



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Barrington Area Council of Governments  
Elects New Officers**

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**Barrington Hills, IL – June 25.** The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) recently elected Village of Barrington President Karen Darch as Chairperson of the Executive Board for 2020-2021 at its meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> and elected Village of South Barrington President Paula McCombie as Vice-Chairperson. The installation of new officers of the BACOG Executive Board took place at its meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chairperson Darch said, "I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the chairperson of the BACOG Executive Board this coming year. For 50 years, BACOG has proven to be a valuable forum for our towns to share information on topics that are key to inter-governmental cooperation and sustainable progress. Our member governments are looking forward to a productive year as we continue to respond to the evolving needs of the area through comprehensive regional planning, groundwater monitoring efforts and outreach to our State legislators on issues that impact the Barrington area quality of life."

Amy Nykaza, Barrington Township Supervisor, was also recognized at the June meeting for serving as BACOG Chairperson of the Executive Board for 2019-2020. The board commended her leadership during the past year which presented unique and shared challenges for local government. Chairperson Nykaza said, "I cannot express enough of how proud I am of each municipality and township that make up BACOG during this unprecedented time and the uncertainty of COVID 19. Learning how to navigate through the many obstacles and newly created guidelines while keeping our communities safe has been challenging; but having the support of BACOG and its members was fundamental. Thank you to BACOG Executive Director Janet Agnoletti for continuing to respond to our members' needs and requests with information, support, and communication efforts. I look forward to what the future holds for BACOG."

A resolution was also passed at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting recognizing Deer Park President Dale Sands upon his retirement for his contributions to BACOG and years of public service. After serving over 11 years as Deer Park Village Trustee and Village President, Dale Sands is retiring and relocating to Michigan as of June 30, 2020. Dale has been an ardent supporter of the Barrington Area Council of Governments and was instrumental in bringing Deer Park back into its membership in 2017. Dale and his wife Debra have lived in Deer Park since 1993; Dale has led Deer Park through many positive changes in the past several years and will be missed. Going forward, Greg Rusteberg will serve as Acting Village President of Deer Park until the next general municipal election in April 2021.

BACOG is a voluntary association of elected officials that represents eight municipal and township governments. BACOG facilitates cooperative regional strategies on emergency management, groundwater research and environmental conservation, legislative advocacy, as well as member communications and training for communities in the greater Barrington area. In the past year, for example, BACOG facilitated multiple private well water testing events, continued to expand its aquifer water levels monitoring and sustainability program, hosted a "drug take-back" collection event provided by Lake County Sheriff's Office, and co-sponsored the annual Barrington Area Legislative Breakfast which brings together local government officials, community organizations, and residents to hear first-hand about legislative measures and their impact on the community.

*For more information about BACOG, contact Executive Director Janet Agnoletti at 847-381-7871 or visit [www.bacog.org](http://www.bacog.org), BACOG's page on [Facebook](#), or on [Twitter](#).*

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*The Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) is a voluntary organization of elected officials representing the Villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, South Barrington and Tower Lakes and Barrington Township.*



*Left to right: Barrington Township Supervisor and BACOG 2019 – 2020 Chairperson Amy Nykaza passing the gavel to Barrington Village President and BACOG 2020-2021 Chairperson Karen Darch*



*Left to right: Installation of new officers - South Barrington Village President and BACOG 2020 – 21 Vice Chairperson Paula McCombie and Barrington Village President and BACOG 2020-21 Chairperson Karen Darch*



*Left to right: South Barrington Village President and BACOG 2020-21 Vice-Chairperson Paula McCombie recognizing Barrington Township Supervisor and BACOG 2019 – 20 Chairperson Amy Nykaza for her work as BACOG Chairperson.*



*Left to right: Deer Park Village President Dale Sands being honored with a resolution for his contributions and public service to BACOG by Barrington Township Supervisor and BACOG 2019-20 Chairperson Amy Nykaza*