



National Leadership Council (NLC)

Business Meeting Minutes - May 17, 2022

Recording Link: <https://vimeo.com/725330029/10e2e77115>

1. Welcome (Jim Walker)

5/17/22: Jim Walker provided opening remarks and welcome to all.

2. TU Annual Meeting - Updates

- Annual Meeting: July 20 - 24, 2022 (Beverly Smith & Jeff Yates)

5/17/22: Beverly Smith provided opening comments and mentioned to the team it was Jim Walker's birthday, a sincere birthday wish was expressed by all!

Jeff Yates gave an update on CX3 indicating event planning is shaping up well. He noted that planning has changed significantly over time going from an indoor fly-fishing show themed event to that of an outdoor event with multiple activities. He is hoping this will be the model for future year events and the focus will continue to be on "family friendly" activities. He also mentioned specific workgroup meetings including the Land Conservancy film viewing and panel review; the Youth Education which will have "Tomorrow Fund" handouts and Native Trout to be providing awareness on native species.

- NLC Annual Meeting: July 22, 2022 (Rich Thomas & Jim Walker)

5/17/22: Jim discussed the updated stipend for NLC Representatives going from \$1000 to \$1250. Jim and Rich will continue to work with Jeff Yates on additional updates for CX3.

- Workgroup Chairs Presentations: July 22, 2022 (2022 objectives update)

5/17/22: Rich Thomas shared the Workgroup Message Map Template. He discussed the original intent of the Message map and how this benefits TU providing NLC Workgroup awareness to other leaders and general membership. He also discussed that although each workgroup has a message map at tu.org/nlc, they are now outdated from their originally creation 3 – 4 years ago.

For the July 22 NLC Business Meeting in Maine, the original intent was to have updated message maps be discussed. Due to work still in progress, an alternative agenda is being developed.

3. Roll Call & Approvals (Rich Thomas & Jim Walker)

- Roll call

**TU National Leadership Council
Business Meeting Attendance_5-17-22**

<u>Council</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Note</u>
9NJ - New Jersey	Vacant	Vacant	N	
9TX - Texas	Mark	Dillow	Y	
NLC Chair	Jim	Walker	Y	
NLC Secretary	Rich	Thomas	Y	
9MT - Montana	Harry	Murphy	Y	
9ME - Maine	David	Van Burgel	Y	
9WY - Wyoming	Werner	Studer	Y	
9WI - Wisconsin	Linn	Beck	Y	
9IA - Iowa	Bob	Sodders	Y	
9CT - Connecticut	Sal	DeCarli	N	
9OK - Oklahoma	Scott	Hood	Y	
9GA - Georgia	Carl	Riggs	N	
9ID - Idaho	Ed	Northen	Y	
9SC - South Carolina	Paul	McKee	N	
9WA - Washington	Steve	Miller	Y	
9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Bill	Pastuszek	N	
9KY - Kentucky	Gene	Slusher	Y	
9MO - Ozark Council	James	Sokoup	Y	
9VA - Virginia	Eric	Tichay	Y	
9TN - Tennessee	Mark	Spangler	Y	
9VT - Vermont	David	Deen	Y	
9UT - Utah	Jeff	Taniguchi	N	
9IL - Illinois	Mark	Wortsmann	N	
9MN - Minnesota	Randy	Brock	N	
9CO - Colorado	Marshall	Pendergrass	Y	
9AR - Arkansas	Vacant	Vacant	N	
9NH - New Hampshire	Schuyler	Sweet	Y	
9AZ - Arizona	Susan	Geer	Y	
9NM- New Mexico	Jeff	Arterburn	Y	
9NY - New York	Don	Keifer	Y	
9MD - Mid-Atlantic	Noel	Gollehon	Y	
9PA - Pennsylvania	Russ	Collins	Y	
9MI - Michigan	Greg	Walz	Y	

9OR - Oregon	Jodi	Wilmoth	N	
9CA - California	Trevor	Fagerskog	N	
9WV - West Virginia	Paul	Mckay	Y	
Ohio	Matt	Misicka	Y	
9NC - North Carolina	Mike	Mihalas	Y	

- Meeting Minutes Approval:

Approval of August 31, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Schuyler Sweet (NH) Second: Ed Northen (ID)

Approval of September 29, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Schuyler Sweet (NH) Second: Ed Northen (ID)

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

- New Initiatives Workgroup (NIW): Nominations for Grassroots Trustee to Board of Trustees
 - June 24, 2022: nominations due
 - July 22, 2022: NLC Representatives approval of NIW recommendation

5/17/22: Mark Dillow outlined the set of BOT Grassroots nomination critical dates for the replacement candidate for Henry Koltz. The overall expectation is to have the process finalized by the July 22 NLC Business Meeting in Maine. The timeline is targeting for NLC approval on June 27.

- NLC Chair and NLC Secretary terms conclude: September 30, 2022
 - Jim Walker (Chair) and Rich Thomas (Secretary)
 - Bylaws Consistency
 - June 27, 2022: NLC Representatives approval of NIW proposal

5/17/22: Jim Walker discussed the proposed change in TU by-laws for the NLC Chair and NLC Secretary term dates to coincide with the new fiscal year (April 30). Mark highlighted the process, similar to the grassroots trustee process, and indicated the NLC will look to November, 2022 to start the process for new Chair and Secretary terms.

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

5/17/22: Jim highlighted the key benefits of succession planning and looking at TU Chapters as “franchisees” within the organization stating “we as leaders of the organization need to create “pipelines” for leaders to progress through the leadership of the organization.”

Rich highlighted the importance of the Council Chair & NLC Representative working together to foster the leadership growth model.

5. Future Events & Meetings

- As Needed or by Request: Orientation Session - NLC Representatives & Council Chairs
- May 24: Town Hall – Member Engagement

- June 25: NLC Workgroup Reports due
- June 27: NLC Business Meeting (Vote for EAS Representatives; NLC Chair & NLC Secretary term proposal)
- September 2: NLC Workgroup Reports due
- September 19: NLC Business Meeting
- November 3: Town Hall – Priority Waters and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- November 15: Orientation Session - NLC Representatives & Council Chairs
- December 19: Town Hall – Trout Unlimited: A Year in Review

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/>

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