



National Leadership Council (NLC)

Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2020 8:00p.m. (Eastern)

1. CEO / TU Update (Chris Wood)

Chris discussed the recent successes regarding Bristol Bay, thanking staff as well as the grassroots for their efforts in accomplishing a great milestone in defeating Bristol Bay development. “We are not fully in the clear” Chris noted and he requested everyone to continue to follow future action alerts opposing any development.

Chris outlined the current planning efforts with relation to the next Strategic Plan including how well the planning committee has come together to move forward the next plan. He / the organization has learned a lot since the last Strategic Planning sessions and we continue to gain knowledge based on continued calls with Chapter and Council Leaders.

From a COVID-19 perspective, the National Office continues to remain closed until at least the end of October, however the staff have done an outstanding job in continuing with their work efforts.

Chris closed by expressing his sincere gratitude to the TU leaders for all of their efforts.

2. NLC Officers Report (Jim Walker)

- New NLC Representatives and State Council Chairs

Jim welcomed Council Chairs and new NLC Reps who were able to join the call. Jim announced the next “Strategic Plan Town Hall” on September 30th of which he and Chris will be hosting for the Council Chairs and NLC Reps. He also indicated that the “Chapter President Town Halls” will continue and recordings for both will be available.

3. Roll Call (Rich Thomas)

| TU NLC Conference Call Attendance - Thursday, September 3, 2020 | | | | |
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| <u>Council</u> | <u>First Name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Notes:</u> |
| 9AR - Arkansas | Bill | Thorne | Y | |
| 9CO - Colorado | Marshall | Pendergrass | Y | |

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| 9PA - Pennsylvania | Brian | Wagner | Y | |
| 9MI - Michigan | Robb | Smith | N | |
| 9NJ - New Jersey | Kelly | Buchta | Y | |
| 9NY - New York | Scott | Seidman | Y | |
| 9CA - California | Mary | Tealdi | Y | |
| 9OH - Ohio | Chris | Steffen | Y | |
| 9TX - Texas | Mark | Dillow | Y | |
| NLC Chair | Jim | Walker | Y | |
| NLC Secretary | Rich | Thomas | Y | |
| 9OR - Oregon | James | Fraser | Y | |
| 9MT - Montana | Harry | Murphy | N | |
| 9ME - Maine | David | Van Burgel | Y | |
| 9NC - North Carolina | Rusty | Berrier | Y | |
| 9WY - Wyoming | Werner | Studer | Y | |
| 9NH - New Hampshire | Paul | Doscher | Y | |
| 9WI - Wisconsin | Linn | Beck | Y | |
| 9IA - Iowa | Bob | Sodders | Y | |
| 9AZ - Arizona | Neil | Warner | Y | |
| 9CT - Connecticut | Sal | DeCarli | N | |
| 9MD - Mid-Atlantic | Don | Haynes | Y | |
| 9OK - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma) | Scott | Hood | Y | |
| 9GA - Georgia | Carl | Riggs | N | |
| 9ID - Idaho | Ed | Northen | Y | |
| 9SC - South Carolina | Paul | McKee | Y | |
| 9WA - Washington | Steve | Miller | Y | |
| 9NM- New Mexico | Paul | White | 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 | Brad | Riffee | N | |
| 9TN - Tennessee | Mark | Spangler | Y | |
| 9VT - Vermont | David | Deen | Y | |

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| 9UT - Utah | Jeff | Taniguchi | N | |
| 9IL - Illinois | Mark | Wortsmann | N | |
| 9MN - Minnesota | Randy | Brock | N | |

4. Approvals (Jim Walker)

- Approval of July 9, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion: Linn Beck

Second: Eric Tichay

- Approval of new chapter charters and de-charters:

None received. Jeff requested for Council Chairs and NLC Representatives to continue to work with him on guidance in determining Chapters which may require de-charter.

Motion: N/A

Second: N/A

5. Elections: Grassroots Board of Trustees (BOT) and NLC Officers (Mark Dillow)

- Review of interview, selection and recommendation processes

Mark Dillow provided an overview on the process for nominating and selecting Grassroots candidates. He also reviewed the steps utilized for phone interviews and the ranking which led to the selection of this years selected candidates.

- New Initiatives Workgroup Recommendations for Grassroots Trustees to Board of Trustees

- Motion/vote: Judi Sittler (fulfill the term of Kerri Russell)

Motion: Mark Dillow, TX (NI Chair)

Second: Bill Thorne, AK

Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion/vote (2 Grassroots Trustees) to be put forward to the Board Of Trustees:

- Paul Doscher (2-year term: begins 10/26/2020)

- Judi Sittler (2-year term: begins 9/4/2021)

Motion: Mark Dillow, TX (NI Chair)

Second: Scott Hood, OK

Motion passed unanimously with Paul Doscher abstaining from the vote.

- Re-nomination of current NLC Chair and Secretary for one (1) year terms

- Jim Walker (Chair) and Rich Thomas (Secretary)

Motion: Mark Dillow, TX (NI Chair)

Second: Ed Northen, ID

Motion passed unanimously with Jim Walker and Rich Thomas abstaining from the vote.

- Renomination of Embrace-A-Stream (EAS) Representatives

- Name: Mike Kruse (Missouri) Midwest Regional Representative for a four (4) year term

Motion: Mark Dillow, TX (NI Chair)

Second: Marshall Pendergrass, CO

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Critical Focus Areas (CFAs) & National Conservation Agenda (NCA) (Mark Dillow)

- CFAs and NCA considerations and suggestions to New Initiatives Workgroup Chair
- Recommendations will be at a future NLC business meeting (in conjunction with TU Strategic Plan)

Mark indicated that the CFA / NCA process will continue as the organization progresses with the next Strategic Planning Process.

Jim discussed the continued engagement with the Strategic Planning Committee and will continue to note output from that process as it relates to the CFAs/NCAs moving forward. Jim then discussed the Message Roadmaps and how they will be used for the upcoming NLC annual meeting. Rich Thomas discussed how the message maps were created and the importance they will play for members / leaders to get a better understanding of what the workgroups do for TU.

7. NLC & Workgroups Reporting (Rich Thomas)

- Updates Needed for NLC Representatives & Workgroup Rosters for NLC website
- Message Roadmaps of Workgroups
- Workgroups and NLC Leaders Reports (www.tu.org/nlc)

Due 9/24/20

- Calendar 2020 - Activities, Events & Reports (Updated/Posted on August 16) (www.tu.org/nlc)

8. Meetings Schedule (via Zoom) (Jeff Yates)

Jeff highlighted the following upcoming events:

- September 30, 2020: NLC Town Hall - Strategic Plan
- October 13, 2020: Annual NLC Meeting
- October 25, 2020: Annual Membership Meeting

Jeff explained the “nonsecure” notice revealed when logging into the “Leaders Only” section of TU.ORG. The current platform is outdated and requires the user to note that the security certificate is outdated. This is expected to be resolved when the new platform is launched on or about September 14.

Jeff highlighted the Kerri Russell Equity Fund and urged folks to consider donating on behalf of Kerri. This was her passion and what a great way to honor her in donating back to the organization she gave so much to.

To donate: <https://www.tu.org/blog/tu-working-to-make-kerri-russells-equity-vision-a-reality/>

Jeff reviewed the Community Forums (Council Chair & NLC) and reviewed the process on how to changed how communication is received from the forum. Jim expressed the need for communication to be centered around one location hence the Council Chair and NLC Forums.

9. Q & A

10. Information Sources:

- Leaders Only Tools: <https://leadersonly.tumembership.org/leaders>
- NLC Information / Webpage: www.tu.org/nlc
- TU Online Communities: <https://community.tu.org/communities/allcommunities>
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Practices: <https://www.tu.org/equity/>