

# Lake Michigan Stakeholders

- The Lake Michigan Stakeholders group is a diverse organization of boots-on-the-ground people who have a stake in the Restoration of the Great Lakes in Wisconsin. There are about 60 NGOs and public groups represented.



# Background

- The LMS was formed in 2005 by the WDNR and the Wisconsin Great Lakes Coalition (WGLC) to develop a way to implement Great Lakes Restoration in Wisconsin.



# Our Mission

- A diverse network of Wisconsin stakeholders working together to ensure *that Lake Michigan and the resources of the basin are environmentally sustainable and economically viable* for present and future generations.
- Recognizing that while individual special interests groups have unique agendas related to the Wisconsin's Lake Michigan basin, the health and viability of the lake and it's basin as a resource is held in common to all of the groups. This group recognizes that *it is in the best interest of all the member groups and the State if Wisconsin to work together* to promote and protect those ideas and actions that are held in common.
- For the Wisconsin portion of the Lake Michigan Basin we will:
  - Establish an action plan based on a common set of goals and priorities to implement the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
  - Strive for consensus to provide consistent and reliable guidance for policy makers
  - Promote a stewardship ethic among all constituents



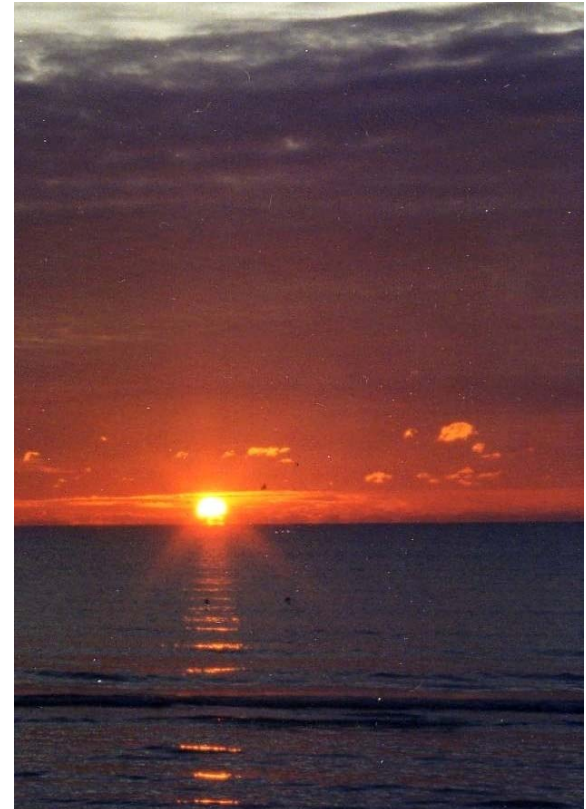
# Our Strategy

- The LMS group consists of eight work groups, one for each of the CGLG's priorities.
- Because they know best what needs to be done, and because they do it every day, we use people from existing organizations to prepare and implement the plan.
- The head of each work group is a member of the Steering Committee.

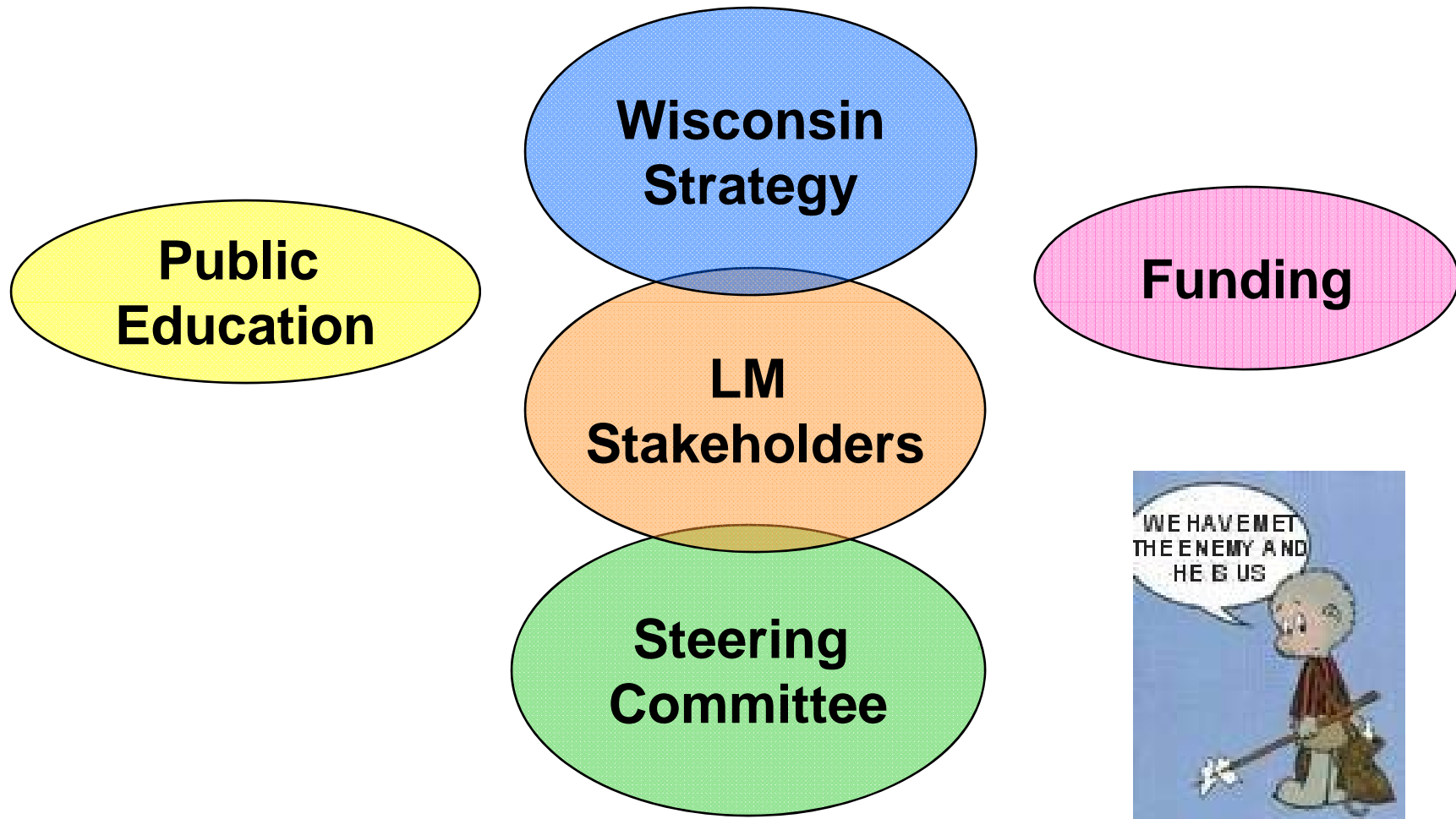


# How We Operate

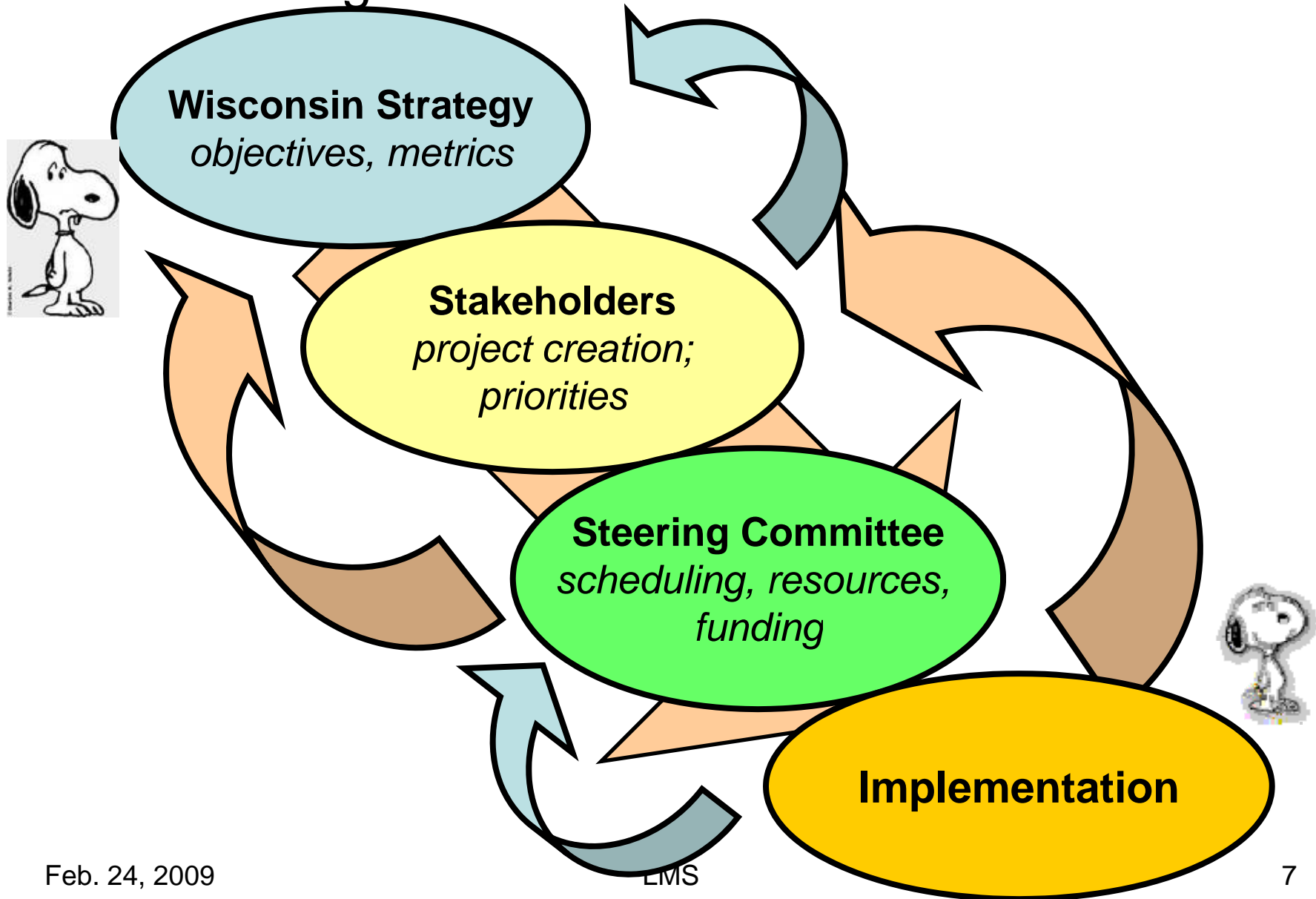
- The Wisconsin Strategy is the basis for developing objectives.
- The LMS meets semi-annually and makes a list of projects to be done based on the objectives set, and creates the project plan.
- The Steering Committee meets quarterly and schedules the projects recommended by the Stakeholders and finds funding.
- Work Group Leaders implement the projects.



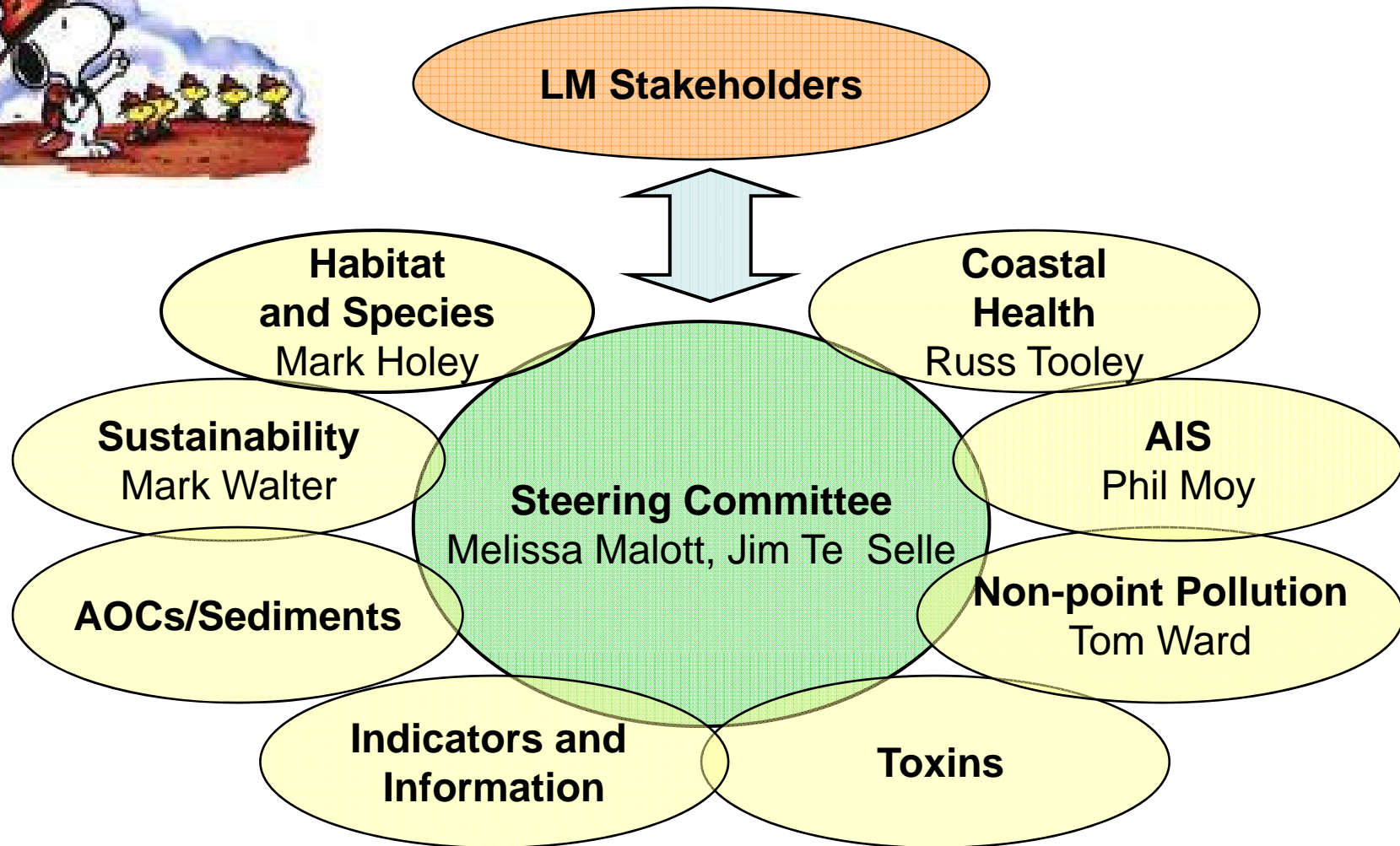
# Lake Michigan Stakeholders – The Basic Functions



# Lake Michigan Stakeholders - The Process Flow



# The Work Groups – Who's Who



# What's Next?

- Our greatest needs are
  - money
  - staff
  - more money
- We also need to work with the other states so we can coordinate our efforts
- But the **TOP** priority.....



# Someone Needs To Steer This Ship!



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