

Welcome to the



**GULL LAKE QUALITY
ORGANIZATION**

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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH 2026

7:00PM-9:00PM

KBS ACADEMIC BUILDING TERRACE ROOM

GUEST SPEAKER : Melissa DeSimone





Agenda

7:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

7:10 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

7:20 GUEST SPEAKER:
MELISSA DESIMONE
Executive Director, MLSA
“Hot Topics for Inland Lake Lovers”

7:45 FINANCES AND ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

8:00 CONNECT AND ASK QUESTIONS

8:30 MEETING ADJOURNED



Election of New Board Members

The Nominating Committee of the GLQO recommends that the following people be elected to the Board, with terms beginning in September 2026:

- Steve Allen
- Sera Gesmundo
- Ryan Johnson
- Wendell Wilke



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MELISSA DESIMONE

Melissa DeSimone is the Executive Director of the Michigan Lakes & Streams Association, which preserves and protects Michigan's vast number of inland lakes and streams. In this role, she supports the efforts of associations, individuals, and businesses to protect Michigan's inland waters through educational programs and by advocating for good water policy.

Melissa comes from a background in education and communication. Prior to coming to work for MLSA, she was a longtime science teacher. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary and middle school teaching from Illinois State University and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Governors State University. In addition to her work with MLSA, she has served on the Board of the Michigan Environmental Council and became Chair in 2025. She is also the vice president of communications for the Oak Park Women's Guild and a technology coordinator for the Gravel Lake Association, a member of MLSA



Financial Overview

June 9, 2026

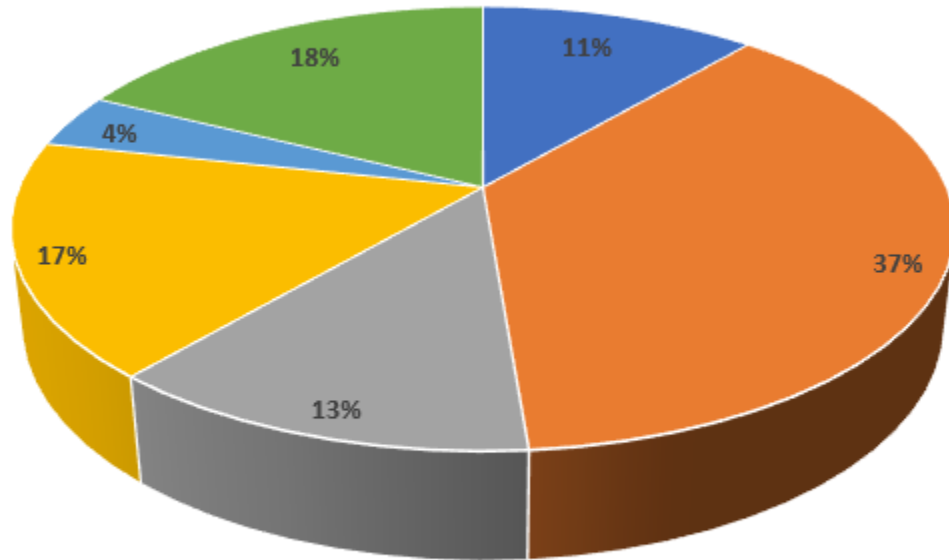


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GLQO EXPENSES

2025 GLQO EXPENSES
Total Expenses \$38,068



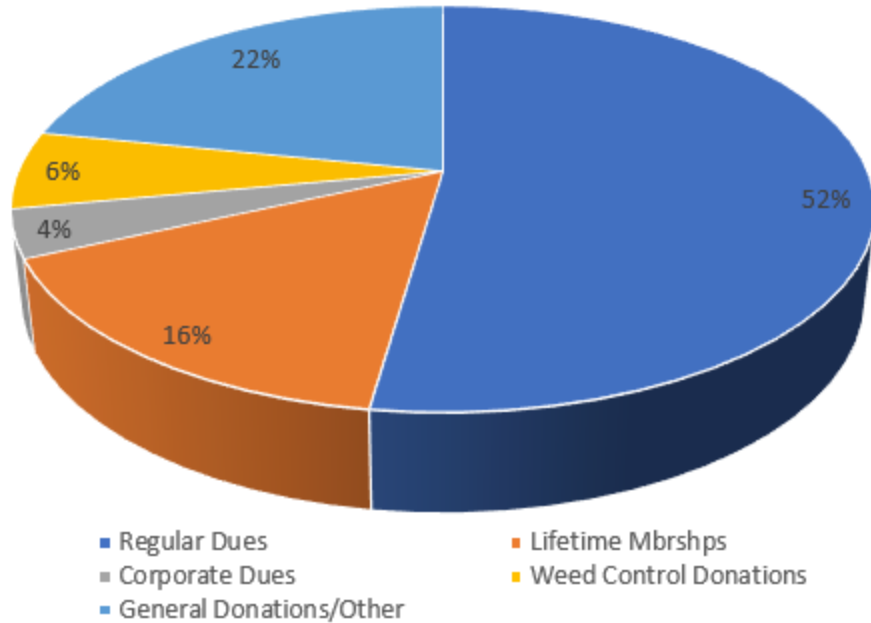
■ Operations ■ Boat Wash ■ Weed Control
■ Mapping/Survey ■ Boating Safety ■ Outreach/Comm.

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2025</u>
Boat Wash	\$ 14,243
Mapping/Survey	\$ 6,500
Weed Control	\$ 4,790
Outreach/Comm.	\$ 6,734
Operations	\$ 4,301
Boating Safety	\$ 1,500
Total	\$ 38,068

- 2025 GLQO total expenses were \$38,068- Primarily (67%) for controlling Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Invasive species monitoring and treatments - \$11,290
 - Boat wash - \$14,243
- Outreach and Communications - \$6,734 (~ 18%)

GLQO INCOME SOURCES

2025 GLQO INCOME SOURCES
Total Income \$40,734



<u>Income Sources</u>	<u>2025</u>
Regular Dues	\$ 21,290
Lifetime Memberships	\$ 6,500
Corporate Dues	\$ 1,550
Weed Control Donations	\$ 2,525
Donations/Other	\$ 8,869
Total	\$ 40,734

- Total Income in 2025 was \$40,734; a \$2.8K increase from 2024
- Membership dues made up 72% of GLQO income - \$29,340.
 - (Regular dues 52%, Lifetime 16%, Corporate 4%)
- Donations and other income round out the remaining 28%

Membership

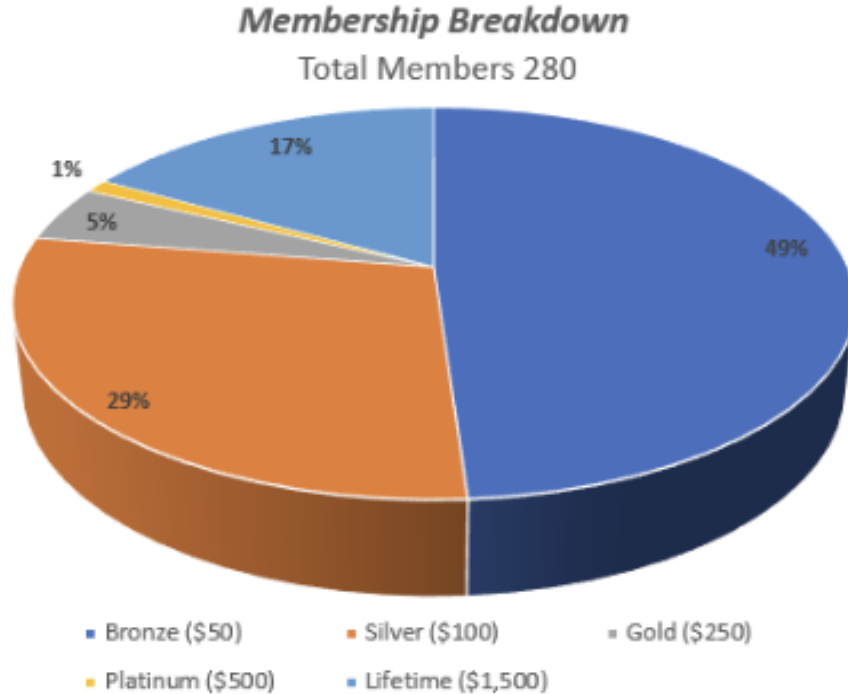
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OUR MEMBERSHIP



<u>Membership Levels</u>	<u>Dec 2025</u>	<u>June 2026</u>
Bronze (\$50)	196	138
Silver (\$100)	87	83
Gold (\$250)	20	15
Platinum (\$500)	1	3
Lifetime (\$1,500)	46	48
Total Members	349	287

- Total Current Membership is 287 (as of 1 June 2026)
 - Bronze Level Represents ~ 50% of membership and has declined 30% since 2025
 - Lifetime Membership growing, increased from 16 in 2020 to 48 today!
 - Platinum Membership (\$500) has increased this year....BUT
 - **Overall membership (to date) is down ~18% this year**
- **Challenge: How to reach new residents and retain former members!**

Water Quality Update

Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) - Results for 2025 again show that Gull Lake and Little Long Lake are “oligotrophic” - clear, clean waters with normal stratification in mid-summer. (See reports)

Whole Lake monitoring for invasive, aquatic species in 2025 showed that sites that had formerly been invaded, were clear. Monitoring will be repeated this summer – June, July, and August - and treated as needed.



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GLQO Outreach Activities

Goal: To inform our membership - and residents of the Gull Lake Community - of important issues of concern that can affect water quality in inland lakes

Goal: To increase awareness and appreciation of what GLQO does - and what individuals can do - to protect water quality of Gull Lake and the surrounding watershed



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Community Partners

- Long term collaboration (since 2017) with Prairieville Township Parks to manage the Boat Wash at the Township Park on Gull Lake
 - Prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Gull Lake
 - Raise awareness about the risks of AIS in inland lakes
 - Demonstrate the value of enhancing shorelines with native plants



New collaboration... Enhancing shorelines

In 2025, GLQO volunteers began a project to enhance shoreline vegetation at Prairieville Township Park. Began by creating a no-mow zone along the creek and planting native trees & shrubs along this strip and creating small circular 'gardens' planted with wildflower plugs



Species added to streamside

Trees and Shrubs

- Nanberry
- Highbush cranberry
- Coral berry
- Flowering dogwood
- Red bud

Wildflowers and ferns

- Columbine
- Nodding onion
- Bellflower
- Milkweed
- Black-eyed Susan
- Ostrich Ferns



Slow, but encouraging process...

Some of the plants added in 2025 are doing very well and some native species are colonizing the 'no mow zone'. More bare root trees were planted in April and 60 'wildflower plugs' were planted this weekend into two areas. We are creating a 'revegetation zone' near the beach in the NW corner of the park that will be sown with a native wildflower mix' and some wildflower plugs. **JOIN US!**





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“Keep it Clean and Safe”

Join or Donate today....

<https://glqo.net/join/>



Austin Lake, Portage MI...

Residents of Austin Lake in Portage (MI) will have to pay \$450,000 over the next five years in efforts to reduce the abundance of invasive plant species (including Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort)

**We DO
NOT want
Gull Lake to
end up like
these lakes!**



Eurasian water milfoil, Lake Leelanau, MI



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Thank you for attending!
Questions?