



## CRYSTAL LAKE & WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

### CLWA BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Board members roll up their sleeves and do the work!

All board members should be committed to:

- Maintain current membership in the Association
- Attend monthly Board meetings and the Annual meeting
- Join one, preferably more, committees
- Volunteer at CLWA booths during the summer (art fairs and other events)
- Attend monthly Planning Commission meetings in the township where they live
- Support fundraising and educational events sponsored by CLWA
- Attend conferences and webinars to understand lake issues and best practices
- Monitor watershed issues in their townships or village and report to the board
- Advance CLWA strategies to improve protection of the watershed for the future

It's difficult to put a number of hours on the work. A very rough estimate of time would be five hours/week average, but board members should have a degree of flexibility and be prepared to step up when a project or issue heats up. For example, when the Education and Communication committee is preparing the newsletter for publication, hours go up...or when the Land Use committee is involved in analyzing requests for variances, hours go up. The CLWA is involved in many ongoing projects that require continuous attention: swimmer's itch; lake level monitoring; the boat wash; monitoring and research/treatment of invasive species; addressing watershed overlay zoning issues at township and county levels; building partnerships with community members and organizations.

Ideally, board members are able to work across committees and are able to lend their expertise and interest in more than one area. (For example, the current Treasurer also serves on the Water Quality committee.)

In the last several years, the board has been a year-round board. Work continues during the off season. For example, the Water Quality committee is analyzing data year round; the Land Use committee attends township meetings year round. In the off season, meetings are held remotely on Zoom.

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