



THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF CANDIDATES

For re-election to a two-year term as Vice President (2023-2025):

Mark Walton

In 2018, stepped down after 6 years as Executive Director for the Michigan Stormwater-Floodplain Association, which followed 30 years working for NOAA's National Weather Service. Was one of the principal scientists/developers of the Stormwater Floodplain Simulation System, distributed worldwide by WARDS Natural Science, and has conducted workshops on this simulation system across the country. B.S. in Watershed Management from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and M.S. in Natural Resources/Remote Sensing from University of Michigan. Has been coming to Crystal Lake for over 60 years as a member of the Congregational Summer Assembly, and in retirement lives year round in a cottage located in the Crystal Lake Watershed. CLWA board member since 2019.



For re-election to a two-year term as Treasurer (2023-2025):

Bruce Gerhart

Retired after 30 years as a research chemist for Dow Chemical Company in Midland, he and his wife Valerie are permanent residents near Beulah on Crystal Lake. Prior to that he had an eight-year stint operating a sports shop in Beulah. His grandfather built a cottage in Beulah in 1928 and it still remains in the family. Supporting the work of the watershed has always been a priority in the extended Gerhart family. CLWA board member since 2016.



For re-election to three-year terms on the board of directors (2023-2026):

Ron Ahrns

Retired from Dow Chemical, following a 35-year career in corporate Controllers, Finance, and Finance Information Systems at numerous Dow locations, businesses and joint ventures. Educational background in accounting and computer science, followed by an MBA with an emphasis in corporate finance. Involved in multiple non-profit boards in the Midland MI and Benzie County communities. Enjoying Crystal Lake with friends since 1995, property owner on Crystal Lake since 2007.

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Rick Cosaro

Graphic designer and web designer who has made his home in Frankfort, MI. Designed and developed the CLWA website (crystallakewatershed.org). Board member since 2011.

Tom Kucera

Retired from thirty years as project manager in construction industry, following ten years doing structural design and construction of nuclear submarines. Now working as the zoning administrator for Crystal Lake Township and doing part-time consulting. Summer visitor since 1965 and year-round resident of Frankfort since 2008. Active in Congregational Assembly. Board member since 2014.

Steve Stephens

Twenty-five year career as a Detective in the UK and Internationally, followed by a 25-year second career as a commercial/investment real estate broker/owner in Illinois. Since arriving in the U.S. in 1983, a regular visitor to Crystal Lake where his late wife's family has ties since the 1920s, permanent resident since retiring in 2010. MSU certified Master Planner and a certified Advanced Master Gardener. Board member of the Benzie County Community Chest, Grow It Wild, Beulah Boosters, Benzonia Township Zoning Board of Appeals; Vice President of the Mills Community House Board for six years and Team Leader of a team maintaining the public gardens in Benzonia Village.

***For election to a three-year term on the board of directors (2023-2026):*****Greg Nowell**

Mechanical engineer retired from Eaton Corp. where he worked in R & D for 35 years. Coming to Crystal Lake since the late 1950s, summer residence south shore, winter residence in Livonia MI. Volunteer (treasurer) for two local condominium associations, board member for the Crystal Lake Property Rights Association. Wife, Monica, two grown children, five grandchildren. "There are new challenges ahead and I want to do my share to keep the lake "Crystal" for my family and to the benefit of Crystal Lake."