

Serving the Whole Community

Dear Lake Foresters,

If I were elected to be President of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee, I would serve the entire community by respecting the tradition and the spirit of the 90 year institution.

I hear and acknowledge the frustrations and anger of community members. The best thing for the community going forward, would be to address the current Bylaws and either amend or rewrite a new "Charter." There are many details that have to be discussed, socialized, understood, and accepted by the community that would be too voluminous to write in this letter and in time for the vote today.

I propose and would encourage a process to amend the Bylaws/Charter for process improvements, including, but not limited to, promoting more participation and engagement, renewing confidence in the candidate selection process, and addressing how the outcomes of candidate voting are treated at meetings. I would welcome volunteers from outside the Caucus Committee to engage in the process to update the Bylaws/Charter.

I can commit to achieving progress towards the above during my term with more information and details to come in the near future.

I ask for the Community's understanding and patience to allow for a thoughtful and informative Bylaws/Charter amendment process to run its course while considering the importance of the Caucus Committee's focus on the heavy workload that needs to be completed between now and November's Annual Meeting.

The Caucus Committee's work must continue and until new officers are selected, the Old/New meeting cannot take place. The Caucus Committee's work is paused until the Old/New meeting occurs and we are eager to get back to work.

The School Board search subcommittee and Alderman subcommittee must commence as soon as possible to run a fair and robust process to select candidates to present to the community at the November Caucus Annual Meeting. The Illinois State Board of Election deadline to submit candidate petitions to the Lake County Clerk to appear on the April 2025 general election ballot is the end of November. We have much work to do.

I would greatly appreciate your support at **today's interim meeting at Gorton Center between 2-8pm** to vote in support of the incoming Executive Officer slate so that the Caucus can get back to serving the community as a whole.

Thank you,

Joe Oriti

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