



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Rules and Resolutions Committee
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/24/2019	9:30	Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center, Stevens Point WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Tony Blattler at	9:35
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Chair; Tony Blattler, Vice Chair; Jayne Meyer, Secretary; Brad Hopp, Ken Anderson, Bob Ellingson, Michael Gullickson, Kevin Smaby, Al Lobner, Butch Roberts, Fred Wollenburg, Dick Bauduin, Reed Kabelowsky, Jacob Anderson
EXCUSED	Mary Susan Diedrich, Robert Swenson, James Burmeister, Nathan Budack
UNEXCUSED	Matt McHugh
GUESTS	Al Peterson (Arrived during discussion of his Resolution)

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Ken Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda at the discretion of the chair Kevin Smaby second. Motion approved unanimously

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Mission statement was read by Chair Blattler. Chair Blattler pointed out the the word voter in our mission statement needed to be addressed point of order was expressed. Change will be reviewed beginning of the next R & R meeting.
ACTION	Ken Anderson made a motion to approve the mission statement as read Kevin Smaby. second Motion approved unanimously.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	There was no representation from the public at this time.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Citizen Resolutions

1.	410419-Make the WCC and DLC more representative by population	[PRESENTER]
	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>Chair Blattler read an email sent to the committee from one of the authors Barbara Dahlberg. Ken Anderson expressed that this be driven by the number of environment issues in the area and that this is a republic process by representation. Jayne Meyer stated that the author is concern about the population model of our districts. Ken Anderson added that we have shuffled the boundaries of that area in the past because they did not have dependable representation at WCC functions. Chair Blattler reflected discussion from the DLC -we Advise NRB and WI DNR-not binding-also SE Wis counties Highest Population-lowest land mass % , Advise NRB mostly on Natural Resources not population issues. Current system best deals with localized Natural Resources issues. Current system similar to Electoral College system.-protects lower population areas of state. Al Lobner stated that from attendance numbers from the Spring Meetings, that many counties had more input than Milwaukee county. Committee reflected that we are an advisory organization and not legislative. Jayne Meyer stated that environmental issues do prevail in Milwaukee county and the WCC needs to step it up on those issues. Bob Ellingson stated that NRB Chair Preston Cole is from that area and would that provide some influence on matters.</p>	

	Mike Gullickson said if the body of the WCC is based on population and all areas of the state are not represented equally, the WCC would die.	
ACTION	Ken Anderson made a motion to REJECT the resolution Kevin Smaby second. Motion to REJECT the resolution was unanimous.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Author will be contacted by Chair Blattler.		

2.	720419-Public appearance requirement for voting and putting forth resolutions to WCC	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Resolution was read by Chair Blattler.</p> <p>Ken Anderson said that authors have plenty of notice and opportunity to present resolutions in person at the Spring Hearings.</p> <p>Al Lobner added that our society has get the correct information about the intent of the authors and be able to debate those views. Debate should be personal and not online.</p> <p>Ken Anderson said that resolutions don't go into enough depth to be rational if online.</p> <p>Chair Blattler was uneasy about sharing all resolutions online.</p> <p>Mike Gullickson shared an experience that discussion at a Spring Hearing prompted an author to request his own resolution be rejected at that counties level.</p> <p>Dick Baudhuin stated that he was not in favor of online input but done a 180 on that subject. His position has not changed on resolution presentation. Personal debate is relevant.</p> <p>Fred Wollenburg stated that he is drawn to online communication with the success of this springs increase in input numbers.</p> <p>Jayne Meyer stated that this resolution addresses two questions. One being online input and online resolutions.</p> <p>Ken Anderson expressed his agreement with Jayne's statement.</p> <p>Mike Gullickson stated that if this is voted down that author be notified that this is a two part resolution and should be rewritten as such for future presentation.</p> <p>Reed Kabelowsky asked if our committee could forward the resolution with changes that are acceptable to the author?</p> <p>Chair Blattler said yes but only minor changes. This may be to much.</p> <p>Butch Roberts shared that online activity does increase participation but conversation and debate is important.</p>	
ACTION	Ken Anderson made a motion to ADVANCE Al Lobner second. A vote was taken and the motion to ADVANCE. Yea-1 Nay-12 MOTION TO ADVANCE _ FAILED It was explained to the author that this a two part resolution and could be split as such.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

3.	720419-Public appearance requirement for voting and putting forth resolutions to WCC	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Dick Baudhuin said that he was troubled by the rejection because the resolution does have merit.</p> <p>Author Al Peterson walked into the meeting at this time and Chair Blattler gave him opportunity to defend his resolution. He agreed that his resolution did have two parts but his main concern was with online positions of the WCC and how that direction was taken. It was explained to him that the online input was presented as a resolution in 2016 and was put to the floor of the congress. Chair Bonde made the decision to create study committee on the subject. Their findings were presented at the 2017 convention and voted on by the convention.</p>	

	<p>the vote was half and half with two counties abstaining their vote. The author expressed his concern that organizations would use the opportunity to flood the process with any online direction. Author was advised that he could write another resolution -but that he might want to separate the 2 issues. Asked if he (The Author) wanted a letter of notification following meeting he said no.</p>
ACTION	<p>Motion to REJECT the resolution with a letter being sent to the author to change his resolution to two separate ones and resubmit was made by Mike Gullickson seconded by Fred Wollenburg. Committee vote on the motion to REJECT the resolution passed unanimously</p>
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	
DEADLINE	

4.	<p>CODE OF PROCEEDURE 1. Article VII.E and VII.F Changing Exec Committee Historian and Outreach Public (OPR) positions to " at large"</p>	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>An outline of the organizational chart was presented by Mike Schmit. Discussion followed and a point of order was expressed by Ken Anderson that there wasn't a motion on the floor. Action taken Kevin Smaby stated that History Ad Hoc, Outreach and Public Relations Committees already exist and those Chairman positions could be filled by the Congress Chair. Chair Blattler clarified that under the motion, the Exec. Committee would be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and at large 1 and 2 elected by the DLC from the DLC Membership Kevin Smaby suggested that we should eliminate the Historian and OPR positions from the Exec. Committee and call them positions Executive Member 4 & 5 elected by the DLC. Make the positions of Historian and OPR available to the whole of Congress as Advisory Committee Chairman selected by the Congress Chairman or as members of those Advisory Committees</p>	
ACTION	<p>Al Lobner made a motion to recommend to the DLC that the Historian position and the Outreach and Public Relation positions on the Exec. Committee be changed to "at large positions "--Re-Naming them Executive Committee Members 4 & 5 Second was by Fred Wollenburg Vote was taken on the motion and was passed unanimously.</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

5.	<p>CODE OF PROCEEDURE 1. Article VII.E and VII.F Changing Exec Committee Historian and Outreach Public (OPR) positions to " at large"</p>	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>Fred Wollenburg wondered what the responsibility of the Member 4&5 positions. "At Chairman's discretion" was expressed</p>	
ACTION	<p>Jayne Meyer made a motion to change Article VII. Paragraph E by striking the name Historian and changing that wording to Member 4 & 5, -strike the name historian from line #1 -strike a,b,and c from that paragraph and change d,e,and,f, to a,b,and,c -also to strike Article VII.F entirely. Butch Roberts seconded Vote was taken on the motion and was carried unanimously.</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

6.	<p>CODE OF PROCEEDURE 1. Article VII.E and VII.F Changing Exec Committee Historian and Outreach Public (OPR) positions to " at large"</p>	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	<p>None</p>	
ACTION	<p>Al Lobner made a motion to make the Ad Hoc History Committee a permanent advisory committee and add a Historical Committee to the roster in Article V.E,3, of the COP</p>	

	Kevin Smaby second Motion carried unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

7. CODE OF PROCEEDURE [PRESENTER]

1. Article VII.E and VII.F Changing Exec Committee Historian and Outreach Public (OPR) positions to " at large"

DISCUSSION	None	
ACTION	Al Lobner made a motion to make the Ad Hoc History Committee a permanent advisory committee and add a Historical Committee to the roster in Article V.E,3, of the COP Kevin Smaby second Motion carried unanimously.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. CODE OF PROCEEDURE [PRESENTER]
 1. Article VII.E and VII.F Changing Exec Committee Historian and Outreach Public (OPR) positions to " at large"

DISCUSSION	None	
ACTION	Ken Anderson made a motion that Delegates be asked to fill the History and OPR duties by the chair of such committees. Jayne Meyer second Motion was carried unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. 2. [PRESENTER]
 Review the use of the term "vote" in the COP as it relates to the Spring Hearings and change where applicable

DISCUSSION	Article VII.A.4, "vote taken" was changed to input gathered. Article X.D, "Local resolution voting" changed to Local resolution process Article D.1, Change the word "vote" to provide input Article D.2, Change "a passing vote" to supporting input Article D.4, Change "a passing vote" to supporting input Article E,1, Change the word "vote" to input	
ACTION	Kevin Smaby made a motion to make the changes where applicable under one action as we go through the whole COP Jayne Meyer second Motion passed unanimously	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. B3. Discuss adding how committee leadership is determined to the COP [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION		
ACTION	Al Lobner made a motion to add to Article VII Paragraph D. Executive Committee -Language be added to end of duties list -"As well as be responsible to appoint all Advisory Committee Chairman, Vice chairman, and Secretaries."	

	Ken Anderson second Motion was supported unanimously
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

E. B4. Discussion regarding posting citizen resolutions for statewide input [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Mike Schmit asked if this denied the posting of resolutions pre Spring Hearing Fred Wollenburg asked , why not online resolutions Kevin Smaby added that this would add another stipulation to the authors on a deadline to admit and who is going to read them prior to posting as is required now Mike Gullickson said that many chairs are overrun by resolutions to admit prior to Spring Hearings Reed Kabelowsky asked about determining a timeline Dick Bauduin stated that history says that resolutions had to be admitted prior to the Spring Hearings Mike Gullickson wondered how we would verify if the author is from the county of submission if it is emailed to a WCC Liason Motion was passed with one nay vote
ACTION	Dick Baudhuin made a motion that we do not post resolutions for statewide input Mike Gullickson second Motion passed with one nay vote
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

F. B4. Discussion regarding posting citizen resolutions for statewide input [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Fred Wollenburg; County posting would be helpful and author would have to be in attendance Dick Bauduin; This would garner interest
ACTION	Mike Gullickson made a motion to not provide the posting of citizen resolutions at any level Ken Anderson second Motion passed with a majority of approval some rejection votes
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Agenda item to add for next meeting; Resolutions to be admitted 15 minute prior to Spring Hearings Jacob Anderson was in attendance in the place of Eric Wojchik. Chair Blattler was not notified of this change but through examination of the roster he was to be a voting member of the committee. Apologies were offered by Chair Blattler.
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn by Jacob Anderson Brad Hopp second 2:00 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Brad Hopp
DATE	08/26/2019