

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency Department of Transportation	2. Fiscal Year 2019
3. Committee or Subcommittee Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board	3b. GSA Committee No. 701

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? No	5. Current Charter 11/20/2018	6. Expected Renewal Date 11/20/2020	7. Expected Term Date
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8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? No	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
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9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year Continue	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? Not Applicable	10b. Legislation Pending? Not Applicable
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11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority 33 U.S.C. 982(b)	13. Effective Date 05/13/1954	14. Committee Type Continuing	14c. Presidential? No
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15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 **17b. Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total Meetings and Dates** 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The St. Lawrence Seaway Act of 1954 directs the establishment of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Its statutory mandated five members are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Seaway is a Government corporation, not an agency, and the Board is not the ordinary type of advisory committee, it is a statutory board that is an inherent part of such a corporation. Although it is advisory in nature, it is the Federal equivalent to a corporate board. It is important that the Corporation obtain the advice of such a varied group who, in an objective manner, provide insight on how the Seaway operations affect various sectors of the public and on how its operations may be improved.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board's members represent a cross section of sectors affected by or capable of contributing to the operation of the Seaway and, by statute, only three of the five may be members of the same political party. The Board's involvement in these matters gives the Corporation direct access to representatives of private sectors whose experience is vitally germane to the conduct of the Corporation's business, Great Lakes port leadership, maritime and business law, business and investment interests, and Great Lakes area high level public service experience all of which are included in the background of the Board's current membership.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board accomplishes its purpose through quarterly meetings, as mandated by the St. Lawrence Seaway Act of 1954 at which they give advice directly to the Administrator on major corporation issues current at the time of the meeting. Their advice is reflected in the report for each meeting. The Administrator considers these recommendations in making decisions relative to the issues discussed. Meeting at least quarterly with the Administrator and other high level Corporation officials enables the Board to keep current with Corporation business and operational initiatives, marketplace and operational conditions, and other principal circumstances directly related to its giving timely and informed advice to the Corporation.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Loss of direct access to the expertise of the Board's current members (see 20B) would

damage our ability to function as a Government corporation and deletion of this corporate cornerstone would mean a fundamental change in the character of the St. Lawrence Seaway as a Government corporation. The Board has been an integral part of the Corporation since its inception after passage of the Act in 1954. The formal advisory committee process is the best and most proper way the corporation may obtain this unfettered and important input.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Please note: No more than three members may be from the same political party. The committee's membership currently has 2 vacancies pending presidential selection and appointment.

Designated Federal Officer

Wayne Williams Chief of Staff, SLSDC

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
McMillian, David	03/29/2012	03/29/2020	Executive	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mielke, William	01/08/2013	12/31/2020	Ruekert-Mielke	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sulzur, Arthur	01/08/2013	01/08/2020	Captain-USN-Ret	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 3

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes

- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

The Board's involvement in these matters gives the Corporation direct access to representatives of private sectors whose experience is vitally germane to the conduct of the Corporation's business,

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

0

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

0

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

0

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

Reallocated resources

Issued new regulation

Proposed legislation

Approved grants or other payments

Other

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

Online Agency Web Site

Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other



Access Comments

N/A