

SUMMARY OF 2016 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CAUCUS PLAN
DECEMBER 6, 2016

1. Article VI, Section 2:

a. Deletes the prohibition of a person from serving on the Village Nominating Committee if the person has a spouse or other close relative serving on one of the relevant village Boards, provided such person is recused from any consideration of the candidates for that Board;

b. Creates and permits the concept of an “at large” member to permit continued service of any Nominating Committee member who no longer resides in the precinct from which he or she was elected due to a change in precinct boundaries.

2. Article VI, Section 7:

Provides new flexibility to the chairs of the Nominating Committees, in consultation with the Advisory Council, to extend terms of sitting members of any Nominating Committee to maintain a sufficient number (but no more than 50%) of “experienced” members (i.e., members who have previously been through an election process).

3. Article VI, Section 8:

Recognizes the need for flexibility in the size of the Nominating Committees, including members elected from precincts and newly permitted “at large” members, and permits the Advisory Council to address changes in the official number of precincts without an amendment to the Caucus Plan.

4. Articles VII and VII, Sections 1 and 2:

Given the recent reduction in the number of Glencoe precincts, increases from three to four (for the Village Nominating Committee) and from two to three (for the School Board Nominating Committee) the number of representatives to be elected from each precinct. Additionally, the present ability of each Nominating Committee to add members to fill vacancies is modified and extended so that, if candidates from any precinct that has one or more vacancies are not available, any registered voter in Glencoe (but no more than two from any precinct) can be named to fill the vacancy. Any such newly-named member will be considered an “at large” member and his or her presence will not be deemed to reduce the number of individuals to be elected from any precinct in future elections. Additional flexibility to reduce the terms of members is also provided so as to permit the proper “staggering” of terms.

5. Article IX

To increase flexibility, the Advisory Council may be enlarged to have up to eight members.

6. Technical Amendments

Certain time frames are modified to reflect actual practice and modern communication methods.

Other minor conforming changes to reflect the amendments described above.

RECOMMENDATION

THE CAUCUS ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF THESE AMENDMENTS.