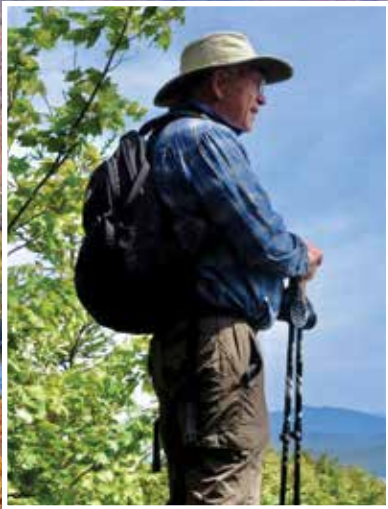




AT AGE 50, THE APA HAS LOST ITS WAY. IN 2022, CAN APA FIND A PATH BACK TO ITS MISSION?



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Former APA Member Chad Dawson and Adirondack Wild propose this way forward in 2022:

- **Leadership** - APA is leaderless and a rubber stamp for applicants. A reinvigorated, dynamic and independent leadership for both the APA board and staff is immediately required.
- **Membership** - APA was given an environmental mission in 1971. APA's Board needs members with backgrounds in science, public lands, resource stewardship, environmental policy and law.
- **Staffing** - APA staff must represent the best in conservation science, stewardship, policy and law and be properly trained, motivated and led.
- **Strategic Planning** - During climate change, APA is needed to measure, track and monitor environmental and community trends and changes within the Park's public and private lands.
- **Water** - The Park's precious lakes, ponds and waterways – quality, carrying capacity, wildness - require APA's immediate strategic planning attention.
- **The Legislature** - The Park is a statewide, not local treasure. The state legislature must reengage with Governor Hochul and stakeholders, to assess, strengthen and fund the mission and performance of the APA. Conservation design legislation is a starting point.

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