

It's a little unclear now if a La Crosse council district will have any representation before April. The council whiffed on appointing a temporary member this week because the top two candidates were unable to secure a majority vote. Richard Staff managed to get eight votes, former council member Jim Bloedorn collected seven. And, with one council member abstaining, the meeting was adjourned with the seventh district in the same position it was when Mike Larsen resigned; without a representative voice. With candidates already taking out papers for spring elections, it seems a little unlikely that the council will take another stab at a temporary appointment.