

**Summary of Major Proposed Caucus Rules Changes**  
**(References are to Existing Rules, which are on the Winnetka Caucus website**  
**under “Who We Are/Resources/Bylaws”)**

1. Rule 14. The provisions of subparagraph f have been moved to subparagraph e and clarified.
2. Rule 22. Modified to extend the time new members can join Caucus up to July 31, rather than at the time committees begin preparation of the survey. This might encourage membership in the Caucus Council. Platforms are based on *results* of the survey, so someone need not have participated in the *creation* of the survey to evaluate its results. However, this could result in such a person using up a year of eligibility by joining mid-year.
3. Rule 43. Delete references to formal duties of “Secretary” because in recent years there has been no one to perform them.
4. Rules 75 and 76. Added provisions that a proposed platform can be approved only by a two-thirds vote of the platform committee, and such a platform can be substantively changed only by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. The idea is that any platform submitted to the village residents should have substantial majority support from the Caucus Council. The current Rules are silent regarding what vote is required by to approve a proposed platform.
5. Rule 83. Deletes provision requiring publication of names of all persons who interview, whether or not they are selected. This publication requirement has discouraged some people from interviewing for fear of their “rejection” being publicized, and it puts Caucus candidates at a disadvantage compared to non-Caucus candidates, who do not go through a similar selection process.
6. Current Rule 91 has simply been moved to proposed Rule 87, a more appropriate location.
7. Rule 97. Changed to allow a special Caucus Council meeting to be called upon petition of “one-third” of members rather than current requirement of “twenty.” Twenty made sense when the Caucus Council had 60 members, but current membership is lower.
8. Rule 103. Changed to explicitly provide that a quorum for a Caucus Council meeting can be achieved by those present “in person or by proxy.” While it is desirable for members to attend in person. If the meeting cannot be held due to lack of quorum, it is almost impossible to reschedule it on short notice for a time in which a physical quorum could be obtained.
9. Rule 105. Clarifies that voting at Caucus Council meetings can be in person or by proxy.
10. Rule 109. Adds provision that the Chair of the Rules Committee is responsible for maintaining a current copy of the Rules on the Caucus website.

11. Rule 125. Deletes requirement of informal candidates' forum 14 days prior to Caucus Council fall meeting. This forum has been attended by only a handful of village residents, and caucus candidates are irritated at having to try to fit yet another meeting into their schedules. The public can still attend both the Caucus Council fall meeting at which Council members can question the candidates, and the Fall Town Meeting at which anyone can question the candidates. (There are no similar opportunities to question Non-Caucus candidates.) If there is a hotly contested election, organizations such as the League of Women Voters or the Rotary usually organize forums for all candidates to appear.
12. Rule 126e. Changes procedures so that instead of a floor nominee challenging a particular candidate, all nominees are treated equally. The proposed Rule now follows the same procedures as floor nominations at the Caucus Council meeting per current Rules 90 and 111. Basically, they all provide for "ranked" voting.
13. Rule 126f. Deleted as unnecessary, given the revised requirements of Rule 126e.
14. Rule 131. Deletes the references to appointment of a Caucus Historian, which has never been done. If someone wants to do this in the future, nothing prevents that.