

Mississippi Lakes Association President's Message, 2019

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I would like to thank our hard-working board of directors for an awesome year! There has been significant progress on many fronts that I would like to share. For current details on any of these topics subscribe to Your Mississippi Minute: <https://mississippilakesassociation.org/index.php/about-us/mla-publications/your-mississippi-minute-e-newsletter>.

**And join us at the AGM on 23 May 2019,
6:30-9:00 at the Beckwith Township office!**

CAUTIONARY MARKERS

Summer and fall 2018 saw a contour mapping effort for the entire lake using sonar. Currently, buoy placements are being finalized using GPS co-ordinates that will enable quicker, more accurate buoy placement. And we are now able to complete an MLA sign that includes the latest buoy map (see it at <https://mississippilakesassociation.org/images/Documents/Boating/20170425-MLA-Map-Caution-Buoys.pdf>) to be placed at the Carleton Place boat launch. A big thank-you to John and Kathryn Maloney, Ed Carew and directors Dave Duncan and Andre Langlois.

ENVIRONMENT

The MLA Environment Committee has had a banner year that included efforts such as loon counts, invasive species surveying, water sampling and fish habitat enhancement. Guided by the Lake Plan which was adopted in 2015, this committee has been gathering momentum each subsequent year and will be tackling the threat of Eurasian Milfoil this summer. (To get involved, send email to environment@mississippilakesassociation.org). Thanks to the entire committee especially the committee chair Doreen Donald. Great work!

8 March, 2019

ROADS

Our new committee that is tackling the challenges faced by the many private roads around the lake is called the MLA Roads Committee. It has been very busy since it's inception April 2018. You can see the result of its effort to build a collection of resources that will be valuable for all our members on our website. Thanks to committee chair Richard Teahen for his on-going efforts. Look for announcement of a Town Hall event coming in June 2019.

BLUE GREEN ALGAE

The last 12 months has seen the creation and calibration of a 3D computer model of Mississippi Lake. It can forecast BGA blooms and has been used to simulate a variety of scenarios that are helping us to understand the key factors involved. We are currently in the process of crafting a final report to our lake community on this topic. This report will also include information about health risks and how to mitigate them. Please contact me for more information:

president@mississippilakesassociation.org.

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

The MLA is a vibrant organization engaging in many efforts in areas such as boating safety, water level reporting, water quality and education. To keep our efforts laser focused, we will be reaching out to do a 'values assessment' of our membership in 2019. When you see an invitation to share your views, please participate! Thanks!

TO GET INVOLVED IN THE MLA

<https://mississippilakesassociation.org/index.php/volunteering-with-the-mla>