

Wisconsin Conservation Congress 2014 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
 - **NEW THIS YEAR:** Deer herd status update will be led by Wildlife Expert right after Fisheries rule change.
 - Review Hearing Officer Roles and Responsibilities
 - Review WCC County Chair's Roles and Responsibilities
 - **NEW THIS YEAR:** review training for delegate responsibilities
 - B. Personal Data Questionnaires
 - PDQ's will again be available online in the form of a survey. Delegates have until **Friday, April 18, 2014**, to complete their **personal data questionnaire (PDQ)** online. Delegates not up for election will receive an informational email in late February with the link to the survey, instructions for taking the survey, and their username and password for logging onto the survey. If a delegate does not have email, a hardcopy will be sent in the mail to be completed and sent back. Newly elected and re-elected delegates with email will receive the informational email a few days after the Spring Hearings and delegates without email will receive a hardcopy at the hearings to be completed and sent back by Friday, April 18, 2014.
 - 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. If you would like an electronic copy of this press release, please contact Adam Lindsey at Adam.Lindsey@wisconsin.gov.

4. **Other Congress Business**
 - A. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes
 - This is your opportunity to review and discuss the Code of Procedure changes that were advanced by the Executive Council. These proposed amendments to the Congress operating procedures will

be discussed and voted on by the entire delegation at the 2014 Annual Convention. Many of these changes are a result of the 2013 Strategic Plan.

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.

C. 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 18, 2014**.
- The Executive Committee would like your help in nominating a fellow WCC delegate for the Dave A. Ladd Heavy Lifter Award. Each year the Congress recognizes one of its own for their extraordinary efforts, both within the Congress and in other areas that enhance our communities. Please provide a brief summary of your nominee and their civic accomplishments to one of the Executive Committee members or the DNR Liaison. There is no formal nomination form for this award, but any suggestions are welcome by **April 18, 2014**.
- The Executive Committee would like your help in nominating outstanding DNR staff for the annual awards (fisheries, wildlife, and law enforcement). 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 18, 2014**.

D. Expo Travel Grant

- The Friends of the WCC will provide travel grants (up to \$200 per individual grant request) to school districts or other youth groups who wish to attend the Wisconsin Outdoor Expo in Beaver Dam. Applications are due **April 15, 2014** and can be found on the WCC website under “community outreach.” Please let your local schools and youth organizations know about this opportunity.

E. WCC Learn-to-Bear-Hunt Tag

- The Congress will receive one tag for the 2014 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 23, 2014**. Please share the application with prospective bear hunters and encourage them to submit the form and essay. The winner will be announced 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.

F. Youth Conservation Congress

- 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