



THE REGIONAL COALITION

PART 1 – Hon. CLYDE BURMASTER: Co-Chair

- Welcome.
- History: Founded in 1998 by Erie & Niagara County Legislatures.
- Mission/Vision: Foster bi-county collaboration through policy and action in order to strengthen the region.

Co-Chairs

Hon. Clyde Burmaster
Hon. Edward Rath III

Members

James Allen
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Lawrence Witul

Executive Director

Tod A. Kniazuk

PART 2 – TOD A. KNIAZUK: Executive Director

- 3 Principles
 - ✓ Access: Cross county, cross discipline, cross party.
 - E-mail & social network updates.
 - Idea exchange at meetings & guest presentations.
 - ✓ Advocacy: Shaping the Regional Agenda
 - Shared legislation.
 - Reports from Legislatures.
 - Sharing the vision with others.
 - ✓ Action: Facilitating targeted projects, keeping on track.
 - Bring stakeholders together, move projects forward.
 - Analyze reports & academic work for action items.
- 2 Areas of Impact
 - ✓ Economic Development: Inc. tourism, transportation, etc.
 - ✓ Government Affairs: Inc county projects, multi-level.
- 1 Organization – NERC
 - The only organization with this focus and mission.
- **DISCUSSION**

PART 3 – Hon. EDWARD RATH III: Co-Chair

- Membership: YOU can help shape the region's agenda.
- Next Meeting: Friday, September 24 – Follow up discussion & agenda setting.
- Convene committees for members to choose action items.
- **DISCUSSION**

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