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### NORTH AMERICA IS NOW WELL REPRESENTED WITHIN THE NANBO

**Quebec, June 11, 2012** – On May 23, 2012, the North American Network of Basin Organizations (NANBO) held elections for its new board of administrators during its general assembly. Mr. Hubert Chamberland from Canada was elected as President for a second mandate, and the positions of Vice-President were attributed to Mr. José Luis Ortega from Mexico and to Mr. William G. Howland from the United States. Mr. Jean-Paul Raïche from Quebec was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The NANBO's board of directors, which is now composed of members from Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, the United States and Mexico, thus ensuring a better representation of the entire territory it covers, North America.

"We, the newly elected members, have a responsibility to invite representatives from other North American countries to join the board of directors in order to ensure that all sub-regions of the NANBO are represented," stated Mr. Chamberland.

The NANBO's general assembly was held during the *International Symposium on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)* at the Manoir St-Castin in Lac Beauport and was organized in collaboration with the Regroupement des organismes de bassins versants du Québec (ROBVQ). This event, which was made possible thanks to the financial and technical contribution of the Communauté métropolitaine de Québec, gathered some 100 participants and local and international partners around topics pertaining to IWRM of the Great Lakes & St. Lawrence River Basin and worldwide.

About 20 basin organizations from Canada, the United States and Mexico signed the World Pact for Better Basin Management in the presence of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, Mr. Pierre Arcand. The first steps of the adhesion to this pact took place during the 6th World Water Forum at Marseille on March 16, 2012. The signing ceremony, which was presided over by Mr. Jean-François Donzier from the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), closed this symposium.

The NANBO is a regional network part of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) and aims to promote integrated watershed management in North America by providing basin organizations with a network and tools for sharing skills and experience.

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