

Citizen Resolution # 200822

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Remote Voting for WCC Delegates

There has been no in person voting for WCC delegates since 2019. There are now over 100 WCC delegates whose terms have expired. The WCC is planning on filling vacancies by appointment instead of a public vote. The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where citizens elect delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations. In the past only in person voting for WCC delegates has been allowed. Due to the pandemic, the WCC has held virtual meetings and has successfully conducted voting on advisory questions each spring since 2020. Online access to meetings and online voting on advisory questions has made participation in the WCC far more accessible for Wisconsin citizens. The Wisconsin Elections Commission runs a voter registration website that enables Wisconsin citizens to register to vote in the correct voting precinct using their home address. A similar system could be used by the WCC to enable Wisconsin residents to vote online for WCC delegates. Online participation in meetings, spring hearings and voting makes the WCC more accessible to Wisconsinites with disabilities, eliminates the expense and time associated with travel and increases overall citizen participation. For the WCC to remain a relevant citizen advisory body delegate vacancies must be filled through annual elections.

Do you support the WCC changing their Code of Procedure (COP) to require online voting for WCC delegates to ensure voting for WCC delegates takes place each year?

Additional Information provided by author:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> <https://www.jsonline.com/story/sports/outdoors/2020/04/11/spring-hearings-online-voting-opens-monday/294390001/>

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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.