



Annual Meeting Board Member Election – 7/16/2022

Each year board member terms expire and are up for election at the annual meeting in July. There are 7 board members and on even years like this year, 4 positions are up for election. Next year there will be 3 positions.

The nominations committee comprised of Carol Hitchcock, Kay Gehrke and Janell Solinsky have made the following nominations to fill the positions currently held by Maria Rudesill, John Dusenbery, Cindy Hermel and Mark Mergenthaler. Maria and Mark would like to be considered for another two-year term on the board, John and Cindy do not want to be considered. Mike Henry and Joan Karls are nominated to fill John Dusenbery's and Cindy Hermel's positions. Additional nominations from the floor will be considered at the annual meeting. Voting is restricted to current paid members of the lake association.



Mike Henry

My wife and I have been on the lake since 1988, full-time residents since 2018. We don't fish, but we love fish.

I worked as a physician in Rhinelander for 36 years, until I retired 4 years ago.

I'm dedicated to doing what I can to help the lake environment and all those who live on the lake and appreciate its splendor. I gravitate toward the scientific opinion, based on verifiable data. If I don't think that there is good science regarding a particular topic, then I gravitate toward consensus.

I volunteer regularly at the boat landing and have found that enjoyable and our presence there appreciated by many of the boaters.

We are year-round residents so I can monitor what's happening on Crescent Lake and in Rhinelander fairly consistently.

If you have any questions I plan to be at the annual meeting on July 16. Hope to see you there.



Joan Karls

The Lake is my Happy Place!

Dear Crescent Lake Association Members: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Crescent Lake Board of Directors.

My husband, Bill, and I have owned property on the Lake since 2001. Although we have been part-timers, we have a very special bond with this lake and are very committed to helping preserve the quality of the lake and making it a “Happy Place” for all who live and visit here.

I am a retired High School Counselor. I have two adult sons, and two granddaughters. I enjoy spending free time volunteering, golfing, and being lazy on the lake. I would be eager and honored to serve as a board member in any capacity that is needed.



Maria Rudesill

Greetings! My name is Maria and I serve as the Executive Director of Crescent Lake Bible Camp. I have been part of the lake community since 2008, but most recently involved as the Vice President for the Crescent Lake Association over the past two years. I have also spent the last year or so as the Secretary / Town Appointee for the Crescent Lake District.

It has been a joy to work alongside our lake neighbors to help ensure that Crescent Lake has the funding and attention it needs to make sure we have a beautiful lake for decades to come.

Education is my passion and I enjoy finding ways to encourage others to learn more about the environment and how our personal choices impact the health and future of our lake. I look forward to the opportunity to continue as part of the Crescent Lake Association board.



Mark Mergenthaler

My wife Melissa and I have had a house on the lake since 2010. Melissa grew up in Rhinelander and has a long-term connection to the area as her family owned the lot our house is built on. They used Crescent Lake for swimming and boating when she was growing up.

We enjoy spending time at the lake throughout the year both during the summer but also for winter activities. Melissa and I like to go hiking, snowshoeing, biking, fishing and kayaking in addition to just relaxing by the lake. We have 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren that join us at the lake periodically.

Our primary residence is in Onalaska, WI, just north of La Crosse. I enjoy playing golf with former co-workers in the La Crosse area.

I am a retired engineer from Trane, a HVAC manufacturing company. I now volunteer during the tax season for the AARP Tax-Aide program in La Crosse.

Both Melissa and I regularly volunteer at the boat landing for inspections and I inspect a portion of the shoreline for EWM in my kayak.

As a board member over the last two years, I have actively participated in board meetings, introduced mentoring plans for officers on the board and worked with the nominations committee.

I am looking forward to working on the board for the members of the lake association for the upcoming two years.