



National Leadership Council (NLC)

Business Meeting Minutes at 2022 CX3 TU Annual Meeting

July 22, 2022 - 1:30p.m. (Eastern)

1. **Welcome** (Jim Walker & Rich Thomas)
7/22/22: Rich Thomas provided opening remarks in Jim's absence. Jim participated via the conference bridge.

2. **Roll Call & Approval** (Rich Thomas)
 - Roll call

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<u>Council</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Note / Represented by:</u>
9NJ - New Jersey	Vacant	Vacant	Y	Marsha Benovengo
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	Y	
9OK - Oklahoma	Scott	Hood	Y	
9GA - Georgia	Carl	Riggs	Y	

9ID - Idaho	Ed	Northen	N	
9SC - South Carolina	Paul	McKee	Y	
9WA - Washington	Steve	Miller	N	
9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Bill	Pastuszek	Y	
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	Y	Brent Notbohm
9CO - Colorado	Marshall	Pendergrass	Y	
9AR - Arkansas	Vacant	Vacant	Y	Tom Emerick
9NH - New Hampshire	Vacant	Vacant	N	
9AZ - Arizona	Susan	Geer	Y	Alan Davis
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	Y	
9CA - California	Trevor	Fagerskog	N	
9WV - West Virginia	Paul	Mckay	Y	
9OH - Ohio	Matt	Misicka	N	
9NC - North Carolina	Mike	Mihalas	Y	Brian Esque

- Approval of May 17, 2022 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Linn Beck, WI

Second: David Deen, VT

7/22/22: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Elections: Grassroots Board of Trustee (BOT), EAS and NLC Officers (Mark Dillow)

- New Initiatives Workgroup (NIW): Nomination for Grassroots Trustee to Board of Trustees
 - Approval of NIW recommendation:
 - **Greg Placone, South Carolina**

Motion to Approve: Bob Soddors, IA

Second: Russ Collins, PA

7/22/22: Motion passed unanimously.

- Embrace A Stream (EAS)

- Approval of representatives:
 - **Bridget Moran - Pacific Northwest Regional Rep.**
 - **Eddie Burke - Southwest Regional Rep.**

Motion to Approve: Scott Hood, Ok

Second: David Dean, VT

7/22/22: Motion passed unanimously.

- NLC Chair and NLC Secretary terms conclude: September 30, 2022

- Jim Walker (Chair) and Rich Thomas (Secretary)
- Bylaws Consistency – extend to March 31, 2023
- Approval of NLC Chair and Secretary Election Process effective April 1, 2023

Motion to Approve: Don Keifer, NY

Second: Bill Pastuszek, MA/RI

7/22/22: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Annual Conservation Agenda / Critical Focus Areas (CA / CFA) – (Mark Dillow)

7-22-22: Mark outlined the discussions from the New Initiatives Work Group meeting. The WG discussed several potential changes to the CA & CFAs, however noted that further discussion is warranted amongst the New Initiatives Work Group (NIWG). Mark plans to host meetings over the next several months to continue WG discussions.

5. Q & A

7-22-22: A question was raised regarding the advancement of the organization with respect to diversity. Marsha Benovengo (Council Chair, NJ) lead the group with an engaging conversation regarding diversity. Emphasis was made on being a more welcoming organization and ensuring we continue to look like the communities in which we serve and further “those in which we don’t.”

6. Future Events & Meetings

- Orientation Session - NLC Representatives & Council Chairs (As Needed or by Request)
- September 2: NLC Workgroup Reports due
- September 19: NLC Business Meeting
- November 3: Town Hall – Priority Waters and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- December 19: Town Hall – Trout Unlimited: A Year in Review

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