

2017 ELK-SKEGEMOG LAKES ASSOCIATION (ESLA)
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, June 23, 2017
Elk Rapids Historic Town Hall, Elk Rapids, Michigan

The Annual Meeting began with a social reception at 5:30 p.m. Members were signed in, asked to update contact information, and encouraged to enjoy the refreshments.

The ESLA business portion of the meeting began at 6:10 p.m. with a welcome by President Ruth Bay.

Phil Spangenberg, ESLA Treasurer, provided a 2017 year-to-date financial report, attached to the agenda. A motion made to accept the treasurer's report was passed.

Brenda Miller, ESLA Administrative Assistant, presented the Membership Report, which is attached to the agenda. She highlighted the good attendance at "It's a Shore Thing" programs and the annual meetings.

Dale Claudepierre introduced the summer intern program, which combines a joint water studies effort between Northwestern Michigan College and Western Michigan University. Ed DeRoshia, the new intern, will concentrate on water quality monitoring, tributary studies and invasive species.

Member Dean Ginther recognized two retiring board members, Safety and Recreation Committee Chairman Ron Gurdak and Dave Hauser.

Nominating Committee Chair, Bob Kingon, presented the slate of officers and requested names from the floor for additional Board nominees. No additional names were offered. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominated slate as presented. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote of the ESLA members present.

President – Gary Chenoweth
Vice President – Mary Beth Kasinski
Treasurer – Phil Spangenberg
Recording Secretary – Joan Richardson
Correspondence Secretary – Kathi Gober

Zone Directors

Zone A – Jim Sak, Dolores Hibbard

Zone B – Bob Kingon, Ruth Bay, Dale Claudepierre, Dean Ginther, Andy Hogarth, Ken Krentz,

Zone C – Pete DiMercurio, Jan Garvey*, Pat Pierce

Zone D – Don Bonato, Bob Campbell*, Sue McCraven, Tim Wheeler

Zone E – Dave Lawicki, Lisa Culver*

*indicates newly elected Board members

Eli Baker of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council introduced the Watershed Academy to the membership. This program invites area high school students to take part in stream monitoring throughout the year, ideally as a fit to their high school science curriculum.

Dr. Rebecca Norris from Three Lakes Association discussed her study of Golden Brown Algae, which is ongoing. She gave a slide presentation and presented some hypotheses to its increasing presence in the lakes.

Outgoing president Ruth Bay closed the annual meeting, thanking the membership for their participation.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Joan Richardson