

Citizen Resolution # 020521

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Advisory Committee members term limits

When a Wisconsin citizen submits a resolution at the April WCC Spring hearing and if it passes at the county level, the resolution is then assigned to one of the 24 advisory committees where it will either be moved forward or rejected. The WCC advertises the citizen resolution component of their spring hearings as a unique opportunity to partake in their democratic process.

The Problem: Too often Wisconsin citizens participating in the resolution process feel disenfranchised as their resolutions, supported by a majority of their own county citizens, may be immediately rejected by their assigned Advisory Committee with no honest discussion. In the case of wildlife resolutions, if it does not increase hunting or trapping opportunities it has a slim to zero chance of being advanced onto statewide questionnaire. A resolution which addresses fair chase/ethical hunting issues and is factually correct deserves impartial consideration.

Currently WCC Advisory Committee members can serve indefinitely with no term limits. A limit of 4 years (2 terms of 2 years) for Advisory Committee members would open these seats to a more diverse group of interested parties, allowing sportsmen/women and non-consumptive users alike a greater opportunity to have a non-biased review of all processes, including citizen resolutions.

Be it resolved on April 12, 2021 that the Ashland County Conservation Congress work with WI DNR to limit Wisconsin Conservation Congress Advisory Committee members to serving a maximum of 2 terms of 2 years.

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Please print typed resolution on 8 ½ X 11 white paper (one-sided) and provide the WCC County Chair with TWO COPIES at the spring hearing. Only the individual author or designated representative may present the resolution. The author or designated representative must be present at the time the resolution is introduced. No more than two resolutions may be introduced by any person during the Congress portion of the spring hearings.

Contact one of your [local WCC delegates](#) with questions or for assistance with writing your resolution.