

## Meet the Candidates

Tennessee Trails is governed by a Board of Directors. This Board consists of a Representative from each chapter plus 9 Directors at Large as well as 3 Regional Directors. These Directors serve a term of three years. Three new Directors and one Regional Directors are elected each year at the Annual Meeting. This year the Annual Meeting is October 26, 2024 at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Here are your candidates for 2025-2027

### **Directors at Large:**

#### **Jan Lyons**

*Home Chapter.* East Tennessee

*Years in TTA.* At least 10, have been enjoying joint TTA hikes for much longer

*Offices held.* Cumberland Trails Conference and Community Shares boards, lead TTA chapter hikes  
*Favorite hikes.* Locally it's River Bluff, can't get enough of all the wildflowers, and any trail with an arch or large rock house

*Favorite thing about being in TTA.* Exploring local hiking favorites in different areas of Tennessee during the annual conference

*Personal.* Retired early to play tennis and hike

#### **June Callahan**

Hi! My name is June Callahan, and I am in my third year of being the Treasurer for Tennessee Trails Association, Inc. This is an exciting role that allows me to use my accounting knowledge to assist an organization that has given me such pleasure over the years.

I first joined TTA in 2002 when I wanted to go on a weekend camping trip to the Smoky Mountains. You had to be a TTA member to be accepted on the trip. My friend, Sue, and I turned up with a family-size tent that would have slept 8, and everyone else turned up with tiny backpacking tents. Our new TTA friends immediately christened our tent the Taj Mahal! So began many years of learning how to hike safely in Tennessee. The friendliness of the TTA hikers and the safe feeling it gave me to be hiking in a group really got me out into the beautiful scenery of Tennessee. Prior to arriving in the USA, I had only hiked or rambled, as they call it in the UK, in the peaceful English country with no wildlife capable of doing me any harm. Hike where there are bears? My family thought I was crazy! A big thank you to TTA and all the wonderful hike leaders who have helped to expand my horizons.

#### **Steve Turner**

*Home Chapter:* Clarksville

*Years in TTA:* Joined TTA in 2021 after meeting a Chapter Member for advice on the Camino de Santiago.

*Offices Held:* 2023 - Chapter Secretary 2024-2025 - Chapter Co-Chair

*Favorite Hikes in TN:* Radnor Lake State Park and Percy Warner Park, Nashville. Rotary Park Clarksville, my local almost daily hike location.

*Favorite International Hikes:* Tongariro Alpine Crossing, North Island, New Zealand and Roys Peak, Wanaka, New Zealand

*Favorite Things about being in TTA:* Absolutely about the sense of Community and Common Interest. Everyone pitches in to help whenever there is something to learn or new hiking goal to achieve. We take care of everyone during the hikes and make sure everyone returns safely.

*Personal:* I retired at the end of 2021 after 40+ years working as an Engineering Leader in various capacities. I'm originally from the United Kingdom and moved to the USA in 2000 with my family. We've lived in Michigan, New York State and now Tennessee. My wife is a Realtor, though she's still not quite ready for the retired life yet. We have two grown children, both living in Tennessee and two grandchildren living in Clarksville.

**Regional Director**

**Will Latham**

Home Chapter: Scenic City

Years in TTA 4+ years

Offices Held: East TN Regional Director, Communications Chair

Favorite Hikes: Any hike that takes place when it's 80 degrees or less

Favorite thing about TTA: Hiking with people who take care of each other

Family: wife - Melinda. Daughter Molly and her husband Chandler who live here in Chattanooga.