



**National Leadership Council (NLC)**  
**Minutes April 2**  
**Business Meeting & Elections**

**Link to recording: [4/2 NLC recording](#) Passcode: 57p^NNRn**

1. **Welcome** (Rich) Discussed regional rendezvous, importance of signing the TU Leadership Manual in the Leaders Only Tools section of tu.org – there is a pop up that happens each April 1 (see link below). Rich also encouraged watching the movie called “Mending the Line”
2. **Roll Call** (Sharon) We have a quorum taken from participants list (below) – 25 NLC members attended.

| <u>Council</u>                   | <u>First Name</u> | <u>Last Name</u> | 4/2/2024 Attendance |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 9WA - Washington                 | Andrew            | Kenefick         | Steve Miller        |
| 9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island | Bill              | Pastuszek        | x                   |
| 9IA - Iowa                       | Bob               | Sodders          |                     |
| 9CO - Colorado                   | Cam               | Chandler         |                     |
| 9GA - Georgia                    | Carl              | Riggs            |                     |
| 9VT - Vermont                    | David             | Deen             |                     |
| 9ID - Idaho                      | Ed                | Northen          | x                   |
| 9VA - Virginia                   | Eric              | Tichay           | x                   |
| 9KY - Kentucky                   | Gene              | Slusher          | x                   |
| 9MI - Michigan                   | Greg              | Walz             | x                   |
| 9MO - Ozark Council              | James             | Sokoup           | x                   |
| 9UT - Utah                       | Jeff              | Taniguchi        |                     |
| 9NM- New Mexico                  | Jeff              | Arterburn        | x                   |
| 9NY - New York                   | Jeffrey           | Plackis          | x                   |
| 9WY - Wyoming                    | Jim               | Hissong          | excused             |
| 9TX - Texas                      | Joe               | Filer            | x                   |
| 9NH - New Hampshire              | John              | Bunker           | x                   |
| 9WI - Wisconsin                  | Linn              | Beck             | x                   |

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|----------------------|---------|---------------|---|
| 9TN - Tennessee      | Mark    | Spangler      | x |
| 9IL - Illinois       | Mark    | Wortsmann     |   |
| 9MT - Montana        | Marc    | Peterson      |   |
| 9OH - Ohio           | Matt    | Misicka       | x |
| 9AR - Arkansas       | Melinda | Nabhold-Smith |   |
| 9NC - North Carolina | Mike    | Mihalas       | x |
| 9MD - Mid-Atlantic   | Noel    | Gollehon      | x |
| 9SC - South Carolina | Paul    | McKee         |   |
| 9WV - West Virginia  | Paul    | Mckay         | x |
| 9NJ - New Jersey     | Peter   | Tovar         | x |
| 9OR - Oregon         | Peter   | Gray          | x |
| 9MN - Minnesota      | Randy   | Brock         | x |
| NLC Chair            | Rich    | Thomas        | x |
| 9PA - Pennsylvania   | Russ    | Collins       | x |
| 9CT - Connecticut    | Beth    | Peterson      | x |
| 9OK - Oklahoma       | Scott   | Hood          | x |
| NLC Secretary        | Sharon  | Sweeney Fee   | x |
| 9ME - Maine          | Tammy   | Packie        |   |
| 9AZ - Arizona        | Tom     | Goodwin       |   |
| 9CA - California     | Trevor  | Fagerskog     | x |

**3. NLC Officer Elections** (Noel Gollehon) NLC officers renomination process: New Initiatives Workgroup recommending Rich and Sharon continue as NLC Chair and Secretary: Scott Wood motion Greg Waltz second – Passed.

**4. NLC Assessment Survey** (Rich) Rich reviewed NLC surveys, timeline, and NLC member responsibility. Slides in NLC library: [link].

- a. Please meet with your council chairs to discuss survey and key takeaway/recommendations by 4/23. Send feedback to Rich and Sharon
- b. Discussed having conservation activities

5. **Secretary Report** (Sharon) - Will be setting up electronic form for July Trustee meeting report. Between now and June, please make sure charters are uploaded to your workgroup's forum library
6. **Vol Ops update** (Beverly and Jeff) – Mark your calendar: 10/16 6 pm ET for Virtual annual meeting and NLC meeting: NLC at 6 pm ET, annual membership meeting at 8pm ET. Chapter and Council Annual Activity Reports are due between now and. May 15 -in the Leaders Only Tools section of tu.org (see link below). Jeff's team (Sean Sieler – new national conservation coordinator higher through restricted grants:: sean.sieler@tu.org ) working with chapters on event center Arbor Day activities and have a new events tool and new partner: Trout Routes app, 300 thousand users. Sean and Trout Routes can add any conservation activities that are linked to TU events. Will also do for Earth Day and any other events. All events in one place help people to attend and know what is happening.
7. **Q&A** – who will be on steering committee – will be posted once members are confirmed
  - a. Miami for regionals??? It was an April fools “Lure to Leaders” 😊

#### 8. **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>