

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress 2017 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 2017
    2. Review election protocol – review protocol for run-off elections
    3. Elections should be held for vacant seats in your county
  - Review Hearing Officer Roles and Responsibilities
  - Review WCC County Chair's Roles and Responsibilities
- B. Delegate Profiles
  - Delegate profiles will again be available online in the form of a survey; however, due to concerns with the level of security at Select Survey, we have decided to migrate our survey to the more secure Survey Monkey. Because of this transition, we were unable to pre-load the survey with your previous data. Delegates have until Friday, April 14, 2017, to complete their delegate profile online. Delegates not up for election will receive an informational email in late February with the link to the survey, and instructions for taking 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 reelected 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 hearing to be completed and sent back by Friday, April 14, 2017.
- C. Local Spring Hearing Press
  - This year we will be sending the press release electronically to those delegates with email. 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 a hardcopy of this press release to distribute, please contact Michael Schmit at (608) 261-6431.

- Again this year the one page flyer is available on the WCC's Spring Hearing website. You can click the dropdown box and find your county and location, print off copies and post it around your communities to help spread the word.

#### 4. Other Congress Business

##### A. WCC and Multi-Organizational Supported Fee Increase Proposal

- *See information from Chair Larry Bonde*

##### B. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes

- This is your opportunity to review and discuss the Code of Procedure changes that were advanced by the District Leadership Council. These proposed amendments to the Congress operating procedures will be discussed and voted on by the entire delegation at the 2017 Annual Convention.

##### C. Committee Appointments

- The District Leadership Councilors will discuss with their districts the advisory committee selection process and will work with their district delegates to identify the appropriate members to sit on the various advisory committees.

##### D. Awards

- Nominations are being sought for organizations, clubs (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 spring issue of the *Conservation Chronicle* or on the WCC website under "community outreach." Nominations are due **March 15, 2017**.
- 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 **March 15, 2017**.
- The Executive Committee would like your help in nominating outstanding DNR staff for the annual awards. In the past, awards were given to individuals in the specific fields of wildlife, fisheries, and law enforcement; however, new this year, the WCC is taking nominations for any deserving DNR staff, regardless of the bureau or division they may work for. The nomination form can be found in the Spring issue of the *Conservation Chronicle* or on the WCC website under "community outreach." Nominations are due **March 15, 2017**.

##### E. 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 Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo at the DNR's MacKenzie Center in Poynette. Applications are due **April 26, 2017** and can be found on the WCC website under "community outreach." Please let your local schools and youth organizations know about this opportunity. The MOHEE dates are May 17-18, 2017.

F. WCC Learn-to-Bear-Hunt Tag

- The Congress will receive one tag for the 2017 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 26, 2017**. 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.

G. Delegate Resources

- Delegates have a number of resources available to them under “local delegate resources” from the WCC homepage (<http://dnr.wi.gov/about/wcc/local.html>). Please review the guidance, trainings, and templates available to you. Also, there is a 1½ minute promotional video available for delegates to use when giving talks about the Congress or encouraging others to get involved. It can be found on the WCC homepage (<http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/>).

H. Angler Mentorship Program

- Frank Pratt (Sawyer County) has asked for statewide feedback as to what types of events and activities are happening in each county in the youth fishing or equipment giveaway realm. County delegations should compile a list of opportunities specifically geared toward teaching youth about and encouraging their participation in fishing. Please provide the list to Frank ([fpratt32@gmail.com](mailto:fpratt32@gmail.com)) by **April 10, 2017**.

**5. Member Matters**

**6. Adjourn**