

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress 2019 Spring District Meeting Agenda



## 1. Organizational Matters

~ 7:00 PM

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call

## 2. Informational Items & Program Updates

- A. Review Wildlife Spring Hearing Questions—Local Wildlife Staff & WCC District Councilors
- B. Review Fisheries Spring Hearing Questions—Local Fisheries 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 2019
    2. Review election protocol – review protocol for run-off elections
    3. Elections should be held for vacant seats in your county
  - Review WCC Delegates Roles and Responsibilities
  - Review training video regarding changes to this year's process and addition of online input option
- B. Delegate Profiles
  - Delegate profiles will again be available online in the form of a survey. Delegates have until **Friday, April 12, 2019**, to complete their delegate profile online. Delegates not up for election will receive an informational email in mid-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 12, 2019**.
- C. Local Spring Hearing Press
  - 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. Sexual harassment prevention training
- Delegates who did not review the sexual harassment prevention training last fall are once again being asked to watch the video. The link will be redistributed via email at the end of February with instructions on how to log in and watch the training. This training should be completed by March 31.
- B. Shooting Range Ad Hoc Committee
- The Shooting Range Ad Hoc Committee is once again 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 Ashley VanEgtern at [Ashley.VanEgtern@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Ashley.VanEgtern@wisconsin.gov) by **April 8, 2019** (see letter from Harold Drake).
  - Lead management and reclamation is a major issue of concern for all ranges. The Shooting Range Ad Hoc Committee wants 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 letter from Harold Drake).
- C. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes
- This year the only proposed amendment to the Congress operating procedures will be the addition of the Shooting Sports Committee to the list of standing committees for the WCC. This item will be discussed and voted on by the entire delegation at the 2019 Annual Convention.
- D. 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.
- E. Youth Conservation Congress (standing item on agenda)
- Be sure to engage any YCC delegates in attendance at your district meetings, ask them about any YCC activities or experiences they may want to share, and continue to encourage delegates to reach out to schools and youth in their areas to promote the Youth Conservation Congress program. Delegates on the YCC Oversight Committee may have additional information to share about the status of this youth engagement opportunity. This is an opportunity to educate new delegates (and remind long-time delegates) about this program.
- F. 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 28, 2019**.
  - 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 28, 2019**.

- 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 the past two years, 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 28, 2019**.
- G. 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, 2019** 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 15-16, 2019.
- H. WCC Learn-to-Bear-Hunt Tag
- The Congress will receive one tag for the 2019 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, 2019**. 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.
- I. Delegate Resources/ Educational Material (standing item on agenda)
- 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.

## 5. Member Matters

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