

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



May 13, 2025
Gorton Center, 1861 Room

Call to Order: Regina Etherton, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was in attendance. Mrs. Etherton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mrs. Etherton first raised the matter of review and approval by the Committee of the minutes of the Committee's May 6, 2025 meeting. Mrs. Etherton asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Tom Bohac and seconded by Tyler Lisenby, the minutes were approved by acclamation as presented without dissent.

President's Remarks: Mrs. Etherton then reported on the Caucus's ongoing fundraising, noted that several Committee members have met or exceeded their target fundraising amounts and thanked all the Committee members who have contributed time and money in that effort so far. Mrs. Etherton then gave a brief overview of the expected plans for Committee work this Summer and Fall.

Process for Proceeding with the Caucus Bylaws Amendment Project: As the next order of business, Mrs. Etherton turned to the ongoing project for amending the Caucus's Bylaws. She spoke of conversations she has had with community members about their views on the recommendations that have been proposed for Bylaws Amendments and reviewed by the Committee. She said that she believes there is still a great deal of work to be done in educating the community and hearing their views on proposed Bylaw change recommendation.

She then noted that, for the sake of community wishes and not allowing the need for further community discussions to delay all Bylaw amendment progress, the Executive Committee has approved a plan to move forward in two parallel paths. The first would be to take the one Bylaw change the community overwhelmingly wants, an amendment authorizing the Caucus Committee to arrange for Caucus members to vote electronically, remotely or by alternative methods on matters submitted to them, and submit that for Caucus member vote as soon as possible.

The second path would be the process of reviewing and revising the other proposed Bylaw amendments and seeking community input into them. This process would be pursued along with the path for a Bylaw amendment to authorize alternative voting methods.

Mrs. Etherton also noted that, if the Committee approves this plan, she intends to form a committee of all Caucus member attorneys who wish to participate to draft for Committee review and approval and review by Caucus counsel the suggested Bylaw amendment to allow alternative voting methods.

The Committee members then engaged in substantial discussion of this proposed plan of bifurcating the Bylaw amendment project. The discussion included many questions, comments and suggestions by Committee members, to which Mrs. Etherton and other Executive Committee members responded. At the end of the discussion, on motion by Emily Delfino, seconded by Tom Bohac, the Committee voted to approve the bifurcation plan presented by Mrs. Etherton for proceeding with the Bylaw amendments.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mrs. Etherton called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mark Pickett, seconded by Alex Wilcox and approved by acclamation by the Committee without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary