1. Organizational Matters
   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 2018
        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. Delegates have until Friday, April 13, 2018, 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 13, 2018.
   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. Shooting Ranges
   • The Shooting Range Ad Hoc Committee is requesting that delegates review the list of shooting ranges in their counties (provided to county chairs) and update the list with any additions or corrections. Lists with any edits should be returned to Keith Warnke (keith.warnke@wisconsin.gov, 101 S Webster Street-LE/8, Madison, WI 53703) by March 31.
   • Lead management and reclamation is a major issue of concern for all ranges. The Shooting Range Ad Hoc Committee also wanted delegates to be aware that the EPA’s Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges book and other online resources for lead reclamation are available to them (see info in packet).

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 2018 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 14, 2018.

   • 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 14, 2018.

   • 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, as was done in 2017, the WCC will taking nominations for any deserving DNR staff, regardless of the bureau or division for which they may work. 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 14, 2018.

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 Poyntette. Applications are due April 25, 2018 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 16-17, 2018.

F. WCC Learn-to-Bear-Hunt Tag
   - The Congress will receive one tag for the 2018 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 25, 2018. 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/ Educational Material
   - 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.
   - 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/).
   - There is also a WCC brochure that can be printed off the web (http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/Documents/DelegateResources/WCCBrochure.pdf) or ordered from Kari Lee-Zimmermann for use when providing informational material about the WCC to citizens.

H. Rules & Resolutions Committee questions to delegates: (added 02/14/18)
   The Rules & Resolutions Committee would like delegates to discuss the following questions at your district meetings.
   - Should there be term limits for advisory committee chairs/co-chairs, vice-chairs, and secretary positions? If so, what should the length of time/term limit be?
   - Should there be term limits for advisory committee positions/membership? If so, what should the length of time/term limit be?
   - Are you in favor of term limits for any other area within WCC leadership areas? If so, what and for what length of time?

5. Member Matters

6. Adjourn