

Annalise Povolo joins Lake Leelanau Lake Association as Director of Administration and Programs

Lake Leelanau Lake Association (LLLA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Annalise Povolo, a Lake Leelanau native and graduate of Leland High School, to the newly created role of Director of Administration and Programs.

Annalise joins LLLA as its first full-time employee, after being involved with the Association for the past two summers as the dive team leader for its Aquatic Invasive Species Remediation and Monitoring program. During its 2022 planning cycle, LLLA's board identified the need for a skilled and dedicated individual to manage the Association's dynamic growth in programs, fund-raising, volunteers and administration. She will now take on additional responsibilities in the areas of community engagement, fundraising, education, communication, volunteer coordination, and general administration.



"After several years traveling and building my academic and professional resume, I am genuinely excited about this opportunity to apply what I have learned to protect the lake on which I grew up," Ms. Povolo told the Board.

"Annalise truly understands Lake Leelanau's environmental assets and challenges," said Tom Hiatt, President of the LLLA. "Not only that; she knows the people in this community and understands how much we value the lake's pristine beauty."

Annalise recently completed her Master's degree in Aquatic Ecology from the University of Bremen in Germany. Prior to that, she worked as a scuba diving instructor in Thailand, as an English teacher in Vietnam, and as a state worker for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Research Station in Charlevoix. During her undergraduate program at the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE), Annalise was active in environmental advocacy groups and worked in SNRE's Office of Communications.

"We are incredibly lucky to have someone of Annalise's background and experience leading our efforts," said Brian Price, the Association's Lake Biologist. "She knows the lake from top to bottom—literally. With her skills, she could have gone anywhere. We're thrilled that she has chosen to work with us to protect Lake Leelanau."

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