



DATE: November 13, 2025

MEMO TO: Elizabeth Hough, President
Preservation Foundation Board of Directors

Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Preservation Foundation Voting Members

FROM: Rebekah Snyder
Director of Community Engagement & Partnerships

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a resolution nominating the 2026 Board of Directors of the Preservation Foundation

FINANCIAL DATA: No financial impact.

BACKGROUND: Under the bylaws of the Foundation, as amended on May 25, 2023, Directors of the Preservation Foundation are elected to a three-year term of service and approved annually by the Voting Members at the Annual Member Meeting.

The Foundation's bylaws state the number of Directors should be between ten (10) and twenty-five (25) members and should include two Lake County Forest Preserve District Commissioners, as appointed by the President of the Forest Preserves. The bylaws also state the Forest Preserve Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Preservation Foundation Board of Directors with voting rights.

The Board of Directors approves a list of candidates, which may include additions to or deletions from the recommendations of the Board's Executive Committee, if any. The Board of Directors submits its approved list of recommended candidates to the Voting Members for election at the next Annual Member Meeting.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Committee



2026 Preservation Foundation Board of Directors

New Members Recommended for a Three-Year Term (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028)

- Nels Leutwiler, Preservation Foundation Board Director

Members Recommended for Renewal of a Three-Year Term (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028)

- Andrea L. Danks, Preservation Foundation Board Director
 - James J. Kirby, Preservation Foundation Board Director (First Term)
 - Billy McKinney, Preservation Foundation Board Director (First Term)
 - Renee Arlene Young, Preservation Foundation Board Director (First Term)
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Members (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026)

- Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Preservation Foundation Secretary (First Term)
- Chad Wayne, Preservation Foundation Vice President (First Term)
- Michael Tutty, Preservation Foundation Vice President (First Term)
- Karen Hunter, Preservation Foundation Board Director (Third Term)
- S. Michael Rummel, Preservation Foundation Treasurer (Second Term)

Members (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027)

- Matt Cohn, Preservation Foundation Board Director (First Term)
- Chris Heier, Preservation Foundation Board Director (Second Term)
- Elizabeth S. Hough, Preservation Foundation Vice President (Third Term)

Members (Concurrent to LCFPD Board Terms)

- President Jessica Vealitzek, Preservation Foundation Board Director
- Commissioner John Wasik, Preservation Foundation Board Director

Ex officio, voting

- Alex Ty Kovach, Executive Preservation Foundation Board Director, Lake County Forest Preserves

**VOTING MEMBERS OF THE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION OF THE
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION NOMINATING THE 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Preservation Foundation (the "Foundation") bylaws, adopted May 8, 2007 and amended on May 25, 2023 state the number of Directors should be between 10 and 25 members; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws also state that the Board of Directors shall include two Lake County Forest Preserve District Commissioners, as appointed by the President of the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, whereas Lake County Forest Preserves President Jessica Vealitzek has selected herself and Commissioner John Wasik to serve on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws state that Lake County Forest Preserves Executive Director Alex Ty Kovach shall be an ex-officio member of the Preservation Foundation Board of Directors with voting rights; and

WHEREAS, the 13 other candidates for the Board of Directors were nominated by the Preservation Foundation Executive Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Preservation Foundation Board of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois that:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as part of this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2: Election of the Board of Directors. The Voting Members hereby elect 13 members of the board of directors: Matt Cohn, Andrea L. Danks, Chris Heier, Elizabeth S. Hough, Karen Hunter, James J. Kirby, Nels Leutwiler, Billy McKinney, Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, S. Michael Rummel, Michael Tutty, Chad Waynee, Renee Arlene Young.

Section 2: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

Jessica Vealitzek, Chair of the Preservation
Foundation Voting Members

ATTEST:

JoEllen Carlucci, Secretary
Preservation Foundation