

To the Honorable Common Council of Manitowoc:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you in regard to the vacancy in the 1<sup>st</sup> Aldermanic District. As my resume illustrates, I bring a wealth of experience that would be incredibly beneficial to this position.

Serving on the Council surely comes with a number of trials, and I have never been one to shy away from a challenge. A defining moment of my life came at the age of 21, halfway through my college career, when I experienced a traumatic spinal cord injury that left me paralyzed from the chest down with only limited use of my arms and hands. Adapting to life in a wheelchair and relearning how to do the most basic daily tasks required a level of patience and fortitude that is difficult to put into words. I often say that I'm an eternal optimist, and each of those early days tested that mantra. But after two months in the hospital and additional outpatient therapy, I returned to college the following semester determined to finish my degree. It's been nearly 20 years since my injury and that drive to move forward with life is what has shaped me into the hard worker that I am today.

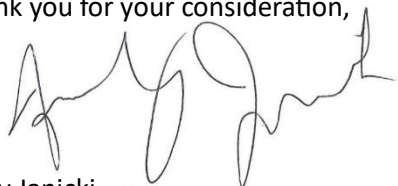
Shortly after returning to college, I joined student government where I served as both a senator and in the executive branch. It was here that I gained a deep appreciation and passion for the legislative process. Despite our differences and disagreements at times, working with fellow students for the greater good of our university was both humbling and rewarding. I have long thought of holding public office but have never lived in the same place for more than five years in my life. In 2020, I bought my first house here in Manitowoc. Despite moving in the midst of a global pandemic, I felt an inherent sense of community that has only grown over time. As I've befriended dozens of neighbors and explored this great city, I feel at home and finally ready to stay put!

Throughout my diverse career, I have worked with people from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures and opinions. Effective communication and strong listening skills have helped me accomplish great things in my various roles. I am very diplomatic in nature and understand how crucial it can be to fully absorb all sides of an issue in order to establish an agreement that benefits the greater good. At the same time, operating my own business for five years gave me a great deal of leadership experience, and often required quick problem-solving and ingenuity.

All of these combined skills have led to great success in my current role as the Coordinator of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society. As the Society's sole employee with little oversight, this position demands a great deal of self-discipline and organization. I'm sure you are aware of the recent developments at the zoo, including major renovations of the prairie dog and new coyote exhibits, and most notably, the upcoming development of a Coastal Wetland Aviary. I have worked tirelessly to raise nearly half a million dollars for projects like these since accepting this position in October of 2021. During that time, I have seen first-hand just how much the people of Manitowoc cherish this local treasure. The Lincoln Park Zoo unites this community in a way that I haven't experienced in many places, and I am incredibly proud of the progress that has been made in my short tenure.

I would love to bring my passion and expertise to the Common Council. It would be an honor to represent my district and a pleasure to work with you all on continuing to make Manitowoc a wonderful place to live. If you have any questions for me or would like any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Janicki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "J".

Andy Janicki

# ANDY JANICKI

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## EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science Degree, 2007: BIOLOGY, WATER RESOURCES  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP), Stevens Point, WI

## EXPERIENCE:

Lincoln Park Zoological Society, Manitowoc, WI October 2021-Present  
**SOCIETY COORDINATOR** The LPZS is a nonprofit with a mission to maintain and enhance an ethical, high-quality public zoo in partnership with the City of Manitowoc. I provide administrative support to the Board of Directors and serve as liaison between the Society and City staff. Write grants and pursue other funding opportunities targeted at exhibit renovation and development. Work with City staff and contractors on the design and implementation of improvements and capital developments at the zoo. Assist with the planning and execution of events, coordinate the Lights in Lincoln Park throughout the year, recruit and organize volunteers. Conducted a complete overhaul of the membership program to recruit new members and encourage retention. Created online payment options for donations and sales, regularly update the LPZS website, and provide marketing support through social media. Write, edit and format a quarterly newsletter and design promotional materials. Serve as the main contact for public engagement.

Wheels to Water, Los Angeles / Morro Bay, CA February 2015-March 2020  
**FOUNDER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Wheels to Water was a charitable nonprofit with a mission of empowering people with disabilities through adaptive kayaking. I founded this organization and continuously carried out all administrative duties with little to no assistance. This included initial establishment of 501(c)(3) status, drafting crucial incorporation documents, and becoming a nationally recognized chapter of Disabled Sports USA. Wrote a number of grants and led several successful fundraising efforts. Created a website and maintained a social media presence, sent email updates to donors, designed promotional materials, tabled at events and expos, and networked with a variety of organizations. I recruited and trained volunteers on equipment set up, safety, disability etiquette and much more, instructed new participants on proper equipment use, paddling techniques and safety, and organized and guided each kayaking excursion.

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, Downey, CA October 2014-May 2017  
**PEER MENTOR / LIFE COACH** As a Peer Mentor, counseled newly injured patients and family members on acceptance to living with a spinal cord injury (SCI) and fielded a range of questions in a hospital environment. Provided tutorials in the therapy gym on techniques for everyday life with paralysis and using a wheelchair. Moderated support groups to address obstacles that others are facing and provided guidance. Taught patient classes focused on critical SCI information. As a Life Coach, met with outpatients on a regular basis to assist with community reintegration after discharge. Worked with clients to establish life goals and provided resources necessary to achieve them. Acted as a conduit between clients and support agencies, conducted home visits to assess any issues or hazards faced on an everyday basis. These positions both required superb listening and communication skills, along with sincere empathy for people dealing with life-altering injuries.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, CA November 2012-October 2014  
**ADA COMPLIANCE ANALYST** Worked in the Department of Civil Rights – ADA Compliance Division to ensure that LAC Metro is providing fair and equal transportation and services to people with disabilities throughout the largest county in the US. Reviewed and approved plans for bus, light rail and subway extension projects,

met with contractors to ensure ADA requirements were being met or exceeded, conducted site visits to discuss new development or renovation projects. Assisted in a bus redesign project to accommodate larger mobility devices that ultimately added 2,000 new vehicles to our fleet. Managed the 'Mystery Rider Program' which strives to make Metro bus services as accessible as possible to passengers with disabilities, was in regular contact with contracted vendors and division managers throughout the county, analyzed monthly data and created two comprehensive reports on a monthly and quarterly basis, gave presentations to division administration and bus operators on the program. Provided several different disability awareness training courses to Metro staff.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison, WI

January 2008-October 2012

**ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR** Worked to create and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for people with disabilities statewide. Worked closely with citizens with disabilities and organizations to address access to recreation programs. Technical Advisor to the Disability Advisory Council, acting as a conduit between the citizen board and the DNR, and served as department liaison to the WI Council on Physical Disabilities. Trained staff on ADA standards and updates, gave regular presentations at state and federal conferences, and worked with various media outlets to promote programs and projects. Developed and updated brochures and managed a website. Supervised one employee on researching updates to the ADA, assistance with drafting policy, project design, and co-presenting information statewide. Sole ADA consultant to engineers and construction management staff on development projects. Worked with property managers to ensure ADA compliance in the field. Drafted comments on federal rule changes, worked with state lawmakers on disability-related legislation, and worked with legal staff on improvements to department policy.

Student Government Association, UW-Stevens Point

Academic year 2006-07

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR** Researched the progress of legislation at the state and federal level concerning student issues and kept the UWSP Student Senate informed. Supervised the Legislative Affairs Committee which kept students involved and active in the judicial process. Spearheaded a campaign on campus to register students to vote and get them to the polls, which successfully increased student voter turnout by over 100%. Worked with city officials, organized and moderated a mayoral candidate forum, scheduled and worked information and voter registration tables, worked with local media outlets to promote elections, and gave regular presentations. Advocated for student issues in the biennial budget cycle by testifying at Joint Finance Committee hearings, organizing student action days, and lobbied at the state and national capitals.

Disability Advisory Council, UW-Stevens Point

January 2006-May 2007

**FOUNDER / MEMBER** I founded this group in order to increase accessibility and disability awareness on campus. The council consists of students with disabilities and staff that continues to be actively engaged in making UWSP a more disability-friendly campus. Our greatest accomplishment involved conducting a campuswide accessibility assessment. We then worked alongside administrators and facility managers to address flaws and strengthen campus-wide accessibility to meet or exceed ADA compliance.

Student Government Association, UW-Stevens Point

Academic year 2005-06

**STUDENT SENATOR** This body is responsible for representing and acting in the best interest of the students of UWSP. We met weekly to debate and vote on proposed legislation and passed annual budgets for over 200 student organizations. Senators were required to attend at least two weekly committee meetings and remain engaged in activities and projects. (This was a volunteer position.)

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## AWARDS:

**2016 OUTDOOR INSPIRATION AWARD** Outdoor Retailer is a collaboration of thousands of manufacturers and professionals within the outdoor equipment industry. Each year they organize the world's largest summer and winter showcases of outdoor gear, trends and ideas, and recognize those that "inspire others to participate in and support outdoor activities". In 2016 I was nominated anonymously and voted the Individual Winner (amongst other categories) by a panel of judges for recently starting Wheels to Water, a nonprofit that strives to empower people with disabilities through adaptive kayaking.

**2012 UWSP TRAILBLAZER** This award is presented to one UWSP alumni each year who has shown leadership in an admirable profession within ten years of graduation. I was selected as the 2012 Trailblazer for my commitment and passion to expanding outdoor recreational opportunities for people with disabilities throughout Wisconsin.

**2007 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR** United Council, the UW-System's statewide student government association, represents 26 campuses. I was selected for this award largely due to my work during the 2006 statewide election, specifically my strong student organizing and leadership skills. Additionally, I was voted Executive Member of the Year by the UWSP Student Government.

## District 1 Supporters

As I mentioned in my introductory letter, I have come to know and care about many of my neighbors. This goes far beyond a general acquaintance. Working from home gives me the flexibility to walk my dog anytime, and I constantly see and chat with these folks. These people know me, they know where I live, and most importantly, they know how approachable and receptive I am.

I have neighbors with Trump flags, rainbow flags, and other showings of political or social issues. Not only do I say hello to everyone, but I regularly converse openly with them at neighborhood get-togethers. In the midst of such a divisive time in our country's history, I think it is so important to remember that we are all people who care about our neighborhoods, our community at large, and that we have far more in common than we do differences.

The following three pages contain a list of District 1 electors who support and endorse my appointment to the Common Council. These names, addresses and contact information were gathered in just a few days, and the last two pages were actually gathered by neighbors who are devoted enough to help me in this endeavor. I know this was not part of the application process, but I feel this list is a direct reflection of the open-mindedness that I would bring to this position.

## As an elector of Manitowoc's District 1, I strongly encourage the Common Council to appoint Andy Janicki as my new Alderperson!

Full Name	Address	Phone	Email
Renee Gosz	825 Flambeau St	920-860-1403	reenebarbeau0419@gmail.com
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As an elector of Manitowoc's District 1, I strongly encourage the  
Common Council to nominate Andy Janicki as my new Alderperson!

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Dave Madeline	8140 - 2nd St		
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Treven Rahmlow	2213 S 9th St	920-629-3650	
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