



National Leadership Council (NLC)

Conference Call
March 16, 2020
8:00p.m. (Eastern)

1. **Advocacy** (Chris Wood) – “A discussion on Conservation, Legislation & Membership”
3/16/20: Chris discussed several legislation items which TU / Government Affairs team continues to keep watch on. We continue to watch legislation for the Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act which is to provide \$6.5 Billion in maintenance funding for the Parks and Forrest Service as well as continued advocacy for passage of the Good Samaritan legislation as well as trying to get the Public Lands Renewable Energies Development Act incorporated into an energy bill. He indicated that most legislation has slowed considerably due the Coronavirus (COVID-19) virus. Chris indicated the TU Washington DC offices have been closed due to COVID-19 and have encouraged all employees to work from home as well as cancelling all non-essential travel. Chris requested support of the NLC on plans to cancel all Trout Unlimited activities / gatherings including meetings, banquets, etc. where social distancing cannot be practiced. He also encouraged meeting electronically talking advantage of conferencing platforms.

2. **NLC Officers Report** (Jim Walker)
3/16/20: Jim Walker provided an update on the following topics:
 - Orientations schedule
Orientation to be presented Monday, April 27.
 - NLC article in April TROUT
Article is ready for publication. The NLC would like to thank Dave Kinney and Kirk Deeter for their support during the development of the article.
 - Regional Rendezvous Schedule
Update post meeting, all Regional Rendezvous' have been canceled due to COVID-19
 - Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

3. Roll Call (Rich Thomas)

Attendance:

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<u>Council</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Note:</u>
NLC Chair	Jim	Walker	Yes	
NLC Secretary	Rich	Thomas	Yes	
9AR - Arkansas	Bill	Thorne	Yes	
9AZ - Arizona	Neil	Warner	Yes	
9CA - California	Mary	Tealdi	Yes	
9CO - Colorado	Marshall	Pendergrass	No	
9CT - Connecticut	Sal	DeCarli	No	
9GA - Georgia	Carl	Riggs	No	
9IA - Iowa	Bob	Sodders	Yes	
9ID - Idaho	Ed	Northen	No	
9IL - Illinois	Jerry	Sapp	No	
9KY - Kentucky	Gene	Slusher	Yes	
9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Bill	Pastuszek	Yes	
9MD - Mid-Atlantic	Don	Haynes	Yes	
9ME - Maine	David	Van Burgel	Yes	
9MI - Michigan	Robb	Smith	No	
9MN - Minnesota	John	Hunt	Yes	
9MO - Ozark Council	James	Sokoup	Yes	
9MT - Montana	Harry	Murphy	Yes	
9NC - North Carolina	Rusty	Berrier	No	
9NH - New Hampshire	Paul	Doscher	Yes	
9NJ - New Jersey	Kelly	Buchta	Yes	
9NM- New Mexico	Paul	White	Yes	
9NY - New York	Scott	Seidman	No	
9OH - Ohio	Chris	Steffen	Yes	

9OK - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma)	Scott	Hood	Yes	
9OR - Oregon	James	Fraser	Yes	
9PA - Pennsylvania	Brian	Wagner	Yes	
9SC - South Carolina	Paul	McKee	No	
9TN - Tennessee	Mark	Spangler	Yes	
9TX - Texas	Mark	Dillow	Yes	
9UT - Utah	Vacant			
9VA - Virginia	Eric	Tichay	Yes	
9VT - Vermont	Jared	Carpenter	Yes	David Deen replaced Jared
9WA - Washington	Steve	Miller	Yes	
9WI - Wisconsin	Linn	Beck	Yes	
9WV - West Virginia	Brad	Riffee	Yes	-
9WY - Wyoming	Werner	Studer	Yes	

- Approval of December 3, 2019 meeting minutes

3/16/20: Motion to Approve Minutes: Bill Thorne, Arkansas 2nd: Bob Soddors, Iowa

- Approval of new chapter charters and de-charters

3/16/20: Per Jeff Yates, no new charters / de-charters.

4. Fiscal Year Financial Reporting (Jeff Yates)

3/16/20: Jeff provided details on 2019 / 2020 financial reporting; however, minutes have been updated to reflect most current information in response to Covid-19 pandemic.

- May 15, 2020: 2019 & 2020 Financial Report Due to TU National (10/1/2018 - 3/31/2020; 18 months)
 - **While the reporting period opened April 1, Chapters and councils must file their AFR with TU by July 15 (extended out from May 15)**
 - **For all chapters and councils with less than \$50,000 in annual revenue, TU will now be filing their IRS 990N for them this year and every year going forward.**
 - **Chapters and councils over \$50,000 in revenue must still file their own 990EZ, full 990 or 990T themselves.**
 - **August 15, 2020: All Year 2020 Forms Due to IRS (4/1/2019 - 3/31/2020; 12 months)**
- Additional information at:

https://www.tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/TU_Fiscal_Year_Change_FAQ_2019_April.pdf

5. NLC & Workgroups Reporting (Rich Thomas)

3/16/20: Rich requested Work Group Chairs to continue to update rosters at NLC website.

- Calendar 2020 – Activities, Events & Reports

<https://www.tu.org/wp->

[content/uploads/2020/07/NLC_2020_Calendar_of_Activities_Events_Reports_July_7_2020.pdf](https://www.tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NLC_2020_Calendar_of_Activities_Events_Reports_July_7_2020.pdf)

6. Membership (Jim Walker/Rich Thomas/Beverly Smith)

3/16/20: Jim reviewed the membership objectives and reiterated the value of the individual State membership statistics / data sheet provided by Lori Held. He also stressed the importance of using this data in developing initiatives among Chapters and Councils to improve on individual state metrics and then sharing within the NLC for others to follow.

- Membership Focus & Leadership Roles
- Information and Tools
- Statistical information provided for chapters and councils
- Developing initiatives
- Setting goals and targets

7. Reminders:

- Fiscal Year Financial Reporting
- Updates to Leader Section: Chapters & Councils (<https://leadersonly.tumembership.org/leaders>)
- www.tu.org/progress-report

8. Q & A

9. Information Sources:

- NLC Information / Webpage: www.tu.org/nlc
 - National Conservation Agenda (NCA) & Critical Focus Areas (CFA's)
 - Workgroups
 - Leadership Manual
 - NLC Business Documents
- Doodle Account (free): www.doodle.com
- Leaders Only Tools: <https://leadersonly.tumembership.org/leaders>
- Office Depot / OfficeMax Discount Purchasing: Store Purchasing Card (SPC Account #80123513031; www.officediscounts.org/tu)
- GlobalMeet: 800-216-0770; access code 165595#; contact Rich Thomas or Jim Walker for Chair access code.
- Tackle Box: www.tu.org/tacklebox
- TeleJunctions.com (free conference calls): www.TeleJunctions.com

- TU Capacity Initiative: www.wyomingtu.org/tu-capacity
- TU Online Communities: <http://community.tu.org/network/members>