



July 8, 2016

Dear BLA Member and Guests:

You are cordially invited to the 2016 BLA Member Reception and Annual Meeting:

Sunday, July 31, 2016
3:30 – 6:00 pm
Center For All Seasons, Belgrade, Maine

This will be a fun and important event that you will want to attend. You will hear:

- the latest news on our battle with invasive milfoil from Toni Pied, BRCA Milfoil Program Director
- a report on the water quality research being conducted this summer on our lakes and how it compares to last year, by Dr. Whitney King, Colby College
- the findings of the extensive water quality research conducted last year on Great Pond and Long Pond and needed remedial action, by our consulting limnologist, Dr. Ken Wagner, president of Water Resource Services



Given the importance of these presentations please invite your lake neighbors, family members and friends to join us. The meeting is being held at the Center for All Seasons to ensure that we have comfortable seating for everyone who attends.

As usual, we will have delicious hors d' oeuvres from *Hello Good Pie*, wine and soft drinks for you to enjoy while visiting with your fellow BLA members and guests.

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New this year is a special children's program that will run concurrently with the meeting. See enclosed flyer. It is designed to teach our next generation of lake stewards how our lakes work and the problems they face. So please plan to bring your children and grand kids.

RESERVATIONS -- Please make reservations for this Member Reception and Annual Meeting. Let us know how many are in your party including children and their ages. Just send an email to info@blamaine.org or call in and leave a message on the BLA line at (207) 512-5150. Please make your reservations by Sunday, July 24. Thank you.

If you have questions about this meeting please don't hesitate to contact me. My cell number is 207 716-6094. I always like to hear from you.

Thank you for your membership and your generous support of your lake association. Thanks to your help, we are making good progress in carrying out our mission of *"protecting and improving the watershed of Great Pond and Long Pond through preservation, education and action."*

See you on July 31st.

Best regards,



Lynn Matson
President

PS: BLA Bylaw Revisions - Over the past several months, the BLA Board of Directors has looked at a number of initiatives to improve the way we operate. These have included examining the existing BLA bylaws and the consideration of changes to the bylaws to make them more compliant with the "best practices" used by other Maine non-profit organizations. The current BLA bylaws require all bylaw changes be made by the BLA membership. At its meeting on July 8, 2016, the BLA Board of Directors adopted a proposed set of revised bylaws. Among other changes, these proposed bylaws would empower the Board to make future changes to the bylaws. Of course, the membership would continue to elect the Board of Directors. These revised bylaws will be presented to the association membership for ratification at our annual meeting on Sunday, July 31st. A copy of the proposed bylaws may be found on the BLA website at www.belgradelakesassociation.org. If you would like to be mailed a hard copy of the proposed bylaws, please call the BLA office at 207 512-5150 and leave your name and current mailing address. Thank you.