

Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

A not-for-profit organization and land trust

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Walter to lead
AWLI board in 2018

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Immediate Release

The board of directors of the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) elected Jack Walter to a second term as president at its organizational meeting Jan. 26.

A resident of Schererville, Indiana, Walter is retired from a career as an investigator and paralegal. He earned a law degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Jim Buitter of Crete, Illinois was re-elected vice-president of the not-for-profit organization and land trust. He is a financial adviser and CPA, having earned his MBA from DePaul University in Chicago.

Buitter is an executive board member and national director of the Izaak Walton League.

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. Phil Willink is senior research biologist at the Shedd Aquarium, and Richard Morrisroe is city planner of East Chicago.

Willink's work includes studies on the Great Lakes, examining the genetics of invasive species and the impact of development on native fish populations. He has more than 20 years experience in research, teaching and global exhibitions.

Willink heads the multi-year study of mudpuppies, including a population at Wolf Lake. He holds a doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Michigan and is preparing a field guide of Chicago lakefront fishes.

Morrisroe is a lawyer and former adjunct professor at Calumet College of St. Joseph. He earned a doctoral degree from Chicago Theological Union and his law degree from Northwestern University.

AWLI is a not-for-profit bi-state organization and land trust that seeks to improve Wolf Lake and its surrounding natural areas.

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