

Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

A not-for-profit bi-state organization and land trust

Working across state boundaries to enhance the Wolf Lake Watershed



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January 31, 2020

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treasurer
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AWLI adds two
Directors to board

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Immediate Release

The board of directors of the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) added two new directors and re-elected Jim Buitter of Crete, Illinois as president of the not-for-profit organization and land trust at its January 31 organizational meeting.

Buitter 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.

New members elected to three-year terms on the board are Dr. Ahmed Lakhani, assistant professor of chemistry at Calumet College of St. Joseph, and Ken Czulno, retired finance director of the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The two were elected at AWLI's annual membership meeting on January 16.

Lakhani, a resident of Glenview, IL has been teaching at Calumet College since 2014. He received his undergraduate degree in biochemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his Ph.D degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Czulno, a Chicago resident, rejoins the board. He served as AWLI's treasurer from 2007-2011. Prior to his work with the Sheriff's Office, he was accounting supervisor at US Steel Corp.

For more than a decade his rock band, Just for Fun, has played at venues in Southeast Chicago and Northwest Indiana. He earned degrees in accounting and psychology from Calumet College.

Czulno also was elected vice president of the organization.

Dr. Joan Crist of the Hammond Academy of Science and Technology was re-elected secretary. Lakhani was elected director of special projects.

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

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