

## Wisconsin Conservation Congress 2013 Spring District Meeting Agenda



1. **Organizational Matters** ~ 7:00 PM
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  
2. **Informational Items & Program Updates**
  - A. Review Fisheries Spring Hearing Questions, Local Fisheries Staff & WCC District Councilors
  - B. Review Wildlife Spring Hearing Questions, Local Wildlife Staff & WCC District Councilors
  - C. DNR Staff Updates (*Regional or Statewide Issues of Interest*)
  - D. Review Conservation Congress Advisory Questions, WCC District Councilors
  
3. **Conservation Congress Annual County Meeting and DNR Spring Hearing Logistics**
  - A. Review the Information Provided in the *Spring Hearing Logistics Memo*
    - Delegate Election
      1. Review the county seats up for election in 2013
      2. Review election protocol – review protocol for run-off elections
      3. Elections can be held for vacant seats in your county
    - Review Hearing Officer Roles and Responsibilities
    - Review WCC County Chair’s Roles and Responsibilities
  - B. Personal Data Questionnaires
    - PDQ’s will again be available online in the form of a survey. Delegates have until **Friday, April 13, 2012** to complete **personal data questionnaires (PDQs)** online. The online PDQ can be found on the Conservation Congress webpage at [dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html) or by clicking on the “local county delegates” link under “Meet your delegates” on the WCC homepage. The survey will be available in late February. If a delegate does not have access to the internet, a hardcopy may be submitted to Kari Lee-Zimmermann by this date.
  - C. Local Spring Hearing Press Release
    - Please decide who within your county will be responsible for taking this press release to local media outlets. We offer this press release to media for their use in order to get the word out about the Spring Hearings, but we do not have the funding to pay to have this published in local papers.
  
4. **Other Congress Business**
  - A. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes
    - This is your opportunity to review and discuss the two Code of Procedure changes that were advanced by the Executive Council. There are also six other COP this year in response to changes suggested by the recent strategic plan. These proposed amendments to the Congress operating procedures will be discussed and voted on by the entire delegation at the 2013 Annual Convention. There are additional COP changes that were suggested by the Strategic Planning Committee; however the language of those specific changes has not yet been determined.
  - B. Committee Appointments
    - The Executive Councilors will discuss with their districts the changes in the study committee selection process and will work with their district delegates to identify the appropriate members to

sit on the various study committees. In an effort to begin to implement the strategic plan in a timely fashion, the Council elected to modify the standing committee structure as suggested by the plan.

#### C. Strategic Plan

- The complete strategic plan is available online and is enclosed in the delegate mailing. Please review this plan thoroughly with your District Councilors and the representatives from your district that were on the Strategic Planning Committee. The plan was approved by the Executive Council at their January meeting, and will be discussed and voted on by the entire delegation at the 2013 Annual Convention. If you have any questions or concerns about the recommendations in the plan, please identify those prior to the Convention. The Strategic Plan identifies areas of the COP that would need to be amended given the suggested changes by the Strategic Planning Committee; however the language of those specific changes has not yet been determined.

***• Please note this correction to Proposed Strategy 1.g (page 19 of the Strategic Plan). Regarding the proposed addition of two at large positions to the Executive Committee, persons nominated for these two additional positions would need to be Executive Council members. The plan incorrectly indicates that nominees would not need to be Councilors.***

#### D. Awards

- It is again time to begin nominating organizations, clubs, etc. (either local or statewide) and educators who have made a significant contribution to conservation in the past year. Please get the word out to local organizations and individual who may have nominations. The nomination form can be found in the February issue of the *Conservation Chronicle* or on the WCC website under “community outreach.” Nominations are due **April 12, 2013**.
- The Executive Committee would like your help in nominating outstanding DNR staff for the annual awards (fisheries, wildlife, and law enforcement). The newly created nomination form can be found in the February issue of the *Conservation Chronicle* or on the WCC website under “community outreach.” Nominations are due **April 12, 2013**.

#### E. Expo Travel Grant

- The Congress will provide travel grants to school districts who wish to attend the Wisconsin Outdoor Expo in Beaver Dam. Applications are due **April 15, 2013** and can be found on the WCC website under “community outreach.” Please let your local schools and youth organizations know about this opportunity.

#### F. WCC Learn-to-Bear-Hunt Tag

- The Congress will receive one tag for the 2013 LTBH event to be awarded to a novice hunter. An application for a novice hunter can be found on the WCC website under “community outreach.” It is due **April 24, 2013**. Please share the application with prospective bear hunters and encourage them to submit the form and essay. The winner will be selected at the Annual Convention. Anyone who is interested in mentoring a Learn to Bear Hunt participant or donating/transferring a bear tag to a new hunter should contact Mike Rogers at (608) 643-8057.

#### G. Youth Conservation Congress *(Added 02-22-13)*

- District Councilors are asked to work with their delegates to identify at least one youth from their area that would like to be on the Youth Conservation Congress in addition to a mentor.

### 5. Member Matters

### 6. Adjourn