



## National Leadership Council (NLC)

### Business Meeting & Town Hall Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2021 - 8:00p.m. (Eastern)

Meeting Recording Link: <https://vimeo.com/605575658>

#### 1. Welcome (Jim Walker)

8/31/21: Jim Walker provided welcoming comments.

#### 2. TU Initiatives - Updates

- Strategic Plan: New Directions (Chris Wood)

8/31/21: Chris provided update on 8/16 “Future Direction Meeting” where approximately 890 TU Members participated.

For the Strategic Plan, Chris noted that the overall approach of the plan is to better explain where we work and why we are working there in support of the Protect, Restore, Reconnect & Sustain (PRRS) Model. He further explained the continued importance of science when protecting native trout / salmon species. Two ideas emphasized are “priority waters” as identified by chapters and councils and how we then how we engage external partners to assist in our work. He also discussed the importance of recognizing how our diverse communities have contributed to the successes of past protections and how they will contribute to the future. TU needs to be the most “inclusive” conservation organization as advocates for trout & salmon. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> idea, Chris outlined the importance of changing our membership model of being a “transactional membership” (simply paying your annual dues) to being one of “engagement,” getting members more engaged and catering toward the needs of our members.

- TU’s Approach to America the Beautiful / 30x30 (Steve Kandell, Steve Moyer & Helen Neville)

8/31/21: Steve presented updates on the 30x30 (protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030) initiative. He noted that the Biden administration has renamed / rebranded this to America the Beautiful initiative. One segment of this program is to reduce greenhouse gases.

Helen gave a broader perspective with respect to the America the Beautiful initiative and stressed the science-based approach and the urgency of hitting targets due to the criticality of the effects of climate change. TU needs to take a view of not just about preserving the land but also understanding biodiversity as it relates to carbon and the associated impacts to our changing world. Helen is in constant contact with the NLC Climate Change Workgroup and helping guide the direction of the workgroup in sharing the most current information.

Steve Moyer discussed TU’s continued advocacy toward legislation and gaining congressional support & funding via a bipartisan infrastructure package. This legislation is addressing the reauthorization of abandon mine & western hard rock mining cleanup, forest service restoration, barrier removal through the fish & wildlife programs as well as direct climate change focus such as battery development, electric vehicle development, etc.

Steve closed with further data points and directed folks toward past and future talking points within “Lines To Leaders.” The presentation was followed up with a brief Q&A session along with several side discussions.

### 3. Approvals (Jim Walker)

- Roll call

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<b><u>Council</u></b>	<b><u>First Name</u></b>	<b><u>Last Name</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
NLC Chair	Jim	Walker	Y	
NLC Secretary	Rich	Thomas	N	
9PA - Pennsylvania	Brian	Wagner	Y	
9MI - Michigan	Robb	Smith	Y	
9NJ - New Jersey	Kelly	Buchta	N	
9CA - California	Mary	Tealdi	Y	
9OH - Ohio	Chris	Steffen	N	
9TX - Texas	Mark	Dillow	Y	
9OR - Oregon	James	Fraser	Y	
9MT - Montana	Harry	Murphy	Y	
9ME - Maine	David	Van Burgel	N	
9NC - North Carolina	Rusty	Berrier	N	
9WY - Wyoming	Werner	Studer	Y	
9WI - Wisconsin	Linn	Beck	Y	
9IA - Iowa	Bob	Sodders	Y	
9CT - Connecticut	Sal	DeCarli	N	
9MD - Mid-Atlantic	Noel	Gollehon	Y	
9OK - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma)	Scott	Hood	Y	
9GA - Georgia	Carl	Riggs	N	
9ID - Idaho	Ed	Northen	Y	
9SC - South Carolina	Paul	McKee	Sub	Mike Waddell
9WA - Washington	Steve	Miller	Y	
9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Bill	Pastuszek	Y	
9KY - Kentucky	Gene	Slusher	Y	
9MO - Ozark Council	James	Sokoup	Y	
9VA - Virginia	Eric	Tichay	Y	
9WV - West Virginia	Roman	Stauffer	N	
9TN - Tennessee	Mark	Spangler	Sub	Tony Gregg
9VT - Vermont	David	Deen	Y	
9UT - Utah	Jeff	Taniguchi	N	
9IL - Illinois	Mark	Wortsmann	N	
9MN - Minnesota	Randy	Brock	Y	
9CO - Colorado	Marshall	Pendergrass	Y	
9AR - Arkansas	Wendy	Luna	Sub	Tom Emerick
9NH - New Hampshire	Schuyler	Sweet	Y	
9AZ - Arizona	Susan	Geer	Y	

9NM- New Mexico	Jeff	Arterburn	Sub	Harris Klein
9NY - New York	Don	Keifer	N	

- Approval of June 15, 2021 meeting minutes

**Motion: Schuler Sweet (NH)                      Second: ?????**

**Motion to be readdressed**

**4. Elections: Grassroots Board of Trustees (BOT) and NLC Officers (Jim Walker & Mark Dillow)**

- New Initiatives Workgroup Recommendations for Grassroots Trustees to Board of Trustees
  - None required for September 29, 2021 NLC business meeting
- Renomination of current NLC Chair and Secretary for one (1) year terms
  - Jim Walker (Chair) and Rich Thomas (Secretary)

**Motion: Brian Wagner (PA)                      Second: Noel Gollehon (Mid Atlantic)**

**Motion passed unanimously**

- Succession Plans
  - Council Chairs, NLC Representatives and NLC Workgroup Chairs

**Beverly Smith discussed the need for succession planning and outlined the process steps including the importance of diversity as it relates to makeup of the community. She also offered Volunteer Operations (VolOps) for support and noted resources are available within the Tackle Box.**

- Current processes

**Jim provided key steps, “search,” “find,” “mentor” & “then allow them to progress forward.” This was followed by a brief questions and answer session.**

**5. Upcoming**

- The COVID-19 Pivot (Beverly Smith)

**Beverly discussed the ongoing impacts of COVID (especially the delta variant) and the need of the grassroots to be flexible. She also stressed and with support of the National Organization that it is strongly recommending that all indoor meetings / events are held virtually. It is also recommended and where allowable by law to be utilizing the use of masks. Further policies and resources are available within the Tackle Box and as always feel free to reach out to the VolOps Team with any questions.**

- Chapter Rechartering Process (September 15) (Beverly Smith)

**Beverly reminded everyone that the deadline for recommendation from councils for chapter recharters is due September 15<sup>th</sup>. The NLC will vote on September 29<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Trustees will vote in October.**

- Trout Week (September 25 - October 2) (Beverly Smith & Jeff Yates)

**Jeff discussed Trout Week and the partnership with FlyLords who will be hosting this event. Jeff asked chapters to provide support and host local events in accordance with Trout Week. There is an online tool available for direction and TU is hoping to have 60 events planned.**

- Annual Membership Meeting (September 30)
- NLC Business Meeting (September 29) (Jim Walker)
  - Workgroup Chairs (present brief updates on 2022 objectives)

**Jim noted the dates above for the TU Annual Meeting and NLC Business Meeting.**

**6. Q & A**

## 7. Information Sources:

- Trout Unlimited – Forging A Better Future for Fish: <https://vimeo.com/588473598>
- Trout Unlimited – “Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful” Plan: <https://www.tu.org/press-releases/trout-unlimited-lauds-conserving-and-restoring-america-the-beautiful-plan/>

<https://vimeo.com/588473598> • Leaders Only Tools: <https://leadersonly.tu.org>

- NLC Information / Webpage: [www.tu.org/nlc](http://www.tu.org/nlc)
- TU Online Communities: <https://community.tu.org/communities/allcommunities>
- Advocacy Issues – *Get Involved*: <https://standup.tu.org>