

# Taking Charge: Special Assessment Districts for Lake Improvements

## Agenda

- 9:30am Welcome: Mike Solomon, President, McNALMS
- 9:40 Keynote: Howard Wandell, McNALMS Executive Director
- 10:00 Introduction to the Inland Lakes Partnership: Jo Latimore, MSU and MLSA
- 10:20 *Break*
- Concurrent Session #1: So You Want to Form a Special Assessment District**
- Moderator:* Niles Kevern, McNALMS
- 10:30 Square One: Lake Board vs. Act 188 vs. Act 185: Jeff Krcmarik, Washtenaw County Environmental Health
- 11:15 Lake Boards 101: Mechanics of a lake board; petitioning vs. township resolution; hiring consultants and contractors; holding a public hearing; dissolving a lake board: Tony Groves, Progressive AE
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 1:30 Lake Project Lessons Learned: Tony Groves
- 2:15 *Break*
- 2:30 Panel Discussion: John Beck, Dan Stock, Ralph Bednarz, Dick Pinagel, Don Cooper
- 3:15 Panel Discussion, continued
- Concurrent Session #2: So You Already Have a Special Assessment District**
- Moderator:* Rick Paalman, Rose Lake
- 10:30 Public Relations: Educating residents in your SAD: Dick Pastula and Dave Foley
- 11:15 Special Assessments and the Michigan Tax Tribunal: Judge Victoria Enyart (invited)
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 1:30 Collaborations: RC&D, SCD, and others: Lisha Ramsdell, Huron Pines RC&D
- 2:15 *Break*
- 2:30 Grants and Grant-seeking: Council of Michigan Foundations
- 3:15 How to Run a Meeting: John Amrhein, MSU Extension
- Concurrent Session #3: Lakes and Lake Management**
- Moderator:* Lois Wolfson, MSU
- 10:30 Milfoil Weevils: Tom Alwin, MSU
- 11:15 Lake-specific Management: Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones, Lakeshore Environmental
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 1:30 Fisheries and Water Quality: Dan Hayes, MSU
- 2:15 *Break*
- 2:30 Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program: Jo Latimore, MSU
- 3:15 Aquatic Plants and Exotic Species: Ted Batterson, MSU
- (Reconvene in Main Room)
- 4:00 Closing Remarks: Dave Foley, Lake Mitchell Improvement Board and McNALMS

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## Who Should Attend?

This conference is for Lake Board Members, Special Assessment District Personnel, Riparians, Township Supervisors and Boards, Local Government Officials, and Interested Citizens who are interested in learning more about forming special assessment districts, lake management, and interacting with others.

## Other Information:

**Date and Time:** Friday, October 16, 2009 at the [Kettunen Center](#), Tustin, MI. A block of rooms have been reserved, but you must make your own reservations. The Cadillac Holiday Inn Express and the Comfort Inn have also set aside rooms for the conference.

**Thursday Evening Reception:** A complimentary reception with food and beverage will be held the evening prior to the conference at the Kettunen Center. All are welcome to attend.

**Cost:** \$60. The Thursday evening reception, Friday lunch, and refreshment breaks are included in this cost.

**Registration:** You can register for the conference through mail or on the web. Visit [www.mcnalms.org](http://www.mcnalms.org) to register on the web. If you are mailing in your registration, please include the form on the back of this brochure. For registration information, call Lois Wolfson at 517-353-9222 ([wolfson1@msu.edu](mailto:wolfson1@msu.edu)). For conference information, contact Dave Foley at 231-775-8819 ([quetico49601@yahoo.com](mailto:quetico49601@yahoo.com)).

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### Registration Form

Registration deadline date is Friday, October 9,  
2009. Please call (517-353-3826) if you would like  
to attend but have missed this deadline date.

Check here if you prefer a vegetarian meal  
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Thursday evening reception

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