach the host island at their own cost. Despite all of these possible barriers, the 2019 Summit saw record attendance, broader islander participation in the agenda, and high levels of engagement overall. In all likelihood, this may have been the largest gathering of Great Lakes islanders ever assembled (outside of events on individual islands).

4. Collaborating on regional projects is complex but possible: This event was GLIA’s first foray into cross-island activities. The GLIA project concept breakouts on Day 2 showcased several ideas. Some appeared ready for next steps, while others were maybe not quite ready or conducive to a multi-island activity. This was recognized going in and both outcomes are fine. For those projects ready to move forward, implementation may be a challenge as it will rely heavily on volunteerism by islanders or partnering organizations – none of which possess much extra time. Collaborative networks seek to overcome this obstacle by carefully orchestrating the coordination of multiple players, each chipping in as they can.

Next Steps for GLIA

In the next year, the GLIA’s focus will include the following:

1. Implement the Mott Project – TSN is undertaking a series of actions, following a project work plan developed with Northland College and the project advisory team. Input from the GLIA membership will occur over the course of 2020, culminating at the fall 2020 Islands Summit where results and proposed recommendations will be presented and discussed. The final project deliverables are due by the end of

the grant, December 31, 2020. This project is a large undertaking and will have a significant ramifications on the future structure and programmatic focus of GLIA.

2. *Address possible transition of Northland College roles* – there is uncertainty over what will happen to the various administrative and technical roles served by Brandon Hofstedt after he leaves the college, including: maintenance of the GLIA website (island showcases, posting documents, creating annual Summit information page); administration of the Mott grant with TSN; several key Islands Summit roles, namely serving as fiscal agent (money manager of overall budget) and running event registration; and broader advisory functions including development of data sets and indicators unique to Great Lakes islands. The GLIA Steering Committee and partners will be discussing with Northland College to determine which roles may stay with them or be transitioned to another entity (recognizing that GLIA itself may look different in 2021 after completion of the Mott project).

3. *Advance GLIA Projects* – Several of the project concepts gained traction during the breakouts and identified specific next steps (Appendix E). The GLIA network at large will be providing support – in a variety of ways – to individual members as they explore ways to continue the momentum.

4. *Continue to maintain regular inter-network communications and coordination.* Internal discussions occur year-round via monthly teleconferences (first Wednesday of each month for full GLIA and third Wednesday of each month for GLIA Steering Committee) and electronic means (email and Slack). GLIA islanders and partners will continue to attend/host the monthly calls and be responsive to email discussions.

5. *Plan the fall 2020 Great Lakes Islands Summit.* Everything culminates at the Islands Summit, held each fall during the shoulder season for most islands. The GLIA network will lend its support the Lake Erie islanders as they plan the next Great Lakes Islands Summit for fall 2020.

6. *Explore enhanced relationships between the Great Lakes and Maine.* Since its founding in 1983, the Island Institute has worked to sustain Maine’s island and coastal communities. It is an experienced, diversified organization that sits at the forefront of understanding island sustainability and resilience. The Institute is also strategically connected to other organizations and partnerships around the world. The GLIA network at large (principally through its supporting organizations) and Island Institute will mutually benefit from continued sharing experiences supporting island communities, plus building and aligning each other’s extended networks.

Additionally, as one of its core functions, the Institute provides administrative support for the Maine Islands Coalition (MIC), a network of islander representatives from the 15 year-round islands in Maine. The MIC was the original inspiration for GLIA. For the first time, the co-chair of the MIC accompanied Institute staff to the 2019 Summit and he observed many commonalities between the regions. There is great potential to foster meaningful connections at the community-to-community level.

Appendix A: final registration list

#	Island Name	Name (Last)	Name (First)	Email	Tell us about yourself.
1	Beaver Island	Anderson	Alana	aaanders49@gmail.com	Retired school teacher; Board of Directors of Forest View Senior Housing; community volunteer
2	Beaver Island	Anderson	Robert	reanders49@gmail.com	Retired auto industry manufacturing executive & college adjunct professor; former Beaver Island Association President; currently member of GLIA Steering Committee
3	Beaver Island	Boyle	Judy	judy@boyle.bz	Former member of the Beaver Island School Board, island community center and radio station. I enjoy creating arts & crafts. I work part time at the Whiskey Point Brewing Company where I help make wine and run the kitchen.
4	Beaver Island	Boyle	Kevin	kevin@boyle.bz	Retired technology and communications lawyer; volunteer programming and robotics teacher at our K-12 school (Lead Mentor for our FIRST robotics teams); President of the Beaver Island Association; Vice President of the Preservation Association of Beaver Island; actively involved in the operations of WVBI, our FCC licensed island radio station. Off island: Treasurer of the NMU Foundation and board member of Northern Initiatives, a Community Development Financial Constitution (CDFI) based in Marquette.
5	Beaver Island	Cole	Paul	chamber@beaverisland.org	Director of Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce; St. James Township trustee.
6	Beaver Island	Cwikiel	Wilfred	wilc@beaverisland.k12.mi.us	I am currently the superintendent-principal of Beaver Island Community School. In addition to education, I have a keen interest in environmental protection and sustainable development.
7	Beaver Island	Delamater	Mary	maryd@islandairways.com	General Manager, Island Airways; born & raised on Beaver Is
8	Beaver Island	Grassmick	Pamela	pgrassmick@gmail.com	Board member of the Beaver Island Association, Northern Lake Michigan Islands Collaborative, Little Traverse Conservancy Advisory Board, Charlevoix County Community Foundation Environmental Advisory Board.
9	Beaver Island	Hodgson	Dana	erichodgson@mac.com	Vice Pres. E J Hodgson Enterprises Inc and Beaver Island Lodge Inc.; Former Trustee of the Charlevoix Community Foundation; Former Beaver Island School Board Member
10	Beaver Island	Hodgson	Eric	erichodgson@me.com	President of E J Hodgson Enterprises Inc. and Beaver Island Lodge Inc.; Chairman of Preservation Assoc. of Beaver Island; Board member Charlevoix State Bank
11	Beaver Island	LeFevre	Angela	angel@islandairways.com	Full time Beaver Island resident; owner of Island Airways

#	Island Name	Name (Last)	Name (First)	Email	Tell us about yourself.
12	Beaver Island	McDonald	Ken	kj.mcdonald@icloud.com	Former long-term member of Beaver Island Association Board and current long-term member of Preservation Association of B.I. Board
13	Beaver Island	McGinnity	Patrick	patrick.s.mcginnity@gmail.com	Library Director; Planning Commission Chair/Secretary; Brewery Founder
14	Beaver Island	McNamara	Kathleen	mcmamara.stjamestwp.bi@gmail.com	Long time resident of Beaver Island. Currently St James Township Supervisor. Former Beaver Island Community School principal/ superintendent. Steering Committee member Emerald Isle Feile.
15	Beaver Island	Mulvihill	Dick	dick.mulvihill@gmail.com	Board member of the Beaver Island Association & BIA Communications Infrastructure Committee; Participate in BI Joint Telecommunications Advisory Committee: Beaver Island Historical Society Maritime Museum; volunteer BI Trails Association; Founded & Manage the Annual Beaver Island Mac Party, 2019 3rd year; Certified USCG Captain; Member of the Island Goat Society, sailed in 37 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac.
16	Beaver Island	Richards	Sheri	s.richards.realtor@gmail.com	Real estate broker; run a rental management company with husband; board of the Waste Management Committee and Beaver Island Association.
17	Beaver Island	Ries	Kris	travelbumm2@yahoo.com	
18	Beaver Island	Russell	Sheryll	s.richards.realtor@gmail.com	
19	Beaver Island	Taylor-Blitz	Lori	bihistory@tds.net	Executive Director of the Beaver Island Historical Society, Northern Lake Michigan Island Collaborative: Cultural Resources Committee, Beaver Island Eco-Fair
20	Beaver Island	Welke	Paul	pwelke@islandairways.com	Full time Beaver Island resident; owner Island Airways; Peaine Township Trustee; member, Waste Management Committee
21	Bois Blanc Island	Akright	Diane	bbiclerk@tds.net	Township Clerk on Bois Blanc Island. I'm also involved with the Parks & Recreation Committee and a member of the Coast Guard Chapel here on the island.
22	Bois Blanc Island	Akright	William	bakright@hotmail.com	Board Member for the Bois Blanc Island Community Foundation & the Coast Guard Chapel. Prior Member of the Bois Blanc Island Fire Dept.

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23	Bois Blanc Island	Cooley-Sanborn	Suzette	sccs025@gmail.com	lived "on and off" Bois Blanc Island for over 43 yeas; member of the Pines School Board; member, Bois Blanc Island Community Foundation Board; Board member of the Bois Blanc Island Association; member Bois Blanc Island Historical Society; retired teacher and school administrator; very interested in history, especially lighthouses (have been a member of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association since it's formation in 1983.)
24	Drummond Island	Beyer	Kristy	kristybeyer@mac.com	Current GLIA steering committee member. Marketing Director for the Drummond Island Tourism Association.
25	Drummond Island	Bolen	Rebecca	rbolen@eup-planning.org	I am the Economic Development Specialist/Planner II for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development. Islands in our service area include Sugar, Neebish, Drummond, Les Cheneaux, and Mackinac Island.
26	Drummond Island	Vaught	Robert	rvaught@eupschools.org	Superintendent/Principal, DeTour Area Schools
27	Harsens Island	Beaulac	Michael	mike861@gmail.com	Former senior project manager with the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes and currently providing environmental/ water resources consulting. Grew up along the shores of Lake St. Clair and a frequent and long-time visitor to Harsens Island and the St. Clair Flats area.
28	Harsens Island	Stieber	Denise	grace731max@gmail.com	Retired Administrative Assistant, L'Anse Creuse Public Schools
29	Harsens Island	Stieber	Harold	stiebha@gmail.com	Treasurer, Harsens Island St Clair Flats Association, CPA, Retired Financial Controller
30	Kelleys Island	Ahner	Patricia	ahnerpat@gmail.com	Alternative health care, attending with chamber of commerce group
31	Kelleys Island	Herndon	Cindy	herndonccb@gmail.com	Member of the Kelleys Island School Board and Kelleys Island Historical Association; run an art Gallery; retired from career in education; involved with a Pollinator Project; formerly on EMS.
32	Kelleys Island	Holmes	Cynthia	kigenst@gmail.com	
33	Kelleys Island	Killam	Jordan	info@kelleysislandchamber.com	Director of The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
34	Kelleys Island	Taylor	Jackie	jackieruthtaylor@gmail.com	Kelleys Island Field Station, Director
35	Kelleys Island	Valentine	Julie	Kmvalentine9@gmail.com	Outreach Chairperson, Zion United Methodist Church on Kelleys Island.
36	Kelleys Island	Valentine	Kim	Kmvalentine9@gmail.com	Village Administrator, Kelleys Island

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37	Les Cheneaux Islands	Clymer	Mark	supervisor@clarktwp.org	Clark Twp Supervisor; Board Member: Friends of Les Cheneaux Community Library, Les Cheneaux Watershed Council; Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens
38	Les Cheneaux Islands	Reid	Gary	garyreid1052@gmail.com	Transportation Planner, former Clark Twp Supervisor
39	Les Cheneaux Islands	Rutledge	Susie	clerk@clarktwp.org	Clark Twp Clerk - 7 years; Les Cheneaux Educational Foundation: Treasurer - 15 years; Hessel school House & Avery Learning Center: President - since 2015 inception
40	Mackinac Island	Barnwell	Sam	sam@iroquoishotel.com	Presenting on Mackinac Marine Rescue
41	Mackinac Island	Bradley	Dennis	dabradley68@gmail.com	Former Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, Retired State Park Employee (Airport), City Employee, City Council Member, Business Owner
42	Mackinac Island	Dombroski	Dennis	djd@cityofmi.org	Mackinac Island City Engineer/Building Inspector
43	Mackinac Island	Fortino	Stephanie	stephanie@stignacenews.com	I'm with the local press on Mackinac Island, the Managing Editor of the Mackinac Island Town Crier.
44	Mackinac Island	Goehler	Amy	agoehler@mshosp.org	Manage the walk in clinic 24/7, nurse, lab/rad tech
45	Mackinac Island	Horn	Lawrence	mipdchief@cityofmi.org	Chief of Police-Mackinac Island Police Department; Past: Police Officer/Detective/Instructor, international advisor to the UN/State Department/Department of Defense.
46	Mackinac Island	Hygh	Tim	timhygh@micvb.com	Executive Director, Mackinac Island Tourism
47	Mackinac Island	Linn	Richard	treasurer@cityofmi.org	Treasurer, Island EMT and Medical Center, Community Foundation Board Member, Fire Department
48	Mackinac Island	McClure	Jami	j4k3m7@gmail.com	EMT, works EMS and at Mackinac Island Medical Center
49	Mackinac Island	McGreevy	Stephanie	smcgreevy@micf.org	Mackinac Island Community Foundation Director, Mackinac Island Housing Corporation, and Mackinac Marine Rescue Coxswain
50	Mackinac Island	Myers	Anneke	annekemyers@yahoo.com	Mackinac Island City Council, Mackinac Island Planning Commission
51	Mackinac Island	Olson	Michael	midpw@cityofmi.org	Public Works Director, Mackinac Island Housing Corporation Administrator, Lions Club Bingo Caller, Mackinac Marine Rescue Coxswain, IT Committee Member, GLIA Mackinac Island Chairman, Community Theater Backstage Crew Member
52	Mackinac Island	Porter	Phil	Porterp@michigan.gov	Director, Mackinac State Historic Parks
53	Mackinac Island	Powers	Lisa	mackinacbands49781@gmail.com	13 year Council Member, served the last four years as the Chairman of the Tribe. Co-presenters: Council Member Brant Mitchell is our Environmental Specialist and Richard Lewis is a 30 year educator in public, traditional, and schools teaching.

#	Island Name	Name (Last)	Name (First)	Email	Tell us about yourself.
54	Mackinac Island	Rollins	Christine	carollins@comcast.net	Fire Department Administrator; own an advertising and marketing business (Monarch Advertising); run several successful local campaigns; bookkeeper; boat owner
55	Mackinac Island	St. Onge	Ann	imatmipl@yahoo.com	Librarian, Artist
56	Mackinac Island	Young	Adam	ayoung@wadetrim.com	Professional planning consultant at Wade Trim.
57	Madeline Island	Bauman	Rachel	pastor@stjohnsmadelineisland.org	Pastor of St John's United Church of Christ (relatively new to the position - arrived January 2019).
58	Madeline Island	Carlson	Glenn	glenncarlson453@gmail.com	Member, Town of La Pointe Board of Supervisors; Member, Bayfield School District Board of Education; Co-founder and Vice-President, Madeline Island Community Garden
59	Madeline Island	Childers	Michael	michaelfraychilders@yahoo.com	Business owner, GLIA Steering Committee Chair
60	Madeline Island	Jenkins	Diane	islewo@yahoo.com	Retired RN
61	Madeline Island	Merton	Keldi	keldi.merton@wisconsinhistory.org	Director of the Madeline Island Museum (owned and operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society); board member of the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce
62	Madeline Island	Patterson	James	jmpjip@yahoo.com	Town Chairman, Town of La Pointe
63	Madeline Island	Patterson	Judith I.	jmpjip@yahoo.com	Artist, potter, weaver, former Town Clerk spouse of Town Chairman
64	Madeline Island	Peters	James	madeline1186605@yahoo.com	Member of Madeline Island GLIA Committee; Member of Madeline Island Town Plan Commission; Member Of Madeline Island Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; Retired
65	Madeline Island	Scarry	Joe	jtscarry@yahoo.com	I am a writer and nuclear disarmament activist.
66	Madeline Island	Schaub	Lee Ann	leeann@madferry.com	Public Relations & Visitor Services for Madeline Island Ferry Line; Secretary, Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
67	Madeline Island	Schaub	Rob	robertcschaubiii@gmail.com	Retired member of Madeline Island EMS. Former Board Member of Madeline Island Association. Manager of a seasonal business and full-time substitute teacher.
68	Madeline Island	Zanto	John	vacation@madelineisland.com	Wife is the executive director, Sharon Zanto of Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce.
69	Madeline Island	Zanto	Sharon	vacation@madelineisland.com	Sharon Zanto-Executive Director of the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce
70	Manitoulin Island	Flaherty	Keith	justdozin@eastlink.ca	Retired
71	Manitoulin Island	Gordon	Todd	tgordon@billingstwp.ca	I'm the Economic Development Officer for The Township of Billings (Manitoulin) and Chair of the Manitoulin GLIA Team.
72	Manitoulin Island	Russell Flaherty	Barbara	barbaraflaherty@amtelecom.net	Retired, interested in economic development tourism; environmental concerns eg air, water quality.

#	Island Name	Name (Last)	Name (First)	Email	Tell us about yourself.
73	Manitoulin Island	Shorthouse	Joe	roses@cyberbeach.net	Member of GLIA Steering Committee
74	Manitoulin Island	Trainor	Therese	theresetrainor@hotmail.com	Secretary for the Ontario Stewardship Council; Treasurer for the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association; former lecturer in finance at McGill University; teacher at Manitoulin Island's indigenous college, Kenjgewin Teg. Now fully retired from teaching, I work on finance text books on a free-lance basis for Pearson Addison Wesley.
75	Middle Bass Island	Fultz	Renee	fultz.renee@gmail.com	Director of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center
76	Middle Bass Island	Gora	Jean	mike@middlebass.org	Writer, retired survey/market researcher in the financial industry. Life-long summer resident of Middle Bass Island. Concerned about effect of harmful algal blooms (HABs) on island life
77	Middle Bass Island	Gora	Michael	mike@middlebass.org	GLIA Steering Committee member, Middle Bass Island historian, main admin for the island website, Facebook page and Facebook group.
78	n/a (not islander)	Allan	Jon	Jonal@att.net	Jon W Allan Group, LLC; retired Director of Michigan Office of the Great Lakes
79	n/a (not islander)	Allan	Kim	allank@michigan.gov	Retired from 32 years at Michigan State University (Trademark Licensing Director and Communications and Alumni Director); currently working as a facilitator for Elle's Place, a healing center for grieving children.
80	n/a (not islander)	Berle	Roger	RKBerle@msn.com	Co-Chair of Maine Islands Coalition, Sustainable Cliff Island, Oceanside Conservation Trust, Portland Trails
81	n/a (not islander)	Brush	Lisa	lbrush@stewardshipnetwork.org	Founder and Executive Director of The Stewardship Network
82	n/a (not islander)	Ellis	Eric	eellis@glc.org	I work for the Great Lakes Commission and manage our Coastal Conservation and Habitat Restoration Program.
83	n/a (not islander)	Fletcher	Larry	larry@shoresandislands.com	I am the President of a destination marketing organization called Lake Erie Shores & Islands.
84	n/a (not islander)	Groening	Tom	tgroening@islandinstitute.org	Editor, Working Waterfront Newspaper, Island Institute
85	n/a (not islander)	Harrick	Mark	Mharrick@wm.com	Territory Manager for Waste Management. We handle waste on Mackinac, Sugar and Drummond Islands.
86	n/a (not islander)	Hofstedt	Brandon	bhofstedt@northland.edu	Director of the Northland College, Center for Rural Communities and Associate Professor of Sustainable Community Development
87	n/a (not islander)	Martin	Olen	pcssd@portclinton-oh.gov	Safety-Service Director at the City of Port Clinton, Ohio
88	n/a (not islander)	Muelle	Rachel	rmuelle@stewardshipnetwork.org	Program Manager at The Stewardship Network
89	n/a (not islander)	Neal	Kinsey	kneal@northland.edu	Student, Northland College Center for Rural Communities
90	n/a (not islander)	Perkins	Haley	perkih703@myemail.northland.edu	Student, Northland College Center for Rural Communities

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91	n/a (not islander)	Preisser	Matt	preisserm@michigan.gov	I work for the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. I serve as the GLIA Coordinator.
92	n/a (not islander)	Preisser	Sarah	sarah.preisser@mindsettalent.com	Talent Strategist; Founder & President of Mindset Talent LLC
93	n/a (not islander)	Tagai	Kate	ktagai@islandinstitute.org	Senior Community Development Officer, Island Institute; Specializing in: Education, Sea Level Rise, Leadership and Facilitation
94	Neebish Island	Laitinen	Diane	dl9847laitinen@yahoo.com	I have lived on the island several years with my husband who has been here since birth, except college and Vietnam. I volunteer for all of the organizations. Retired business manager.
95	Neebish Island	Lockwood	Connie	clockwood50@gmail.com	Owner of the Neebish Island Campground and Fishing Resort, Board Member for Neebish Island Improvement Association. Lots of family on the island. Business owner. Licensed EMT.
96	Neebish Island	Miller	Lori	millerlori8@gmail.com	Long history of volunteering. Neebish Island Improvement Association, Neebish Island Women's Community Group, history of several non-profit and school board. Social Worker. Started the Neebish Island Leaflet FB page.
97	Neebish Island	Reed	Phylis	Reedpd@att.net	Neebish Island Improvement Assoc. President
98	Pelee Island	DeLellis	Dave	dave@delsol.ca	Councillor on Pelee Island (2nd term), chair of Tourism and Drainage committees. By day I run and own a pepper greenhouse, cash crop farm, and pour a bit of cement on the Island.
99	Pelee Island	Hensel	Janice	JANICE.HENSEL@PELEE.CA	Chief Administrative Officer of the Township; previously worked for the Province of Ontario as a Senior Municipal Finance Advisor and Community Revitalization Specialist.
100	Pelee Island	Lurie	Barbara	leib@lurie.net	Retired educator, teacher, writer, pilot; looking for ways to build tourism and destination activities on Pelee island.
101	Pelee Island	Lurie	Leib	leib@lurie.net	New resident on Pelee, member of the township Transportation committee and Tourism/Business development committee. Full time role is CEO of a summer reading program serving 50,000 kids across USA.
102	Pelee Island	Walls	Clayton	JANICE.HENSEL@PELEE.CA	Member - Tourism/Economic Development Committee; Business owner
103	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Bolyard	Austin	cmarket21@gmail.com	E's Golf Carts, Miller Boat Line, Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department
104	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Bolyard	Caitlin	cmarket21@gmail.com	Miller Boat Line, Miller Marina, E's Golf Carts, Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce, President

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105	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Brohl	Lisa	leiconservancy@gmail.com	Chair of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, CEO of Put-in-Bay Township Park District, Grape Grower, Teach at Ohio State Univ Stone Lab, environmental consulting, Board of the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, Birding and group leader with the Road Scholar program at LEINWC.
106	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Brohl	Russell	rbrohl@cros.net	Retired great lakes ship captain, past member of Board of Education, Zoning Board, Put in Bay Port Authority
107	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Cooper	Glenn	jackieruthtaylor@gmail.com	Miller Boat Line Senior Boat Captain (raised on Put-In-Bay/Graduated from PIB), Put-In-Bay Village Council- 17 years, Put-In-Bay Township Trustee- 12 years
108	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Engel	Eric	eengel@cros.net	Put-in-Bay Township Trustee
109	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Faris	Kelly	kelmar@thirdplanet.net	Chair, Put-In-Bay Township Park District; Member, Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay; Trea., Lake Erie Islands Conservancy; Chair, Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission; Retired Superintendent of Put-in-Bay Local School District
110	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Faris	Martha	kelmar@thirdplanet.net	Lake Erie Islands Conservancy
111	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Huston	Amy	firstislandsonBnb@gmail.com	Owner of First Island Son B&B; Vestry St Paul's Episcopal; Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center; Retired Elementary School Teacher
112	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Huston	Peter	ambassador@visitputinbay.com	Director of the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce; President of the Ottawa County Visitors Bureau; Board Member, Lake Erie Shores And Islands Regional CVB; Trustee Lake Erie Islands Historical Society
113	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Koehler	Jeffery	pibgazette@frontier.com	Associate Editor of the month island newspaper, the Put-in-Bay Gazette. Island roots go back to 1934. I am also a Councilman for the Village of Put-in-Bay.
114	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Leopold	Julie	eengel@cros.net	Spouse of Eric Engel Put in Bay township trustee
115	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Maple	Criss	crissmaple43@gmail.com	Spouse
116	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Maple	Stacy	stacy.maple@unitedwayottawacounty.org	Director of United Way, Ottawa County
117	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	McCann	Amanda	am680810@ohio.edu	I work for my family's business: the Round House Bar, Chicken Patio and Park Hotel. I have a degree from Cleveland State in General Business and a minor in Management. I also have an associates in Art degree from Ohio University. I plan on taking over my families business in the future.

#	Island Name	Name (Last)	Name (First)	Email	Tell us about yourself.
118	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	McCann	Anita	anita@putinbayislandresorts.com	Owner & Operator of family run businesses (3rd Generation) - Historic Hotel, Bar & Restaurant, Retail stores; Office Administrator and Executive Board of Chamber of Commerce; Secretary of our Volunteer Fire Dept.
119	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Miller	Matthew	mmiller373@gmail.com	President of the Put-in-Bay Township Board of Trustees; Manager of the South Bass Island State Park; Former (35 years) Captain Miller Boat Line
120	Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island)	Poe	Steve	stevejpo@gmail.com	Superintendent/Principal at Put-in-Bay School
121	Washington Island	Andersen	Martin	martinandersen0022@gmail.com	Resident of Washington Island all my life; business owner and a Town Supervisor
122	Washington Island	Andersen	Mary	martinandersen0022@gmail.com	President of Washington Island Chamber of Commerce. Also work for the Chamber's information office
123	Washington Island	Gunnlaugsson	Joel	joelgunnlaugsson@gmail.com	Ferry Captain, Motel Owner, County Board Supervisor, Past Town Chairman, WI Lions Club Treasurer
124	Washington Island	Gunnlaugsson	Krista	gunnlaugssonk@yahoo.com	Motel Owner
125	Washington Island	Heal	Jeffrey	offagain@earthlink.net	Secretary & Board member of local Lions Club; Secretary & Board member of Sportsman's Club; Board member of historical Farm Museum; Volunteer instructor at Recreation Center; Volunteer at Trinity Quilters.
126	Washington Island	Heal	Tiana	offagain@earthlink.net	Retired; volunteer Community Van Driver; Trinity Mission Quilter; Sportsmen's club Lady shooter; Volunteer Swim/Aerobics class instructor.

Appendix B: final agenda



2019 Great Lakes Islands Summit
 Mackinac Island, Michigan
 October 21-22, 2019

Sunday, October 20 (Arrivals)

Time	Item
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Arrivals & Check-In (Mission Point Resort lobby)
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome Dinner (provided) - Mayor & Island Host Team (Cypress Lodge)
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Community Social - entertainment, cash bar (Cypress Lodge)

Monday, October 21 (Summit Day 1)

Time	Location	Session
7:00 am	Cypress Lodge	Breakfast (provided)
8:00 am	Sound Stage	Island Welcome & Event Overview <i>Michael Olson, Chair-Island Host Team</i>
8:15 am	Sound Stage	Great Lakes Islands Alliance Welcome & Round-Robin Introductions <i>Michael Childers, Chair-GLIA Steering Committee</i>
9:15 am	Sound Stage	GLIA 101 & Accomplishments <i>Matt Preisser, GLIA Coordinator, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy</i> GLIA Steering Committee: <i>Bob Anderson (Beaver Island, MI), Kristy Beyer (Drummond Island, MI), Michael Childers (Madeline Island, WI), Mike Gora (Middle Bass Island, OH), Joe Shorthouse (Manitoulin Island, ON)</i>
10:00 am	Cypress Lodge	Break – coffee
10:15 am	Sound Stage	Introduction to Mackinac Island ❖ Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians <i>Lisa Powers, Tribal Chairwoman</i> <i>Brant Mitchell, Council Member & Environmental Specialist</i> <i>Richard Lewis, Educator</i> ❖ Mackinac State Historic Parks <i>Phil Porter, Director</i>

Time	Location	Session				
11:15 am	Variable (Breakouts Part I)	Economic Development (British Landing)	Housing (Sound Stage)	Health/Welfare/ Safety (Arch Rock)	Community Organizations (Harrisonville)	Infrastructure (Robinson's Folly)
	Informational Case Studies - host island successes & challenges	Tourism - <i>Tim Hygh, Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau</i>	Edgewood (affordable housing) - <i>Michael Olson, Administrator</i>	Medical Center & Cheboygan Life Support - <i>Amy Goehler, Clinic Manager & Nurse</i>	Mackinac Island Public School - <i>Bob Lohff, Superintendent</i>	Roads, Building, and Planning - <i>Dennis Dombroski, City Engineer/Building Inspector</i>
12:00 pm	Cypress Lodge	Lunch (provided)				
1:00 pm	Variable (Breakouts Part II)	Tourism (repeated) - <i>Tim Hygh, Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau</i>	Forest Way Townhouses - <i>Anneke Myers, Mackinac Island City Council</i>	Fire, Police, Marine Rescue - <i>Police Chief Larry Horn, Fire Chief Jason St. Onge, Coxswain Sam Barnwell</i>	Grants & Community Foundation Development - <i>Stephanie McGreevy, Executive Director, Mackinac Island Community Foundation</i>	Recycling - <i>Michael Olson, Director of Public Works</i>
1:45 pm	Sound Stage	Current Issues and Solutions: Mackinac Island Master Plan <i>Adam Young, Wade Trim Mary Dufina, Planning Commission</i>				
2:45 pm	Cypress Lodge	Break - coffee				
3:00 pm	Field Trips	Trip #1 Infrastructure: Water Treatment Plant (walk). Meet at Main Lobby. <i>Guide: Michael Olson</i>	Trip #2 Environment/ Conservation: Butterfly House (walk). Meet at Meet at Sound Stage. <i>Guide: Anne St. Onge</i>	Trip #3 Historic: Fort Mackinac (walk or carriage – at own expense). Meet at Sound Stage. <i>Guide: Christine Rollins</i>	On your own: Grand Hotel, Arch Rock, other sites (directions upon request)	
5:00 pm	Networking/Free time					
6:00 pm	Cypress Lodge	Dinner (provided)				
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Theater	Wine Tasting/Cash Bar & Art Council Performance				

Tuesday, October 22 (Summit Day 2)

Time	Location	Session						
7:00 am	Cypress Lodge	Breakfast (provided)						
8:00 am	Sound Stage	Great Lakes Islands: Environmental Management & Conservation <i>Eric Ellis, Project Manager, Great Lakes Commission</i>						
8:45 am	Sound Stage	GLIA: Future Direction						
		Mott Foundation Project <i>Brandon Hofstedt, Director, Northland College's Center for Rural Communities</i> <i>Lisa Brush, Co-founder and Executive Director, The Stewardship Network</i>						
		Member input & interactive discussion <i>Facilitator: Kate Tagai, Senior Community Development Officer, Island Institute</i>						
10:45 am	Cypress Lodge	Break - coffee						
11:00 am	Variable (Breakouts – GLIA Projects)	Community Development (Arch Rock)	Community Development (Fort Holmes)	Economic Development (Harrisonville)	Environment (British Landing)	Communications (Sound Stage)	Community Development (Robinson's Folly)	TBD (Wawashkamo)
		One Book, One GLIA <i>- Joe Scarry, Writer & Activist, Madeline Island</i>	Faith-Based Organizations <i>- Rachel Bauman, Pastor, Madeline Island</i>	Islands Passport <i>- Peter Huston, Director Chamber of Commerce, South Bass Island</i>	Citizen Science & Monarch Conservation <i>- Joe Shorthouse, Professor Emeritus, Manitoulin Island</i>	Great Lakes Islands Media Network <i>- Stephanie Fortino, Managing Editor & Writer, Mackinac Island Town Crier and The St. Ignace News; Kevin Boyle, WVBI 100.1 FM, Beaver Island</i>	Schools <i>- Wil Cwikiel, Superintendent-Principal, Beaver Island; Steve Poe, Superintendent-Principal, South Bass Island</i>	Open space
12:00 pm	Cypress Lodge	Lunch (provided)						

Time	Location	Session						
1:00 pm	Variable (Breakouts – GLIA Projects, <u>repeated</u>)	One Book, One GLIA - Joe Scarry, Writer & Activist, Madeline Island	Faith-Based Organizations - Rachel Bauman, Pastor, Madeline Island	Islands Passport - Peter Huston, Director Chamber of Commerce, South Bass Island	Citizen Science & Monarch Conservation - Joe Shorthouse, Professor Emeritus, Manitoulin Island	Great Lakes Islands Media Network - Stephanie Fortino, Managing Editor & Writer, Mackinac Island Town Crier and The St. Ignace News; Kevin Boyle, WVBI 100.1 FM, Beaver Island	Schools - Wil Cwikiel, Superintendent-Principal, Beaver Island; Steve Poe, Superintendent-Principal, South Bass Island	Open space
2:00 pm	Sound Stage	Breakouts Report to Full Group Breakout Leads						
3:00 pm	Cypress Lodge	Break - coffee						
3:15 pm	Sound Stage	Closing Session Michael Childers, Chair, GLIA Steering Committee Matt Preisser, GLIA Coordinator Outgoing (2019) and Incoming (2020) Summit Host Teams						
3:30 pm	Field Trips	Trip #4 Community Organizations: Library, School, Stuart House Museum (walk or bike). Meet at Main Lobby. Guide: Anne St. Onge	Trip #5 Health/Welfare/Safety: Medical Center, Fire Department, Police Department (walk or bike). Meet at Main Lobby. Guides: Dennis Bradley or Rick Linn	Trip #6 Infrastructure: Solid Waste Handling Facility, Airport, Wastewater Treatment Plan (carriage, walk or bike). Meet at Main Lobby. Guide: Michael Olson	On your own: Grand Hotel, Arch Rock, other sites (directions upon request)			
5:00 pm	Networking/Free time							
6:00 pm	n/a	Dinner (on your own)						

Wednesday, October 23 (Depart)

Time	Item
7:00 am	Breakfast (on your own)
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Check out and departures

Appendix C: 2018-2019 GLIA Annual Report

(available in high resolution at www.greatlakesislandsalliance.org)





Photo: Michigan Sea Grant

2018 Great Lakes Islands Alliance group photo.



Photo: JD Bass

During the 2018 Great Lakes Island Summit attendees met to finalize the GLIA Charter and appoint a steering committee.

ABOUT GLIA

The Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) is a new voluntary, collaborative network that brings together island leaders, residents, and advocates from across the region.

The mission of the GLIA is to encourage relationship building, foster information exchange, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands.

This report highlights the major activities and accomplishments occurring in the time period between the 2018 and 2019 Great Lakes Islands Summits. The items are organized under each of the four Goals identified in the Charter of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance.

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Photo: Michigan Sea Grant

Matt Preisser and Kristy Beyer discussed GLIA with attendees of the Great Lakes Sea Grant annual convention in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in September 2019.



Photo: Joe Shorthouse

THE MONARCH PROJECT

Releasing a tagged monarch as ferry departs south shore of Manitoulin Island.

The Monarch Project coordinator, Joe Shorthouse, releasing tagged monarchs at a campground near Sheguiandah on Manitoulin Island.



Photo: Jodie Nevo

2018-2019 MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



GOAL 1: Connect remote, distant communities

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- Increased GLIA membership to 125 people from 14 island communities. Further diversified the mix of backgrounds and interests.
- Facilitated monthly conference calls to share information between communities and advance network-wide activities.
- Annual member meetings:
 - 2018 Great Lakes Islands Summit (Madeline Island, WI) – approximately 80 individuals attended the 2nd annual Summit to share solutions, listen to experts, unanimously ratify the GLIA Charter, and appoint a Steering Committee.
 - 2019 Great Lakes Islands Summit (Mackinac Island, MI) – The 3rd annual Summit will feature breakout discussions and field trips related to tourism, housing, environment, schools, media and other community development topics; over 125 attendees expected.
- Created a GLIA logo to further establish a common group identity



GOAL 2: Facilitate information access and sharing

Goal 2: Facilitate information access and sharing, particularly through tools that offer best practices and solutions to island challenges.

- Maintained the GLIA member roster and Great Lakes Islands Community Resource Directory, which provide clear entry points into each GLIA island community.
- Continued to utilize Slack and the Island Institute's *What Works Solutions Library* as tools for collaboration.
- Established membership at the Island Institute for all participating GLIA Islands, which provides greater access to the Institute's programming, media products, and its broad network connections to island communities in Maine and worldwide



GOAL 3: Advance opportunities for multi-island collaboration

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- GLIA partners at Northland College received a grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to further clarify the GLIA's role within the region and refine its program focus and organizational structure.
- Supported start-up of a number of islander-initiated projects
 - Monitoring Monarchs on the Islands of the Great Lakes
 - Faith Communities on the Islands of the Great Lakes
 - The Island Passport
 - Great Lakes Islands Educators Network
 - The One Book Project
 - Great Lakes Islands Media Network
- Spurred the creation of several island-specific committees in multiple communities.



GOAL 4: Amplify island voices to mainland audiences

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- Enhanced the GLIA website
- Created a tri-fold brochure
- Directly engaged non-islander audiences at local, regional, and international events, including:
 - Northern Lake Michigan Islands Collaborative meetings (Nov 2018, Feb., May, and Sept. 2019)
 - Lake Erie Islands International Consortium meeting (June 2019)
 - 2019 Great Lakes States Coastal Management Programs Meeting (June 2019)
 - 2019 Great Lakes Regional Sea Grant Network Meeting (Sept 2019)
 - 2019 Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Symposium (Sept 2019)
 - International Joint Commission (IJC) public meeting (Sept 2019)
 - 2019 Virtual Islands Summit (Global Event, Oct 2019)
- Featured in dozens of stories by both island media and mainland media, including public radio and public television outlets, IJC's "Great Lakes Connection" newsletter, and stories by GLIA partner organizations to their own constituencies.





Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA)
GLIA members come from these year-round island communities. There are many more communities in the Great Lakes and all are welcome to join.

2018-2019 Member Islands

Lake Erie

Kelleys Island, *Ohio, USA*
Middle Bass Island, *Ohio, USA*
Pelee Island, *Ontario, Canada*
South Bass Island (Put-In-Bay), *Ohio, USA*

Lake Michigan

Beaver Island, *Michigan, USA*
Washington Island, *Wisconsin, USA*

Lake St. Clair

Harsens Island, *Michigan, USA*

Lake Huron

Bois Blanc Island, *Michigan, USA*
Drummond Island, *Michigan, USA*
Les Cheneaux Islands, *Michigan, USA*
Mackinac Island, *Michigan, USA*
Manitoulin Island, *Ontario, Canada*
Neebish Island, *Michigan, USA*

Lake Superior

Madeline Island, *Wisconsin, USA*

2018-2019 Partner Organizations



NORTHLAND COLLEGE

2018-2019 Steering Committee

Michael Childers - Chairman, *Madeline Island, WI*
Bob Anderson, *Beaver Island, MI*
Kristy Beyer, *Drummond Island, MI*
Michael Gora, *Middle Bass Island, OH*
Joe Shorthouse, *Manitoulin Island, Ontario*

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Appendix D: GLIA project concept flyers



GREAT LAKES ISLANDS ALLIANCE
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FAITH COMMUNITIES on the Islands of the Great Lakes



Why Island Faith Communities?

Faith-based organizations on island communities face unique challenges and opportunities. For example, because there are more limited options, each community often is the spiritual home for people from a wide variety of spiritual traditions. Additionally, because other social services can be more limited on islands, faith communities often serve as a hub or resource for meeting community needs (e.g., mental health counseling, crisis response, addressing food insecurity, conflict resolution, addiction support, etc).

How You Can Participate

This group is intended for anyone involved in a faith community who would like to talk about how these or similar issues show up within their context. We will share experiences, ideas and best practices; be inspired by what is working well for our colleagues at other islands and begin to create a network of support and idea sharing that can be continued regardless of our geographic location.

*This session will be lead by Rev Rachel Bauman,
 Pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ
 Madeline Island - La Pointe, WI 54850*

For information about the Faith Communities Breakout session, please contact

Rev. Rachel Bauman
 831-566-0353
pastor@stjohnsmadelineisland.org



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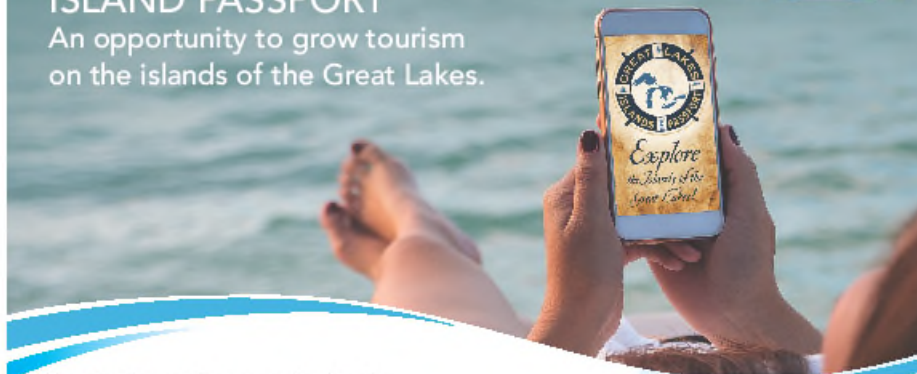
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Update: October 2019

GREAT LAKES ISLAND PASSPORT

An opportunity to grow tourism on the islands of the Great Lakes.



Why the Island Passport Project?

Great Lakes Islands have much to offer a tourist. To encourage visits to all of the island communities in the Great Lakes that provide tourism opportunities, a group from GLIA is in the process of designing an "Island Passport." *Islands must opt in to participate.*

The concept is simple - a tourist could visit each island and collect a stamp in their Great Lakes Islands Passport. The mark could then allow the tourist to receive special discounts or offers and provide valuable information for that island's "must see and do" attractions. The passport would encourage tourists to get to a certain level of "check ins" to be eligible for a prize. The data collected by the users of the passport would help the island communities learn about the user and what motivates them.

How Can You Help?

This project is in the development stage. We are seeking a team leader from each of the inhabited islands in the Great Lakes who will be responsible for coordinating the passport effort on their island.

During 2019 Great Lakes Summit breakout sessions we will be brainstorming ways to promote and accomplish this project. Tourism minded individuals are encouraged to attend. If you are not able to attend the Summit, there are still many ways to be involved.

For more information about GLIA's Island Passport project, please contact Peter Huston at pibccambassador@gmail.com or call 419-285-2832.

The Island Passport is designed to promote tourism on all the GLIA member islands.



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MONITORING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES on the Islands of the Great Lakes



Why Monitor Monarch Butterflies?

Monarch butterflies are the most iconic and well-loved insect in North America. They are famous because of their beauty and fall migration from southern Canada and Northern United States to overwintering sites on mountains west of Mexico City. Then in the spring, monarchs make their way north so their caterpillars can feed on milkweed. Populations of monarchs have declined over the past few years and in response, citizens in Canada and the United States have actively participated in promoting the growth of milkweed for the caterpillars and nectar-rich flowers for the adults.

How Can You Help?

Monarchs are known to fly from the mainland to islands in the Great Lakes but little information has been gathered on island populations. GLIA is seeking the help of Great Lakes islanders in collecting information on the first observation date and location of each of following stages: the first adult monarchs and shoots of milkweed to appear, the first date eggs are observed, the first full-grown caterpillars are observed, the first island-generated adults are observed, and late-summer roosting sites. Island adults in early fall will be tagged with tags obtained from Monarch Watch.

We are seeking a team leader from each of the inhabited islands in the Great Lakes who will answer questions and receive observations. This project is being coordinated by Dr. Joe Shorthouse, retired Professor of Entomology, Manitoulin Island, Ontario.

For more information about GLIA's Monarchs Monitoring project, please contact Joe Shorthouse at roses@cyberbeach.net.

For further information on monitoring monarchs, please check out these citizen science websites:

Monarch Watch
www.monarchwatch.org

Journey North
journeynorth.org/monarchs



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GREAT LAKES ISLANDS NEWS NETWORK

Great Lakes Islands News Network

Members of the media throughout GLIA have been brainstorming the potential for an Islands News Network, but we need more input on what this could look like. During our breakout session, we will explore what islanders are most interested in learning about, how news media can benefit from collaboration, and how the network can share information.

Some suggestions for the network include:

- Creating a news pool of stories for existing outlets to use.
- Taking advantage of work that's already being done.
- Discussing the format through which we could share information, such as: a newsletter, Slack channel, or website blog feed.

What we need from GLIA members:

- What would you like to see from a news network?
- What print media, radio stations, websites, social media pages exist that share news? For print media, how often are they published?
- Who are the contact people for your media organizations?
- What topics are you interested in learning about from other islands?
- If you are interested in joining the news network, what can you contribute?

For more information about the Great Lakes Islands News Network, contact Kevin Boyle at kevin@boyle.bz or Stephanie Fortino stephanie@stignaceneews.com

For examples of what the GL Islands News Network could do, visit:

Great Lakes Information Network
glc.org/glin

The Island Institute
islandinstitute.org/media



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SCHOOLS THAT SERVE COMMUNITIES

on Islands of the Great Lakes



Why Island Community Schools?

Schools play a key role in the health and sustainability of island communities. Island schools provide much more than quality education for our youth. They are the literal heart of the community. Schools are the place where people vote, islanders gather, and traditions are passed from generation to generation. Athletic programs serve as a point of pride and unite the community to cheer for the home team. From an economic perspective, schools contribute to the supply of year-round professional jobs and are essential to ensuring that families with school-aged children (the backbone of the local workforce) are willing and able to live on Great Lakes Islands.

How You Can Participate

The breakout session at the 2019 Great Lakes Islands Summit is intended for those interested in learning more about the unique nature of island schools and want to engage in dialogue about how to ensure the vitality of our schools. The session will feature results from a recent survey of Great Lakes island school leaders that collected baseline information on Great Lakes island school characteristics, challenges, and successes. A key part of the breakout session will be to identify common challenges and opportunities and gauge the level of interest in bringing together Great Lakes island educators to collaboratively address them. If you are unable to attend the GLIA Summit, please reach out to the project coordinators.

This session will be facilitated by Wilfred Cwikiel and Steve Poe.

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The breakout session will feature the results from a recent survey of Great Lakes island school leaders.



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Appendix E: GLIA project concept breakout summaries

“One Book, One GLIA” (Joe Scarry)

The purpose of the workshop was to consider a GLIA-sponsored program(s) to encourage people on islands throughout the Great Lakes to read one or more books in common. Such programs – in which an entire city or other entity read a particular book(s) -- are often used to help build community. (For example, “One Book, One Chicago.”) Could something like this work across GLIA? Might it help GLIA accomplish its goals?

Over the course of two sessions, 17 people from seven different islands participated. We reviewed the existing state of book programs on our islands, considered how a GLIA-wide reading program might help meet GLIA goals, and identified challenges we would need to address. A good set of ideas were brought forward and it is anticipated a group will work in the months ahead to carry one or more of them forward.

Three distinct workstreams that could emerge from the "One Book" workshop sessions:

- (a) Share what's happening already - Specific islands already have book programs on track for 2020 (e.g. Beaver Island, "Our Town" project; Manitoulin, "Braiding Sweetgrass Project"). GLIA-wide information sharing could begin to happen right away (e.g. via the newsletter referred to in the report from the GLIA Media workshop).
- (b) Near-term development - Choose one book, or a list of books (short? long?), to be sent under GLIA auspices to all Great Lakes Islands cultural institutions. Probably needs to be disseminated by late winter (February?) in order to be considered for Spring/Summer/Fall 2020 programming. (Any volunteers to lead this effort?)
- (c) Longer-term development - There were a few specific projects discussed in workshop sessions that would involve assembling contributions (e.g. history, creative writing, other content) from many islands. For each, time/effort required would stretch over many months, I think. Several people in the workshop sessions put forward pretty clear visions for these - would some of you like to step forward to lead these projects?

“Faith-Based Organizations” (Rachel Bauman)

We had six folks both sessions, I was the only clergy person as far as I know. Everyone else was either a lay member of an island congregation or just interested in the topic. The session consisted in sharing strengths and challenges and there were many commonalities:

Strengths: good space for community building and providing services for the island (Especially food shelf, community programming, pastoral counseling)

Challenges: many islands don't have full time pastors, many struggling to attract families with young kids, some experience some tension among various faith communities.

In terms of follow up, I don't think there will be much unless folks take advantage of emailing each other afterwards. I think it was/is useful to bring faith communities together even for the purpose of idea sharing at the summit (which definitely happened) but no ongoing project/type thing emerged from the discussion.

“Islands Passport” (Peter Huston and Angel Welke)

The concept of the passport was broached at the first summit on Beaver Island. Last year after we set up the GLIA Charter, we created a Commerce Committee. The group that attended that session in 2018 at Madeline Island all agreed that a passport was a top priority. I was given the opportunity to pursue this idea. With help from Angela LeFevre-Welke from Beaver Island we set out to create a passport. The project moved forward with guidance from the Steering Committee. Project objectives included 1.) Could we find a person or entity on every island to be a part of the planning process. 2.) When a person went to any of the 14 islands where would they go to get their passport stamped 3) How would we fund this project and what costs were involved.

So we presented this background this year with no assumptions as to whether we would continue on our not. The two groups suggested these ideas to promote GLIA and it’s alliance members:

- 1) Island based museums could be a source for providing information distribution
- 2) Utilize blogs and other online forums that allow us to share “News and Views”
- 3) It was suggested that a QR code or app might be the way to go
- 4) Website needed (Kristy who attended explained that this was underway)
- 5) Video marketing on youtube and other free venues about GLIA
- 6) Facebook/ Social media sharing site
- 7) #Hashtag phrase
- 8) Share individual islander stories
- 9) Utilize existing island events and have a traveling presentation about GLIA
- 10) Circle Tour style roadside signage
- 11) Active branding
- 12) Photo contest

And the groups suggested these next steps (Not in any particular order)

- 1) Leverage Great Lakes Heritage Fishing Trail
- 2) Involve Chamber, bar, island store
- 3) Establish a way to collect information
- 4) Identity for GLIA (Logo and style guide is available)
- 5) Portal or Website/Northland College
- 6) Trail roadmap
- 7) Funding (PBS style underwriting)
- 8) Volunteers/willing person every island
- 9) Group email and island opt in
- 10) Reward or not (reward is seeing islands)
- 11) Digital and paper versions
- 12) Leverage island festivals this summer/ intern
- 13) Figure out cost per copy funding amount then assess by island size/usage
- 14) Prototype/test
- 15) Cruise Ships co-marketing
- 16) CAA, AAA, AARP as distribution partners
- 17) Visitor Center collateral

“Citizen Science and Monarch Conservation” (Joe Shorthouse)

If there is one issue that unites residents of all islands in the Great Lakes, it is concern over deteriorating environments. All residents have concern over the availability of clean water and air and sustainable ecosystems and are uneasy over the potential impacts of climate change. These two sessions were started with a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted some of the major environmental concerns on the mainland, and on islands, and argued that engaging the public, especially children, in environmental issues is an important step in retaining stable ecosystems. Citizen science where island residents collect and report environmental data such as ice-on, ice-off, date of leaf out on lilacs and sprouting tulips, arrival of birds such as loons, hummingbirds, and robins, and the biology of monarch butterflies, etc. should be promoted.

As an example of an Island-wide project, recording dates of arrival of first adult monarch butterflies in the spring, first milkweed shoots, first eggs, first full grown larvae and chrysalises, first island produced generation, feeding frenzies, and roosts, along with tagging adults in the fall, would result in a GLIA contribution to knowledge about and conservation of this iconic insect. Such a project would provide islanders with a sense of pride and confidence that they are contributing to solving environmental issues.

Each of the participants at the two sessions was asked to identify the environmental topic in which they are most interested. The list included: invasive species, bird migrations, algal blooms, preserving pollinators, preventing loss of habitats and biodiversity, restoration of forest ecosystems, commercial fishing, pipelines, monitoring the environment and biodiversity with cellphone apps, and developing the monarch network.

“Great Lakes Islands Media Network” (Stephanie Fortino and Kevin Boyle)

This session focused developing an exchange mechanism for stories that can be run in member publications, which could occur via a GLIA Slack channel or on the GLIA website. The “media network” could also develop a digital newsletter to share with GLIA members via email, with summaries from each island and GLIA-wide news. The group discussed how common issues, like rising lake levels, housing, and funding, can be viewed through the lenses of different islands, offering useful solutions to GLIA members.

“Schools” (Wil Cwikiel and Steve Poe)

The goal of the Islands Schools breakout session was three-fold: 1) to share information from a recent survey of Great Lakes Island schools, 2) to gather information on what Island schools mean to island communities, and 3) determine possible next steps to strengthen Island schools. The sessions were attended by a diverse mix of Islanders, including school board members, business owners, parents and grandparents of school-aged children, and superintendents of schools from Beaver Island, Drummond Island, and Put-In-Bay.

Schools play an important role in Island communities. Both the survey data and the brainstorming session by the participants, as well as the Put-In-Bay School case study presented by Superintendent Steve Poe, revealed that schools serve as the heart of Island communities. Schools provide essential knowledge, academic skills, and social experiences for Island youth. Athletic programs serve as a point of pride and unite the community. From an economic perspective, schools contribute to the supply of year-round professional jobs and are essential to ensuring that families with school-aged children (the backbone of the local workforce) are willing and able to live on Great Lakes Islands.

A key part of the breakout session was to identify common challenges and opportunities and gauge the level of interest in bringing together Great Lakes island educators to address them. Common challenges included reductions in funding, declining enrollment, recruiting and retaining teachers, and teaching multi-grade classrooms. The attendees indicated that there would be value in bringing together educators to address issues that are unique to Island schools. The question is whether or not the Island schools would have the resources to pay for travel staff time to attend a Great Lakes Island Educators Summit. The three superintendents in attendance indicated that they would make the resources available to support such an effort.

Appendix F: Event Closing “Gut Check”

The dozens of individual sticky notes are compiled below, verbatim. Results are grouped by topic for organizational purposes.

I Liked...

- Event Process/Objectives
 - Connection, growing GLIA’s evolution, appreciation for Mackinac Island committee & Mission Point
 - Networking – meeting everyone in our Great Lakes island family
 - Having the chance to share island experiences with other islanders
 - Talking to people about their experiences in life
 - Meeting people
 - The passion people brought to the conference
 - Networking, topics discussed, idea generation, learning about other island communities
 - Enjoyed meeting other people that love islands
 - Chance to connect with others
 - I appreciated the opportunity to connect with other islanders – to talk about our challenges and celebrations was so helpful. Thank you!
 - Sharing info with other islands, great food, great site
 - Forcing us to network more - good exercises
 - Hearing about other islands
 - Networking opportunities, seeing friends, exploring the island
 - The island friendship that was shared
 - Common cause camaraderie
 - Warm welcome friendship
 - The diversity of backgrounds of attendees & the resources each person brings to the organization
 - Good conversation about issues, challenges & benefits that we all have in common; time to commune
 - Networking – people and resources
 - Collaborating with other islanders
 - Meeting people and learning about the common issues all our islands face
 - Meeting new attendees and seeing growth in GLIA
 - Comradery, “friendly intimacy”
 - The growing interest and enthusiasm of the group
 - Just being here (creative people)
 - Meeting so many kind people who were eager to share about their islands and communities – and learn from one another. Its been an honor!
 - Chance to meet people from other islands
 - Hearing shared and unique island challenges especially those with innovative solutions
 - Sharing with others
 - I liked the opportunity to learn about other islands and time to have one-on-one conversations with folks from different islands
 - (learning about) Similar challenges
 - Meeting new people

- Agenda
 - Loved the engagement of the Mackinac people, loved the field trip to the water works
 - Breakout sessions by topics (esp affordable housing); great presentation by Parks; loved local talent (kids, video, music) – nicely shared; speakers from GLC and Stewardship Network
 - Variety of topics, meeting new people, learned so much!
 - Content
 - Breakout sessions/info exchange & Comradery
 - Breakout sessions, good field trip options
 - Breakout sessions and learning about Mackinac’s tourism; thank you for hosting!
 - Breakout groups, networking, discussing common problems
 - Local evening entertainment
 - Learned several new projects to bring to our island
 - Number of breakouts
 - The tourism sessions
 - Native American heritage
 - Very organized
 - Broad agenda, great sharing, common issues, enthusiastic presentations – monarchs, chamber
 - Breakout sessions [included 5 additional checks/votes]
 - Arts presentation – next year, try to include content from all islands; breakout sessions
 - Seeing Mackinac, breakout topics
 - Presentations!
- Facilities
 - Accommodations & food
 - Accommodations, meals, presentations
 - Venue/hospitality; very engaged group
 - venue – beautiful
- Other
 - Friendly competent staff
 - Very well done!

I Wished...

- Breakouts
 - A little more time for breakouts
 - Longer sessions to discuss or a “continued” session to finish a topic
 - More time for breakouts
 - Time for island teams to meet while ideas fresh on hand
 - That I would have been able to participate in other breakouts – I was a leader of one of them
 - More time to attend more breakout sessions & longer time for each one
 - More time for discussion in breakouts; this would give more time to brainstorm solutions to issues instead of just hearing about them
 - Breakout session could have been longer (but great discussions!)
 - More time – I wish I could have attended more of the breakouts

- Development of solutions
 - More opportunity for cross-border initiatives
 - More time to explore ideas
 - More concrete action steps identified
 - A way forward for political advocacy
 - More problem solving (i.e., “we solved this issue by doing X”)
 - More time between sessions for networking
- Other/General
 - More time!
 - More time!
 - Treat some sessions as if members are a board of advisors
 - That I could have been part of more of the (past) conferences
 - More cookies
 - Less rain!