



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Spring Hearing Process Review Ad Hoc Committee  
 Meeting Minutes

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| <b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> | 02/09/2022 | 7:00pm | Zoom |
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**  
**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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| <b>Meeting called to order by</b> | Terri Roehrig at 7:01PM |
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**B. ROLL CALL**

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| <b>ATTENDEES</b> | Terri Roehrig, Paul Reith, Mary Susan Deidrich, Fred Wollenburg, Arby Humphrey, Brock Rozenkranz, Tashina Peplinski, Reed Kabelowsky Tony Blattler |
| <b>EXCUSED</b>   | Ken Anderson   |
| <b>UNEXCUSED</b> |  |
| <b>GUESTS</b>    | DNR - Kari Lee-Zimmermann Amy Mueller, Jean Voss, cynthinsemals  |

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Terri queried Kari about giving the group a summation of last night's DLC Meeting. Informative message, not part of agenda. |
| <b>ACTION</b>     | Motion by Fred Wollenburg and 2nd by Paul Reith to approve agenda as presented - carried.                                   |

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | N/A |
| <b>ACTION</b>     |     |

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | No public comments were set up. |
| <b>ACTION</b>     |                                 |

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DLC Meeting Update**

Terri Roehrig

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b>            | DLC approved the process presented from our last meeting. The timeline set forward was approved. \$250 funding request was approved. Paul needs to put together formal request from Friends of WCC. Kari reported that the Resolution Survey is ready to go live on Friday. Terri advised that she did get 15 delegates to respond to inquiry to be resolution reviewers. She will send out another email requesting help. Terri will set a training session - has some docs prepared. Aiming for end of February for a training date. Kari reported that she had some new links going up for the resolution survey - Fisheries Tool Box and some Fisheries Docs. Tony inquired on procedure for paying for adds as we go forward. Terri believes that Friends will provide a credit card number. Paul is working on this. Need to keep track of expenditures as we go. Question about funding for the delegate election venture - needs to be a separate request when time comes. DNR will have some communications as well. |                 |
| <b>ACTION</b>                | N/A - informative only.   |                 |
| <b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b> |   | <b>DEADLINE</b> |
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**B. Delegate Election Process**

Group

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Question was asked as to which delegates were up for election? This has become confusing with advent of COVID. Delegates have been extended two years currently. Do current delegates need to apply if they are up for election? Would need to inform active delegates to apply for re-election. Vacancies can also be filled during these elections. |
|                   | Terri:<br>1. Go over qualifications.<br>2. Will DNR assess validity of candidates?  |

- a. How will candidates prove residency, etc?  
-Upload proving Document.
- 3. Big process to check
  - a. Candidates.
  - b. Voters.
- 4. Paul suggested use of DNR #.  
- Costs involved with this?
- 5. Level of certainty on residency???
- 6. Discussion on proving residency.
  - a. Proof sources.
  - b. Fall under 12.13 - election fraud laws - No.

Terri redirected - want to concentrate on delegate part of election v. voter issues.

Needed on form:

1. Delegate info.
2. Reason for running.
3. Certify that info is correct - check box.
4. Discuss Mary Susan's example document.
  - a. Kari brought up query of convictions? Not part of WCC requirements.
  - b. Just let candidates tell about themselves.
  - c. It was decided to remove many of the questions on form.  
- All in agreement.
  - d. Tashina had concerns about level of dedication of candidates including present candidates.
    1. Need to enforce standard of participation.
  - e. Terri agreed something should be included to explain commitment of delegates.
  - f. Mary Susan pointed out that this is already on line.

Discussion about having Chairs/Vice Chairs verify residency of candidates.

- Terri - will need to send out guidelines to Chairs/Vice Chairs to teach/guide them as to what is necessary to validate candidates.

What is timeline for this process?

1. Terri - 6 weeks.
2. Others - shorter time.
  - Survey for nominations/candidates
  - DNR to distribute candidate info to County chairs/vc's.
  - County Chairs/VC's time to validate.
3. Paul suggested - nomination to closing = 1 month.  
\*Tony asked question regarding how this process would align to convention?

Discussion on ability of group to accomplish all this at this meeting/before spring hearings

1. Reed made statement that he did not feel that group could accomplish this timely and do an adequate job with the resolutions process.
2. Brock advised that vacancies are of immediate importance and we should concentrate on these. Agrees with issues getting it done right this year.
3. Kari advised she felt it was certainly challenging, but not insurmountable.
4. Paul shared our concerns.
  - a. Resolution are less binding than an election.
  - b. Newly elected delegates need to attend convention - learn ropes and expectations.
  - c. Election after convention would be very challenging.
5. Tashina agrees with concerns, but also was adamant about not dropping the challenge of eventual solution.  
\*Tony reminded committee that approval of DLC will be needed to continue this committee work going forward.
6. Kari brought forward an idea to continue with a hybrid process - accept application for candidates, but no election at this time.
  1. Pass on info of interested persons to County Chairs.
  2. Possibly fill vacancies.
 -The committee was in favor of this idea.
7. Kari felt it could also work to provide candidates in the case of in-person voting.
8. Terri - applications to fill electable positions or just vacancies? Extend delegates again this year?
9. Paul - mirror CDAC process.
  - election options with on-line platforms. Costs?

Terri - In favor of moving forward with Kari's idea.

1. Used for vacancies only at this time.
  2. Vacancies and future vacancies wording.
- The committee was in agreement with this.

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|                       | <p>Discussion regarding nomination/application timeline?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tony feels it could be continuous process - 365.</li> <li>1. How long to keep applications process open?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Tony - can Kari get this on agenda for next DLC meeting - Kari feels she can.</li> <li>- Kari - could get survey up and running by next Friday.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Terri recommended March 11 for application cut off.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Give County Chairs time to review.</li> <li>b. Appointments before convention.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Kari - can post a reminder at end of spring hearing survey remind folks to apply for delegacy.</li> <li>4. Terri would post the expectation with the application process.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be at convention.</li> <li>b. Attendance.</li> <li>c. etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Tashina - issue recommendations to DLC and they can act on it.</li> <li>6. Terri - will get this on DLC agenda.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hybrid application approach.</li> <li>b. Requirements and expectations.</li> <li>c. Funding for communications.</li> <li>-Who gets this info? Chair/VC? Entire delegation?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Discussion regarding change to COP for vacancy filling process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paul - presently it is Chairs/VC.</li> <li>2. Reed - Mary Susan had indicated a recommendation in red on her document.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Think we should eventually move forward with this - team approach.</li> <li>b. Recommend to congress at this time to encourage team approach.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*Motion by Tashina Peplinski and 2nd by Arby Humphrey to request hat the DLC allow this Ad Hoc Committee to continue working on a solution to elections going forward - carried.</p> |
| ACTION                | <p>*Motion by Arby Humphrey and 2nd by Reed Kabelowsky stating all agree accept on-line delegate applications across all counties. Recommend that county delegates review these applications select delegates. Recommend to county chairs to facilitate this teamwork in the selection process. We are providing two time lines including the time line for the resolution process and one to leave the delegate application process open until close of the spring hearings so that a reminder can be posted at end of survey to remind interested person to apply for delegacy. Allow DLC to make decisions on time line. Terri will include a request for funding for communications for this process. - carried with no dissents.</p> <p>*Motion by Tashina Peplinski and 2nd by Arby Humphrey to request hat the DLC allow this Ad Hoc Committee to continue working on a solution to elections going forward - carried with no dissents.</p>   |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE   |

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

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| DISCUSSION | <p>Reed Kabelowsky - Would like WCC to look into tracking of delegate performance. Encourage good performance instead of relying on disciplinary action when all has failed.</p> <p>Arby Humphrey - Thanks all for participation. Work on this committee can have impact on future of congress.</p> <p>Tashina Peplinski - Thanks to all for hard work. Praised Kari's idea. Encouraged all to keep up the hard work and moving forward.</p> <p>Tony Blattler - Thanks to all for the difficult work. Encouraged hard work continue in future Rules and Resolutions meetings.</p> <p>Fred Wollenburg - Thanks to all.</p> <p>Terri Roehrig - Thanked all and briefly summarized the work and importance of it. Praised groups responses to meetings on short notice.</p> |
| ACTION     | N/A  |

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | <b>Motion by Reed Kabelowsky and 2nd by Mary Susan Deidrich to adjourn at 8:58PM.</b> |
| SUBMITTED BY      | <b>Reed Kabelowsky</b>  |

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