

LCIA VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Volunteering on one of LCIA's committees is a great way to help out our organization and give back to this beautiful community at the same time. Peruse through the many LCIA committees listed below and see if one or more appeal to you. We would love to have you join us. Feel free to contact the committee chair of your choice for more information on how to join.

LCIA BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair (LCIA Treasurer): John (Bo) Hesser
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The purpose of the LCIA Budget and Finance Committee is to track and report all income and expenses for the LCIA. Responsibilities include filing the proper forms to the IRS on an annual basis. The committee also constructs and obtains consensus for the next annual budget.

LCIA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair (Temp): Dave Letts
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Note: This position is currently open to volunteers

The purpose of the LCIA Environmental Committee is to keep our membership aware of the status, issues and concerns associated with the Les Cheneaux Islands recreational water quality as well as the diversity and resilience of our coastal wetland environment. Core to its charter, the Environmental Committee engages with State and University laboratories to test our local area waters. Other Committee efforts includes sampling of local fish populations and testing for PFOS (forever chemicals).

LCIA EVENTS COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair: Position is open
Contact:

Every year the LCIA sponsors or participates in several local and community events. Our presence at outdoor events is typically centered around our vivid LCIA branded tent. Whereas indoor events, we will generally see LCIA branded tables and merchandise. At all events, you are sure to find a smiling LCIA volunteer or two who is willing to tell you all about LCIA or provide you with the opportunity to by some very cool LCIA swag!

To help make sure our events are a success, the LCIA Events Committee is responsible for the set-up of all LCIA branded tents and/or display gear. The Committee make easy work of its logistics via our LCIA storage trailer. In addition to LCIA display set-ups, the committee is responsible for assuring we have a couple avid LCIA volunteers available to work our tent and tables for an hour or so during each event.

LCIA SOCIAL COMMITTEE

2026-2024 Co-Chair: Lin Schepperly

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2025-2026 Co-Chair: Barb Favret

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The purpose of the LCIA Social Committee is to coordinate the LCIA Annual Dinner, and other social events sponsored by the Association. Coordination of these events includes but is not limited to the following tasks:

- **Acquiring all permits, licenses, and insurances**
- **Contracting caterers**
- **Reserving event space**
- **Planning and engaging keynote speakers**
- **Contacting local businesses for donations**
- **Finding and arranging volunteers to help**
- **Designing and distributing marketing materials**

LCIA FISH & GAME COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair: Jim Keighley

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The LCIA Fish & Game Committee has established a relationship with the state and federal agencies that manage the natural resources in the area. The purpose of the committee is to monitor and report on key research activities relevant to the Les Cheneaux area such as the annual DNR fisheries assessment that has been conducted for 50 years. The committee attempts to keep the membership informed of impacts to the health and the well-being of our native fish and animals. Many current LCIA members or their relatives became attracted to the Les Cheneaux area while on a hunting or fishing vacation.

LCIA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair (Temp): John Griffin

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NOTE: This position is currently open to volunteers

The purpose of the LCIA Historical Committee is to research, gather and report information on local area historical facts and people of interest. Using its historical research information, the committee creates and provides a historical oriented report or story for our quarterly newsletters, the LCIA Annual Meeting and briefings at the LCIA Board meetings. The purpose of these reports are to remind us of people and events of the past that have come together to shape our present sense of community with appreciation of this beautiful place we call Les Cheneaux.

LCIA MARINE COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair: Jim Keighley

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The purpose of the LCIA Marine Committee is to help ensure the navigable waterways of the Les Cheneaux Islands are well identified. To help fulfill this purpose, the LCIA Marine Committee annually identifies potential waterway hazards and then places 125+ ATON's (commonly recognizable system of buoy-aids to navigation) in the Les Cheneaux waterway to identify these hazards. Knowledgeable boaters will quickly recognize these ATON's which are positioned to help them avoid the hazards. Providing safe water activity is the ultimate goal of the LCIA Marine Committee. Additional responsibilities of the committee include the retrieval, maintenance/replacement and winter storage of all buoys and hardware.

LCIA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair: Anne Royan

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The Membership Committee supports the Les Cheneaux Islands Association by engaging new members, strengthening and sustaining connections with current members, and encouraging broad participation in the work of the organization. LCIA relies on its membership to carry out many community projects and activities, including inspections of seasonal properties, placement and maintenance of navigational buoys, youth water-safety classes, a local food drive, and environmental testing.

The Membership Committee also hosts annual summer social events to welcome new members and thank existing members for their continued support. By fostering a warm, inclusive, and well-informed membership base, the committee helps ensure that LCIA remains a strong, engaged voice for the entire Les Cheneaux Islands community.

LCIA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair (1st Past President of LCIA): Paul Tabor

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The LCIA Nominating Committee is responsible for recruiting, screening and nominating new and potential LCIA officers and directors. All nominees are then formally voted into the LCIA officer and director positions by the association members at the LCIA annual meeting (typically held in July).

LCIA PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair (1st Past President of LCIA): Paul Tabor

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The purpose of the LCIA Past Presidents Committee is to follow-up on the status and well being of those who have faithfully and previously served as President of the LCIA. The committee is responsible to report the passing of any past presidents to the LCIA Board so they might be remembered with some form of tribute or memorial. The Committee is also responsible to coordinate an annual social event of the past presidents at some point during the summer months. These camaraderie events are designed to keep our past LCIA heritage alive and well.

LCIA TOWNSHIP LIAISON COMMITTEE

2025-2026 Chair: Jim Keighley

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The purpose of the LCIA Liaison Committee is to create a link between the Clark Township government and the LCIA. Responsibilities of the committee include attending Clark Township meetings and reporting any newsworthy issues to the LCIA Board. The LCIA Board will often use the information gathered to keep our general membership aware of key factors facing our association, our community and surrounding area.

LCIA YOUTH BOATER CERTIFICATION AND WATER SAFETY COMMITTEE

2023-2024 Chair (Temp): Paul Tabor

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NOTE: This position is currently open to volunteers

Since the LCIA promotes and encourages water and boating safety, it is only fitting then that we created the LCIA Youth Boating Certification and Water Safety Committee. The purpose of the committee is to facilitate the teaching of basic boating knowledge and skills in a classroom setting. Facilitated by the Michigan DNR and coordinated and taught by Mackinac County Marine Deputies, these courses are free of charge to the community, regardless of LCIA membership. Graduates of the course receive an official DNR boating certificate, which the State of Michigan requires of all people age 12 and older to operate a watercraft over 6 HP. Each graduate also receives a life jacket with the LCIA Logo, compliments of the Trip Abnee Memorial Fund of the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation. Any youth who takes the Michigan Boater's Safety Course online and presents the Boaters Safety certificate from the online class to an LCIA officer will receive an LCIA Life Jacket. This Fund was initiated by the Abnee Family in Honor of Trip, a past LCIA President and the originator of the LCIA Youth Boater Safety Class.

LCIA Merchandising Coordinator

2025-2026 Chair: Kathy Letang

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The LCIA Merchandising Coordinator is responsible for planning, sourcing, and managing branded merchandise that supports the mission and visibility of the Les Cheneaux Island Association in order to strengthen identity and enhance member engagement within the community.

Merchandise Planning and Development

- Design and curate
- Source and maintain
- Negotiate pricing
- Track inventory

Sales and Distribution

- Coordinate sales at events
- Oversee point of sale & ensure smooth transactions

Financial Tracking

- Monitor merchandise, revenue, and expenses
- Maintain accurate sales and inventory records
- Provide reports to the board

LCIA Membership & Communications Manager

Cyndi Soderlund

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The Communications & Membership Manager works with the Membership Committee to keep LCIA members informed and connected while maintaining accurate, up-to-date membership records. The role handles newsletters, email updates, social media, and website content, as well as supporting member renewals and outreach.