

**Seneca Lake Pure Water Association, Inc.**  
**Re-Organizational Committee Notes**  
**June 23, 2008**

A meeting of the Re-Organizational Committee of Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association was held at the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges on Monday, June 23, 2008

Present: John Halfman, SLPWA Vice-President; Marion Balyszak, FLI Director; Janet Ahola (Presiding for Richard Ahola); Phil Cianciotto, Bob Schiesser, Barbara Schiesser; Bruce Adams; Alan Nester.

A review of the status of Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association was provided by John Halfman.

The committee received copies of the *Certificate of Incorporation* for the Association. Marion Balyszak indicated that she would continue to search records returned to the FLI for the By-Laws.

The group discussed key items related to reactivating the lake association:

*Forming a new Board of Directors* – members present that evening, plus some additional individuals who were unable to attend have expressed an interest in forming a new board. John Halfman indicated that he would notify the remaining members of the SLPWA board and request they either indicate their interest in continuing to serve or submit their resignations. Board terms have been staggered terms up to three years.

*Scheduling an Annual Meeting* – the committee discussed the idea of holding an annual meeting to re-engage past and new potential members of the organization. The By-Laws indicate that a meeting should be held in August, but the group was unsure about the timing to coordinate a meeting. John Halfman indicated they he would be willing to present on the status of Seneca Lake Water Quality. They will discuss this more at the next meeting in July.

*Membership* – There is a ready list of past members for the organization available on the SLPWA computer. They have not received any renewal notices for over a year but could become a starting basis to re-gain an active paid membership, potentially raising some immediate operating funds.

*Operations* – The current financial status of the organization would preclude hiring a paid executive director even part time. It was recognized that initially any of the activities to re-build the organization would require the investment of volunteer efforts by a new board and members. The Finger Lakes Institute has offered a location for workspace to house computer and records in order for the organization to have a base operational location. As a former Executive Director for the organization, Marion Balyszak offered to assist as possible with some continuity as the new board re-organizes operations. Some initial suggested areas to develop renewed efforts include an Annual or other type meeting/program for members; and developing a newsletter or outreach letter for members.

*Next Meeting* – A second meeting of the Re-organizational Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Finger Lakes Institute.

For the July 15, 2008 Meeting:

- Balyszak will check on any legal advice about how the organization can institute a new board of directors, and locate By-Laws.
- Halfman will contact all previous SLPWA Board members to ascertain their interest in continuing in that role or submitting a letter of resignation.

Notes provided by Marion Balyszak, Director, Finger Lakes Institute