

2025 Slate of Nominees for Officers & Trustees

Tom Turner – Candidate for Commodore



Tom is running to continue his journey as the Vice Commodore. The past three years, he has led the By-laws committee, actively served on the membership committee, and also as a volunteer consultant for future capital projects planning at the club. He and his wife Sandy joined the Atwood Yacht Club in 1998. They raised their twin boys, Tim and Jeff, at the AYC spending summer weekends on Twin Wave- their sailboat. When the boys were young, the Turners were active at the club planning the annual Atwood kid's carnival, helping with their junior sailing, and we continue racing with the Sailing Fleets.

Tom's professional career has been in association management, philanthropy, and healthcare administration. For the past almost 18 years, Tom continues as vice president at Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital and in 2011 became the founding

President of the Mercy Development Foundation. Turner has worn many hats from new business development, physician practice management, to creating a new philanthropic hospital foundation. In the area of government relations, he is a registered Ohio healthcare lobbyist for the Cleveland Clinic. and also serves both Mercy and Union Hospitals service areas in government relations work. Prior to Mercy, he worked at Akron Children's Hospital as vice president of business development and marketing.

Tom is a graduate of The Ohio State University, along with degrees from Pepperdine University (MBA) and doctorate from Walden University. For over two decades, he has served as a part-time adjunct professor teaching subjects in the areas of marketing, healthcare strategy, and operations management. When not boating at Atwood, Turner participates as a trumpet player in TBDBITL- OSU Marching Band Alumni, and is a Eucharistic Minister for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. He serves on multiple community boards, government committees, and the Austin-Bailey Health & Wellness Foundation.

Jon Elsasser – Candidate for Vice Commodore



Jon T. Elsasser retired from The Timken Company as senior vice president and chief information officer in 2009. Jon joined the company in 1978 in Canton and subsequently held positions of manager - Bucyrus Bearing Distribution Center, president - Timken do Brasil, group vice president - Europe, Africa and West Asia, and senior vice president – corporate development before assuming his last role in which he was responsible for global information technology and corporate shared services.

He is also active in the community as past chair of Ohio and Erie Canalway Association, as president of the Zoar Community Association, and is a board member of the Ohio History Connection, the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition, and the Buckeye Career Center Foundation.

Jon graduated from The College of William and Mary with a bachelor's degree in economics and from Harvard University with a master's degree in business administration.

Jon and his wife, Cindy, live in Zoar. Their two children, Erica, and Kurt, live in Los Angeles and Columbus, respectively. Jon and Cindy enjoy travel, dining and spending time with their children and grandchildren.



Janelle Snedden – Candidate for Rear Commodore



There's no place like home. For me, that's Atwood. The Lake and the Club have been a constant presence in my life. A childhood filled with boating and camping with my family established my love for the water in general, and for our beloved lake specifically. Over the years, AYC has also become a foundation for my family's life.

After completing my education, I returned to live at the lake and became involved with the Sailing Buckeyes Yacht Club, eventually serving as Social Chair. I met my husband at Atwood Yacht Club, and today we spend many days and nights here with our four children. Atwood Yacht Club is truly an extension of my family—a place of community support, interaction, and lifelong friendships.

I have been honored to serve as a Trustee on the AYC Board for the past two years, and through this role I have gained valuable experience and insight into the operations of our club. I have also served on the Bylaws, Social, House, Junior Sailing, and Harvest Moon Regatta Committees, and

have attended Finance and Budget meetings to broaden my knowledge of our financial priorities. These opportunities have strengthened my understanding of how our club functions, and I believe my collaborative leadership style, problem-solving skills, and commitment to action will help us continue building on AYC's success.

Professionally, I am a Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor for the State of Ohio, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. I also spent 15 years as a professor of Sociology at Stark State College. I hold a Master's degree in Sociology and am certified in Lean Six Sigma, which I believe can be an asset in promoting efficiency and thoughtful growth at the club.

Many of you also know me as a yoga instructor on the club lawn or as skipper of HeatWave in our club regattas. Both of these roles reflect qualities I bring to AYC leadership. Yoga emphasizes balance, focus, and creating space for others to thrive, while skippering requires teamwork, strategy, and the ability to stay calm under pressure. These perspectives, wellness, inclusivity, and strong leadership, are just as valuable off the water as they are on it, and I look forward to continuing to share them with our club community.

I believe in AYC's bright future. With respect for our history and a vision for growth, I am committed to working hard as your Rear Commodore to ensure future generations continue to benefit from all Atwood Yacht Club has to offer.

John Richard – Candidate for Past Commodore



John Richard became president of the Stark Education Partnership (SEP) in 2021, leading the non-profit organization through a strategic planning process. Before joining SEP, he served as Deputy State Superintendent at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) in Columbus for five years, previously serving as a senior executive director and associate superintendent for the ODE. He was the Associate Executive Director for OASSA overseeing professional development of principals across Ohio and served as Superintendent of Perry Local Schools in Stark County from 2005 until 2013. He also has been a part-time instructor at the University of Akron in the principal licensure program.

The education leader is enthusiastic about increasing the capacity of quality leadership to prepare students for their next step after high school and is an experienced speaker and facilitator, effectively working with diverse groups. He often facilitates leadership teams or groups through one- or two-day retreats. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Mount Union, a master's degree from Cleveland State University, and earned his doctorate at the University of

Akron. He has served on various boards, currently serving on the Strengthening Stark Governance Committee and University of Mount Union Alumni Association and M Club (athletics). He is involved at his local church and participates in a weekly



multi-cultural Bible study. He enjoys running, hiking, boating, and traveling. He and his wife Kim have five children and an ever-increasing number of grandchildren!

Name - Candidate for Treasurer

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Karen Baer - Candidate for Secretary



I am a lifelong resident of Stow Ohio and grew up camping with my family and spent many memorable weekends at Atwood Lake Campground. In 1998 my husband Butch bought a cottage on Arcadia Drive in Atwood Pines. Our daughter Madison and son Hayden grew up at the lake spending countless hours swimming, tubing, knee boarding, fishing and sitting around the campfire. In the early 2000s we joined AYC enjoying the pool, playground and the family activities including the pirate boat scavenger hunt. Since my retirement in June of this year Butch and I are spending about 50% of our time at the lake.

Why do I want to serve as an AYC board member ?

Thirty five years of leadership in the nonprofit arena has prepared me well and taught me the value of teamwork, stewardship, collaboration and most importantly commitment. I have served on countless boards, chaired many local and state committees and have extensive experience in fund raising, program expansion and building and property development, expansion and maintenance. I believe that I can use my experiences to be of service to the members of AYC.

Education and Work History

I am a graduate of the Ohio State University earning a master's degree in nutrition. I also earned a master's degree in health care administration from St Joseph's College in Maine. My professional career has been dedicated to serving mission driven nonprofit organizations.

I worked 22 years in the organ and tissue donation and transplant field serving as President of Mid-America Tissue Center in Massillon for 12 years and at LifeBanc as Chief Clinical Officer in Cleveland for 10 years.

In June 2025 I retired from Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development after serving 13 years as the Chief Executive Officer. Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development in Shaker Heights, an organization focusing on the social and emotional health and well being of children and teens. The center houses a toddler and preschool program for typical and special needs children, a pediatric and adolescent mental health clinic and provides professional education hours for early childhood development professionals.

Stacy Lapish - Candidate for Trustee



Since 2013, I've been lucky enough to call Atwood Lake my full-time home-a little slice of paradise in Carroll County. Each day I get to look out my window and see the flags flying proudly at the Atwood Yacht Club, always wondering what kind of wind the day will bring for sailing.

I joined the Atwood Yacht Club in 2017, and over the years, I've gathered what some might call a small fleet of boats: my relaxing Barletta barge, a sporty Boston Whaler, a Hobie Cat catamaran, and my sailboat, Hypnotized, which I skipper with pride. When I'm not on the water, I work in Canton as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, but the lake is truly where my heart belongs.



I've had the pleasure of serving on the Atwood Harvest Moon Regatta Committee for the past five years and have been active in the Ladies Auxiliary, where I proudly served as President in 2021. Volunteering at so many social events has been such a joy for me-it's always rewarding to help create special experiences for our members.

What I treasure most, though, are the friendships I've made here. The Atwood Yacht Club has given me not only countless adventures on the water, but also a true community-a family of friends who make every gathering feel special.

That's why I would like to be a Board Member-to give back to the Club that has given me so much, to support its traditions, and to help shape a bright and exciting future for the Atwood Yacht Club and all who love it.

Michael Kane - Candidate for Trustee

My wife Kristin and I have three adult children who are all married and have three grandkids with two more on their way in the coming months.

We bought our lake house in 2020, and joined the Yacht Club as Social Members that year as a way to get to know more people at the lake. Since that time I was asked to join the finance committee, then found my way over to Membership in April 2024.

We have met so many nice people at the club at all the events throughout the past 5 years, and I have decided to run again for my second term as Board Trustee.

Wendi Senhauser - Candidate for Trustee



Personal Background

I grew up and raised my family in Central Ohio, living in Beechwold, Worthington, Dublin, and Powell.

I am the proud Daughter and Sister to two amazingly talented parents and one onery Brother. I grew up spending almost every weekend, holiday, birthday, anniversary – you name it, with my large extended family. 18 Aunts & Uncles, their spouses & too may cousins to count!

I'm married to Norman Senhauser, and together we have a blended family of five children—three girls of mine and two boys of Norm's—all of whom are now thriving in their careers and relationships. We're also thrilled to be grandparents! My parents are both in their 80s and reside in Delaware, Ohio.

Today, Norm and I split our time between our home on Atwood Lake (across from Boaters Beach) and our place in Stuart, Florida.

Hobbies & Interests

I've always been drawn to the outdoors, and enjoy hiking, biking, boating, pickleball, and (formerly) golf. I also love tackling DIY home improvement projects—minor remodeling, painting, trim work, and design are favorites. Boating excursions to the Bahamas is a more recent enjoyment.



My most cherished hobby is traveling to visit our children and grandbaby.

Career Experience

- **1998–1999:** Office Assistant / Account Rep, Computer Distribution Firm
 - **1999–2002:** Account Rep, Telecom Resale Company (Worthington, Ohio)
 - **2002–2025:** Project Manager, Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (New Albany, Ohio)
 - Worked with telecom providers all over the world ordering and installing voice and data circuits for our global stores.
 - Planned, budgeted, purchased, and installed network, voice, and POS hardware across 1100 new and existing stores in our global footprint.
 - Partnered with vendors worldwide to deliver reliable and scalable technology solutions.
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Atwood Connection

My ties to Atwood Lake began through Norm's family. His parents, Don and Helen Senhauser, purchased a cabin on the lake in the late 1940s when the lake was first created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The cabin served as a summer retreat and was later expanded in 1994 to become the Senhauser second home, filled with family gatherings and sailing adventures.

I first visited Atwood on July 4th weekend, 2013, where I was warmly welcomed into the Senhauser family. From that day forward, Atwood became a special place for me. Helen, in her kind and generous way, made sure everyone knew Norm and I, and through her introductions we quickly built lasting friendships. That sense of community, peace, and belonging was what ultimately made Atwood our home.

The Board Run

We became official members of the Yacht Club shortly before Helen's passing, and we've proudly participated in the ongoing Capital Campaign. The energy and excitement around the Club's growth inspired us to become more involved.

When I was approached about running for a board position, I felt it was (possibly a push of above 😊) the right time to contribute more deeply. I believe my background in project management, budgeting, and vendor partnerships uniquely positions me to help enhance member experiences and support the Club's long-term vision.

Serving on the board would allow me to give back to the community that has given so much to myself and the Senhauser family.

