

FJI announces interim CEO selection



FJI is pleased to announce that Curt Parish will join the Forward Janesville staff on September 1 as interim CEO. Many of you are familiar with Curt. He is a lifetime resident of Janesville and recently retired from Wealthspire Advisors, LLC, where he served as a financial adviser. Curt served two terms on the Forward Janesville Board, was chair of the board in 2003, and chaired the Government Relations Council for five years.

The list of Curt's career accomplishments and community involvement is too long to list! He has served on numerous boards throughout his career, including Banc One, Janesville; the Wisconsin State Golf Association; Janesville Country Club; and the investment committee for the Southern Wisconsin Community Foundation.

I believe Curt Parish is an ideal choice. He is an active leader in the community and deeply committed to Forward Janesville. Curt's leadership and knowledge of the staff, the membership, and Forward Janesville operations will aid us in addressing the challenges of the day.

As you know, we were all excited to have Mike Osborne move to Janesville and become our CEO. His tragic death still tears our hearts, and we continue to keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. However, it is essential as an organization we move on.

On behalf of the FJ Board of Directors and the entire membership, I express our continued thanks and gratitude to John Beckord. John intended to retire in 2020 but stayed through COVID and the year-long search process. John will now retire on August 31, but he will be available for assistance throughout the transition. Thank you, John, for your unwavering support of the organization.

We retained executive recruiters Londa Dewey and Justine Rose from The QTI Group to conduct a search for a new CEO. Our goal is to secure a candidate to begin by January 1. I encourage all members to share the job posting. The posting can be found at <https://www.qtigroup.com/job-posting/president-chief-executive-officer/JR8184468712>.

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