



**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 Wayne, 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

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Jessica Vealitzek, Chair of the Preservation  
Foundation Voting Members

ATTEST:

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JoEllen Carlucci, Secretary  
Preservation Foundation