



WALLOON LAKE
ASSOCIATION AND CONSERVANCY

JOHN MARKLEWITZ

WLAC Board Candidate

Education, Training, & Certificate:

- MS Biology Michigan State University
- BS Chemistry Michigan State university
- BS Biology Michigan State University
- Master Naturalist Certification North/South Carolina
- Summer Intern University of Michigan Biological Station
- Summer Intern Michigan State Biological Station

Skills, Experience, & Interests:

Nonprofit Experience, Community Service, Policy Development, Program Evaluation, Education, Instruction

What makes you passionate about the WLAC mission?

I believe in the mission, and can use what skill set I bring to promote and execute the mission. This Lake has been my lifelong home and I care deeply about it.

How do you feel WLAC would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

I bring a level of scientific knowledge and environmental field experience to the Board which many may not possess. I can provide those insights into topics and decisions that involve that physical portion of our lake.

Please list boards and communities you serve, or have served, on (ex. business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, social) :

- WLC and WLTC Board
- Walloon Sailors Board
- National Ski Patrol
- Volunteer Fire Departments in North Carolina (Paramedic)
- Volunteer Bless Back Worldwide (medical mission work)
- Numerous committees, etc. in my 35 year education/coaching career
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Boyne City
- United States Marine Corps Reserve (15 years)

Please list any groups, organizations, or businesses that you could serve as a liaison to on behalf of WLAC:

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Boyne City
- Walloon Sailors

Additional Comments:

I have done the principal water testing on Walloon Lake for the past twelve years. My Father (former President of the WLA) did this before me. I have participated in many of the projects the WLAC has done over the past years. I am a "field guy" and was frustrated at the direction the WLAC took after the merger. I believe (hope) that the mission of protecting our lake gets back to its roots. Under the new staff and the incoming President (Bob Flynn) I think it will. I would like to rejoin that effort.



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RYAN DEERY

WLAC Board Candidate

Education, Training, & Certificate:

- Bachelor's in English
- Master's in English Education
- Master's in Information and Library Science

Skills, Experience, & Interests:

Personnel, Human Resources, Administration, Management, Nonprofit Experience, Community Service, Public Relations, Communications, Education, Instruction, Special Events, Outreach, Advocacy

What makes you passionate about the WLAC mission?

Hundreds of Walloon woods walks and swims have instilled in me both a deep understanding and deep appreciation for the power of the Walloon Watershed. It has taught me to wonder, to wander, and to be thankful and I see the WLAC as both the vehicle to inspire the same emotions and actions in others as well as the protector of the resources that can and do lead to these emotions and actions.

How do you feel WLAC would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

In my role as Director of the Charlevoix Library, as an individual that grew up on Walloon, and as a Petoskey resident I have developed broad connections to diverse individuals and organizations that I can work to connect to the WLAC. Further, due to my role as a library director, I have relatively broad skills that include education, leadership, management, communication, budgeting/accounting, and outreach/collaboration.

Please list boards and communities you serve, or have served, on (ex. business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, social) :

- Current:
 - Charlevoix Rotarian
 - Charlevoix County Community Foundation grant review committee member
 - Northland Library Cooperative board chair
 - Michigan Library Association annual conference committee member
- Previously:
 - Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce board member and board chair
 - Downtown Development Authority board member and chair for the City of Allegan, Michigan
 - Suttons Bay Chamber of commerce board member
 - Association for Rural and Small Libraries board member

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- Charlevoix Rotary
- Charlevoix Kiwanis