

WISCONSIN LAND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION

2018 CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Carmen Novak

GIS Technician, Bayfield County

Suzi Smith

GIS Specialist, Bad River Band of
Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Jennifer Tovar

GIS Coordinator,
Town of Greenville

PERSONAL PROFILES

PRESIDENT-ELECT

The president-elect takes office at the end of the annual meeting for a one-year term as president with the term expiring at the end of the annual meeting the following year. The president-elect may be delegated by the president to perform duties of the president in the event of the president's absence and may have other duties as the president or Board may assign. The president-elect also performs as chair of the conference committee for the annual meeting the following year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is composed of twelve (12) directors and three officers. They supervise, manage and direct the affairs of the association. They determine policies or changes within the limits of the bylaws, actively support WLIA's mission, serve as co-chair(s) on standing committees, and have discretion in the disbursement of funds. They also may adopt rules and regulations for conduct of business.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order in the profiles and in random order on the ballot.



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CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT ELECT



Peter Strand

Eau Claire County, GIS-Administrator & Land Information Officer

I am honored to be nominated for President-Elect of WLIA. I have served on the board of directors for the last four years. In that time I have held the positions of vice-chair and then chair of the Education Committee and then the Communications Committee. In addition, I served as the Treasurer and a member of several committees, including the conference committee. As a student volunteer in 2003 for the Annual Conference, I knew WLIA would be central in my professional development in Land Information.

My first encounter with GIS was as an undergraduate Environmental Studies & Biology major at Carthage College. I was blown away by this new technology. I knew immediately that GIS would dramatically grow in the future and I wanted to be a part of that growth. In 2005, I completed the GIS Certificate Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; where I earned a Master of Science degree from the Department of Geography the following year. That same year I accepted a GIS Specialist position with the Eau Claire County Department of Planning and Development. In 2014, with increased demand for GIS services, I assisted in the creation of a GIS Division for Eau Claire County. With the formation of the division I was promoted to GIS Administrator. In 2016, I was appointed Land Information Officer for the county. Over the past 8 years I have also taught GIS courses at both UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire.

I hope for the opportunity to continue serving WLIA as President Elect, advancing the organization's mission, and giving back to the membership.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS



Jennifer Borlick

GIS Manager/Senior Planner, Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency, Rock County

Jennifer Borlick has worked in the geospatial and land records community since 2000, where she started as a limited term employee, and then training associate at the UW-Madison Land Information and Computer Graphics Facility. She left LICGF in 2007 and took a position as the GIS Manager/Senior Planner in the Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency for Rock County. While her main duties reside within the Planning Agency, her duties may take her outside that office as the alternate Land Information Officer, member of the Land Information Council and geospatial analyst for the Rock County Emergency Operations Center.

Jennifer has been a member of WLIA since 2003 filling such roles as presenter, moderator, committee member and task force member. She is currently on the Education, Annual Conference, Communication, Education, and Technical Committees. She is a co-leader for the Women in GIS- Wisconsin Special Interest Group, as well as a Spotlight Committee member for (international) Women in GIS.

Jennifer is a vocal advocate for racial and gender equity endeavors including LGBTQ+ awareness. To unwind, she is a part of many fandoms including, but not limited to, Harry Potter (Ravenclaw); Doctor Who (#4); Marvel; DC; Star Wars and Star Trek.

"I would like to use my skills to help WLIA successfully advocate for the land records community through raising awareness of our needs in terms of securing funding, data acquisition and sharing, and collaboration. I would also like to use the knowledge that I have acquired to help individual members of our community grow in their professions as they come into our Association."



David Buehler
GIS Coordinator, City of Marshfield

David is the City of Marshfield's GIS Coordinator. There he is a jack of all trades, managing and growing the City's GIS program. He uses his knowledge and skills to enable citizens, businesses, and city staff to connect to solve common goals and work towards a better Marshfield. David holds a Bachelor's of Science in Geography from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater and a GIS Certificate from the University of Wisconsin Madison. He has over eight years of experience working with various government agencies.

David believes in sharing knowledge and information. Through that exchange we make better decisions and build better communities. WLIA has nurtured that belief in him professionally. It is through WLIA that David has seen the efforts of the organization to bring different entities together to achieve some pretty amazing goals such as the statewide parcels, NextGen 911, and Wisconsin Orthoimagery. He has brought those lessons back to Marshfield, and applied them to his every day interactions with department staff and community members.

For David it is about making others successful, and in turn he will be successful. David works on contributing back to WLIA through involvement in the Municipal GIS Users Group (a WLIA Special Interest Group), judging the poster competitions, arranging from presentations, teaching a workshop, and giving presentations. He is honored to be nominated for the WLIA Board of Directors, and have the chance to continue the hard work and advance our common goals.



Scott D. Daniel GISP
Senior GIS Programmer/Analyst, GRAEF USA

I am honored and humbled to be nominated to the WLIA Board of Directors and I look forward to serving WLIA and its members in any way that I can.

I have been working in the municipal consulting field since 1988. In 1999 I began to specialize in developing web-based GIS applications for municipalities and counties. I joined WLIA in 2001 and have presented at many of the annual and regional conferences over the years. Since 2012, I have been fortunate to offer my services to WLIA as the conference photographer.

I am experienced in many GIS platforms and programming languages. I have worked directly with key personnel in the private and public sector to develop, user-friendly, interactive, web-based GIS applications that provide access to detailed spatial data for staff and the general public. These opportunities have led me to a deeper understanding of municipal infrastructure and asset management of all kinds from cemeteries to trees, street signs and utilities.

I believe my many years of experience in GIS and broad range of knowledge would be a benefit to WLIA and I would be honored to serve.



Jeremiah Erickson
GIS Specialist for Monroe County

Jeremy is currently the GIS Specialist for Monroe County and has served as their LIO since 2010. The GIS Specialist functions as the Monroe County GIS Coordinator and E911 Rural Addressing Coordinator. Jeremy is currently the Chair of LION and serves as Vice-Chair of the WLIA Legislative Committee.

His past board experiences include being a two-time WRPLA President (2008-2009 and 2014-2015), a District VP (2010-2011), and education and communication committee chair positions. Jeremy has also previously served as an LIO-at-large on the LION board (2015-2016). Locally Jeremy has served as an elementary PTO president for 3 of the last 4 years as well as a stint as Treasurer.

"I have long aspired to one day be able to serve on the WLIA Board. It is an honor to be nominated as so many great leaders and intellectuals have served on this board. I believe that I can be an asset to the board as someone who is respectful of others viewpoints and tries to find common goals." -Jeremy

He originally hails from rural Neillsville, WI in Clark County, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Jeremy is married with two daughters, ages 7 & 11 and resides in Sparta, WI and is a fan of the Badgers, Packers and Brewers.

Jeremy has been a member of the WLIA since 2001.



Karen Manske

Register of Deeds, Columbia County

My name is Karen Manske and I am the Register of Deeds for Columbia County. I was appointed to the office in November, 2014 by the governor. Prior to becoming Register of Deeds I worked as a deputy in the office for 12 years. My background is in real estate, primarily in lending having worked in several financial institutions for the 15 years before joining the Register of Deeds office. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management. I am always looking to enhance my skills and stay current in our industry, so I continue to take education courses that feed that desire to learn more.

I am a member of the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association and currently serve on two committees-the Legislative Committee and the Operations Committee. The Legislative Committee is responsible for tracking pertinent legislation relating to the Register of Deeds Association and to disseminate this information to all members. I am also a member of the Operations Committee, serving as co-chair; that committees' responsibility is to maintain, update and distribute the handbook used by all Register of Deeds, including any statutory or procedural changes.

I am involved in my community outside of my office as well. I serve as the secretary of the Lewiston Plan Commission and have been on this committee since 2012. This committee is responsible for reviewing all requests for zoning changes and conditional use permits per the County's Comprehensive Plan. I, as the secretary, am responsible to submit our recommendations, in writing, to our Town Board for their final approval or denial. I also prepare all agendas and minutes for the Commission.

In my County, I have a great working relationship with my Land Information Officer (LIO). We work closely together to implement and maintain access to information that is important to the public that we serve. We meet on a regular basis to discuss our County's needs- those of the Land Information office and the Register of Deeds office.

I would be honored to serve on the board of the WLIA. I feel I would be an asset because I have a diverse background and would bring a different perspective to the organization. I am passionate about expanding my knowledge in all areas of land information and using that knowledge to assist both the WLIA and the people of Wisconsin.



Zach Newton

Waushara County Land Information Officer/Real Property Lister

In May of 2015, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, following nine years in the Wisconsin Army National guard as a combat engineer on the State's CERF-P team. After graduating, I worked briefly as an LTE engineering aide for the City of Oshkosh where I began learning python scripting and database design.

I first joined Waushara County in the fall of 2015 and by July of 2016 had taken over as the Land Information Officer and the Real Property Lister. My primary responsibilities include updating the GIS infrastructure at the county to meet industry standards, expanding our online presence through ArcGIS Online, and reviewing land divisions for cadastral mapping. Since taking over as the LIO, the county has updated from shapefiles and coverages to an enterprise system and is working on expanding the use of GIS throughout the county by using web maps.

My first experience with WLIA was as a student volunteer while pursuing my degree in GIS, and I later became a full member through the county. I attribute much of the success I have had in my early career to the mentorship I received from WLIA members and I look forward to passing that kind of mentorship along to the next wave of members. I am honored to be nominated to the board of directors and hope that as both a LIO and RPL, I can bring a unique perspective. I look forward to serving the fellow members of WLIA and thank you for the opportunity.



Colter Sikora, GISP

Broadband Mapping Coordinator, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)

WLIA serves its members and Wisconsin best by gathering geospatial talents and resources. My start in Wisconsin GIS is thanks in part to WLIA members welcoming me as I attended my first WLIA conference in 2013. Since then, I have contributed to WLIA as a Technical Committee member, Poster Contest Chairperson, presenter, and moderator. Gratefully being nominated as a Board of Directors candidate, my interests are in supporting new membership and having an open mind to improve Wisconsin's geospatial capabilities.

At the PSC, I process internet coverage data to make tools for citizens and broadband stakeholders and administer agency mapping software and web mapping. These efforts, along with my duties as Chair of the State Agency Geospatial Information Committee (SAGIC), inform me on mapping issues statewide. Projects I've been involved in include WLIA's Foundational Layers documentation, SAGIC's Open Data Page work group, and Wisconsin's first formal statewide parcel and address collection.

While GIS Analyst with St. Charles County in Missouri, I endeavored to understand the business areas that county governments work with, while drafting maps and developing apps. I participated in our county's GIS users group, which exposed me to mapping needs and successes from local governments to help foster collaboration. Internship experiences at National Geographic magazine and Rusk County also give me a broad perspective on quality cartography and rural government in Wisconsin.

My foundation in my work comes largely through UW–Madison, where I earned my Bachelor's in Cartography/GIS and Physical Geography in 2010. I utilize the Wisconsin Idea by volunteer mapping for entities in Wisconsin. Much of my leisure time is spent fishing, photographing, and driving the state, increasing my familiarity with Wisconsin's geography and communities. My education, desire to serve, and zeal to explore my home state drive my passion for mapping. It is with this enthusiasm that I hope to serve WLIA and the wider Wisconsin geospatial community.



Ryan Squires

Lead GIS Applications Developer, Wisconsin State Legislature

Ryan Squires is the Lead GIS Applications Developer with the Wisconsin State Legislature and has been an active member of WLIA since 2010. He has presented at WLIA conferences over a dozen times and has conducted many hands-on workshops at the annual conference. Ryan also serves as a member of the Technical Committee, working hard to advance GIS data in the state.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater in 2007 with a degree in Geography/GIS, Ryan began his GIS career with ESRI in Redlands, CA. After a few years he returned to Madison as a GIS Specialist at the UW–Madison: Forestry and Wildlife Ecology Department. For the past 8 years, Ryan has been with the Wisconsin State Legislative Technology Services Bureau as the Lead GIS Applications Developer. He is responsible for project managing, presenting, designing, developing, and supporting several completely custom enterprise systems that are critical statute-mandated platforms in the facilitation of elections, redistricting, legislative operations, and U.S. Census activities in the State of Wisconsin.

Ryan has created software for projects ranging from targeted mass mailings, to local and legislative redistricting, to the award winning WISE-Decade platform. His software led the Wisconsin Legislative Technology Services Bureau to win the 2015 Esri Special Achievement in GIS. In addition to his technical knowledge, Ryan also serves and maintains good relationships with Senators, Representatives, County Clerks, County Land Information Officers and Municipal Clerks.

Ryan believes he will add value to the WLIA board through his experience working with industry and government organizations to improve geographic data in Wisconsin. In particular, he works closely with the geography community to maintain a statewide layer of municipal boundaries. His CBAS/Data Collection application within WISE-Decade greatly helps minimize the effort it takes for local governments to submit data to the Census. CBAS, first developed as an ArcMap Add-In that was widely well-received, has evolved into a web-based application that has unified the geographic community. Ryan is excited to be nominated for the WLIA board and is eager for the opportunity to expand his role in the organization.



Brandon Tourtelotte
Regional Technical Manager, EagleView Technologies

I am the Regional Technical Manager for EagleView Technologies (Pictometry) in Wisconsin. I am a native of the Twin Cities, and have a BS in GIS from the University of Minnesota. I have spent my whole career in geospatial. This technology has clearly enabled our communities to solve many problems, and I appreciate that it has enabled me to have a rewarding career.

In light of that, I am always looking for ways to give back and to empower and enable other professionals pursuing careers. It's incredibly important to promote and strengthen the Wisconsin Geospatial Community in terms of software, content, policy, and awareness. In the recent past I served two years on the Board of Directors of the MN GIS/LIS Consortium as the Private Sector rep. Currently I am serving as a Business rep on the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council, although that does not have a significant time commitment so no overlap there.

In terms of skillsets I feel my main areas of expertise are imagery, remote sensing, photogrammetry, GPS control, and feature extraction. I have been very active in attending WLIA events, including many regional meetings, and have been involved somewhat in the Conference Committee to date. I also am familiar with key entities such as SAGIC, LION, LTSB, SCO, and WLIC. Thus I feel I would be able to step right into a role on the WLIA Board if I'm fortunate enough to win your vote.



Patrick Walker, GISP
GIS Supervisor, City of West Allis, Wis.

Pat Walker, GISP, is the GIS Supervisor for the City of West Allis, WI where he has worked for almost 25 years. Beginning my employment with the City in the Engineering Dept. which is where the City's GIS System was just beginning to evolve, gave me a realization of the many benefits that a fully mature GIS system could provide to all Departments within the City. In 2000, West Allis decided to go "City Wide" with their GIS system in order to provide the spatial answers and analytical capabilities that are possible with their existing Engineering Utility based GIS to all departments. This created the opportunity for me to transition to our IT Dept. and begin working with every department and expanding our capabilities to help and assist our staff to answer their questions using our growing GIS System. This was also the opportunity for the City to reel in the many silos of data that had been created by each Dept., normalize and modernize the datasets, develop workflows and provide enhanced decision making capabilities, store their data in a SQL Server enterprise database, and create efficient Interactive GIS WebMaps that consume their data and provide access to this data across the organization. In 2007, we migrated all of our GIS data in house from Intergraph to ESRI format and have welcomed the benefits of this transition and the huge user community it provided.

Using my Engineering Degree and my previous 15 years of employment in a private Design / Build firm has helped me in my GIS position, along with Continuing Education night school classes on Oracle and SQL Server from both the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and Marquette University. Additional Microsoft certification training for Windows Server systems, and having our GIS Dept. embedded in our IT Dept. has provided the necessary tools needed to purchase, setup, install and configure my own GIS Servers and software.

Being a member of the WLIA for 13 years, I have done multiple presentations at our conferences, and have learned from other presenters that have shown their solutions to our common issues.

As a GeoMentor working with the West Allis West Milwaukee (WAWM) School District, and sharing the City's GIS capability, we have been able to provide the necessary spatial decisions to guide them in the creation of new Elementary, Intermediate, and High School boundaries using their existing student population data. Sharing solutions and process methods with numerous municipalities that have come to our City to see our GIS efforts is a collaboration that we openly share with any community.

I feel privileged to be nominated for a WLIA Board of Directors position as I am passionate about GIS and would be honored to accept your vote to help fulfill the WLIA's mission statement. I look forward to finally being able to give back to the WLIA organization that has provided so much help to me throughout my GIS career.