

Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

A not-for-profit organization and land trust

Working across state boundaries to enhance the Wolf Lake Watershed



Board of Directors

February 2, 2019

Jim Buitter
president
Jack Walter
vice-president
Debbie Lucia
secretary
Miles Sullivan
treasurer

Buitter to lead
AWLI board in 2019

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Immediate Release

The board of directors of the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) elected Jim Buitter of Crete, Illinois as president of the not-for-profit organization and land trust at its January 25 organizational meeting.

He is a financial adviser and CPA, having earned his MBA from DePaul University in Chicago. Also, he is an executive board member and national director of the Izaak Walton League.

Elected vice president of AWLI was Jack Walter of Schererville, Indiana. Walter, past president, is retired from a career as an investigator and paralegal.

He earned a law degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Debbie Lucia of Glenwood, Illinois was re-elected secretary. Lucia is bank manager of the Hegewisch branch of First Merchants Bank.

AWLI's board also re-elected Miles Sullivan of Chesterton, Indiana as treasurer. Sullivan works in financial technology sales. He earned a bachelor's degree in history at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Two new members joined AWLI's board of directors. Joan Crist is associate professor of theology at Calumet College of St. Joseph. David Dolak is professor of instruction at Columbia College, Chicago.

In addition to teaching theology, philosophy and social justice, Crist coaches the school's rowing crew. A resident of Hammond, she earned a bachelor's degree from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, and a doctorate in philosophy at the University of Notre Dame.

Dolak, a native of Hammond, teaches courses in science and a course in musical instrument making at Columbia. He is a former scientist at Argonne National Laboratory and wrote the Water Resource Management Plan for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

He earned degrees in science at St. Joseph's College of Rensselaer, IN and Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

The two were elected at AWLI's annual membership meeting on January 17.

AWLI is a bi-state organization that seeks to protect and enhance the Wolf Lake Watershed.

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Ex officio

Michael Boos
executive director
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Keith Carey
Hammond Port Authority
Lake County, IN

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David Dolak
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Dr. Richard Morrisroe
Dr. James P. Sullivan
Miles Sullivan
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