



Ice Age Trail Alliance Board of Directors Nominees

The Ice Age Trail Alliance's Leadership Development and Executive committees recommend the following candidates for election at the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting (**Friday, April 16, 1:00 pm**) to terms on the IATA's Board of Directors:

New director-nominees

Benjamin Swanson (Cross Plains, WI; Region 2) has worked the past 10 years for State Bank of Cross Plains, primarily in commercial lending. An avid outdoorsman, living in Cross Plains affords him the ability to hike and run the local trail system regularly. Ben's family has been involved with the IATA through trailbuilding, land stewardship, and volunteer service, and he is looking forward to the opportunity to continue that commitment. Ben also brings a variety of non-profit experience, including co-founding and chairing a 501(c)(3) organization focused on economic development through outdoor recreation.

Current directors recommended for election

Patty Dreier (Stevens Point, WI; Region 3) has professional experience across all sectors. She has served at local, state, national, and international levels of government including eight years in elected office as Portage County Executive, where she was an advocate for parks, trails, and water resources. She served on the IATA's board of directors from 2000 to 2004 (Secretary, 2003–2004) and again after public service (2018–present). Patty is an "In-the-Mud" award recipient (2001) for her IATA service in Portage County. She earned her M.S. in Natural Resources Management/Environmental Education from UW-Stevens Point. She is an author, speaker, and advocate for young adults, empowering them to stand up for their planet and themselves.

Bob Funk (Whitewater, WI; Region 1) is a retired businessperson who owned and operated two Chicago-area companies. Bob first got involved with the IATA in 2008 when he participated in a Mobile Skills Crew event through the American Hiking Society's Volunteer Vacations program. He has attended most MSC events and several Ice Age Trail University trainings since that time and has earned Crew Leader certification. In addition to hiking, Bob enjoys trail running, skiing and boating.

Sue Greenway (Cumberland, WI; Region 3) was recently appointed to fill a vacant board seat. Sue has been an IATA member since 2015 and currently serves as the treasurer for the Superior Lobe Chapter. She retired after 20 years in finance at a software development company. After retiring and moving to Cumberland, Sue ramped up her volunteer activity with IATA and other nonprofits. She enjoys all things outdoors including hiking, winter sports, motorcycling, and traveling the great United States!

Edward Madere (Janesville, WI; Region 2) is a retired City Manager with over 35 years municipal experience, which included serving as Village Manager of Shorewood, WI. Ed has been an IATA member since 2009 and currently serves as Rock County Chapter Secretary and is on the IATA Advocacy Committee. Ed is also a Wisconsin City/County Management Association Senior Advisor.

Nancy Peterson (Milwaukee, WI; Region 1) is an almost-retired environmental law partner at Quarles & Brady LLP. She recently served eight years on her firm's national board of directors, and also has leadership experience with several Milwaukee non-profit boards. Her love of the outdoors springs from growing up on a lake within miles of the Chequamegon National Forest. She enjoys hiking, especially on the Ice Age Trail, and wherever travels take her and her husband. While relatively new to IATA, she is excited to be part of the Alliance's board.

Tim Yanacheck (Oregon, WI; Region 2) is a recently retired attorney active in a variety of conservation- and arts-related organizations. A long-time IATA member, Tim is an avid hiker and camper and co-directed for many years the annual Kettle Moraine 100 Endurance Runs each June near Eagle, WI.

Recently appointed directors (not up for election)

Ellen Drought (Shorewood, WI; Region 1) is an investment attorney in the Milwaukee office of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. She has been an Alliance member since 1998 and previously served two terms (2006–2011) on the board. She currently serves on the Endowment Committee of the Alliance. She is also a board member of the Museum of Wisconsin Art. Ellen enjoys hiking with her Australian Shepherds, Jasper and Sheba. *Ellen was recently appointed to fill a vacant board seat and will stand for election at the IATA's 2023 Annual Meeting.*