

2024 ICL Election

Biographies of proposed nominees to fill vacant positions.

Vice President

Steve Demand – Steve has owned a home in the North Georgia Mountains for twenty three years. Upon retirement he chose to sell his Atlanta condo and his Blue Ridge home for a home in Young Harris. He has lived permanently in Young Harris for nine years.

His move to Young Harris was due in part by the opportunities that the college and ICL had to offer. He joined the ICL Board soon thereafter and was President for two years.

He took a part time position at Brasstown Valley Resort over 8 years ago and still works there.

He is currently involved with the Sheriff's Auxiliary in Towns County and a new Board member of the HOA he resides in.

He looks forward to, once again, contributing to ICL and the current Board.

Member-at-Large

Diane Banakas - Diane is a native of Pensacola, Florida, where she spent the majority of her working years at the City of Pensacola Police Department, and the Sanitation Services department. She and her husband, Stephan, discovered Hayesville in 1997, bought a part-time place, and after retirement, spent several years traveling back and forth from Florida, finally making the move to a full-time home in 2005.

Diane is a graduate of Pensacola Junior College and Troy State University, where she majored in resource/operations management. She is an active member of the Misty Mountain Quilters Guild, and enjoys working with metals and beads to make jewelry and other items. She and Stephan live with their two cats, Gordon and Maggie.

Jill Long – Jill has been a resident since 2005. She is retired from a nursing career. Jill started teaching at ICL in 2008 and was taking classes prior to that time. Jill enjoys Lake Chatuge, gardening and grandkids.

Janet Trlica - Janet is a native Texan and a graduate of North Texas State University. She worked 34 years in Corporate America. The first 16 years was with Anderson Clayton Foods, followed by 18 years with JC Penney at their home office in Plano, Texas. The major portion of my career was spent in Purchasing. Janet first came to this area in 2004 and within two weeks had purchased a cabin in Suches. She continued to live here part time until 2010, when she and her husband purchased yet another home and decided to make Blairsville their permanent residence. The choice they have never regretted! Janet has been involved with ICL for several years. Most recently serving as Registrar. She is an active parishioner at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.