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**National Leadership Council (NLC)**

***Business Meeting & Elections***

**Zoom Video Conference Meeting**

**October 16, 2024**

**6:00 – 7:15 PM ET**

1. **Welcome:** (Richard Thomas) - 10 Min.

Richard Thomas began by recognizing the service provided by those NLC Reps whose terms were ending and thanked them for a job well done. They are Paul M. McKay, Scott Hood, Carl Riggs, Ed Northen, Paul McKee, John Bunker, and Sharon Sweeney Fee. Next, Rich spoke of the evolving role of the NLC Rep. and how we perform our duties. We have been approximately 80% Protect/Reconnect/Restore, and 20% Sustain, but now will move to 50% each. This will provide a greater emphasis on sustaining our councils and chapters with increased support. The proposed new National Conservation Agenda and the restructuring of the Workgroups will facilitate this.

1. **TU National Conservation Agenda: A Process Oriented Approach** (Andrew Kenefick) - 20 Min.

Andrew Kenefick gave his presentation for the New Initiatives Workgroup, stating first that they will be in the process this year of nominating Grassroot Trustees for the Board of Trustees and then moving on to the National Conservation Agenda. The NCA reflects both the broadest concerns as well as the immediate concerns of TU and charts the course for the organization. Andrew then described the by-laws and how the NCA and the NLC are woven into them, then he went into the issues with the current NCA as perceived by the New Initiatives Workgroup. The Workgroup decided to seek improvements through three possible options; Option A, expand upon the current structure, Option B, simplify the current structure, and Option C, change the current structure to a process oriented one. Andrew then described Option C in detail, which can be summarized as one involving the chapters and councils forming concerns to be included in the NCA. This is then brought to the NLC, which vets these concerns, prioritizes them through the Workgroups, and ultimately votes on presenting these as amendments to the NCA every two years.

Rich pointed out that this has been in the works for some time, his asking the New Initiatives Workgroup to start this at the beginning of his term. He likes the process as part of the chapter and council strengthening.

**3. Roll Call – Paul McKay Secretary**

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| **Council** | **First Name** | **Last Name** | **Present** | **Notes:** |
| 9WV - West Virginia | Paul D. | McKay | YES |  |
| 9OK - Oklahoma | Levi | Poe | YES |  |
| 9GA - Georgia | Steve | Westmoreland | YES |  |
| 9ID - Idaho | Ed | Northen | YES |  |
| 9SC - South Carolina | Paul | McKee | NO |  |
| 9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island | Bill | Pastuszek | YES |  |
| 9KY - Kentucky | Gene | Slusher | YES |  |
| 9WI - Wisconsin | Linn | Beck | YES |  |
| 9MO - Ozark Council | James | Sokoup | YES |  |
| 9VA - Virginia | Eric | Tichay | YES |  |
| 9TN - Tennessee | Mark | Spangler | YES |  |
| 9VT - Vermont | David | Deen | NO |  |
| 9UT - Utah | Jeff | Taniguchi | NO |  |
| 9IL - Illinois | Mark | Wortsmann | NO |  |
| 9MN - Minnesota | Randy | Brock | NO |  |
| 9NM- New Mexico | Jeff | Arterburn | YES |  |
| 9MD - Mid-Atlantic | Noel | Gollehon | By R. Dwyer |  |
| 9PA - Pennsylvania | Russ | Collins | YES |  |
| 9MI - Michigan | Greg | Walz | YES |  |
| 9CA - California | Trevor | Fagerskog | YES |  |
| NLC Chair | Rich | Thomas | YES |  |
| NLC Secretary | Paul | McKay | YES |  |
| 9OH - Ohio | Matt | Misicka | YES |  |
| 9NH - New Hampshire |  |  | VACANT |  |
| 9OR - Oregon | Peter | Gray | YES |  |
| 9NJ - New Jersey | Peter | Tovar | YES |  |
| 9MT - Montana | Mark | Peterson | YES |  |
| 9WY - Wyoming | Jim | Hissong | YES |  |
| 9NY - New York | Jeffrey | Plackis | YES |  |
| 9AR - Arkansas | Melinda | Nabhold-Smith | NO |  |
| 9NC - North Carolina | Mike | Mihalas |  | EXCUSED |
| 9WA - Washington | Andrew | Kenefick | YES |  |
| 9AZ - Arizona | Tom | Goodwin | YES |  |
| 9ME - Maine | Tammy | Packie | YES |  |
| 9TX - Texas | Joe | Filer | YES |  |
| 9CT - Connecticut | Beth | Peterson | YES |  |
| 9IA - Iowa | Tom | Rhoads |  | EXCUSED |
| 9CO - Colorado | Greg | Hardy | YES |  |

**A Quorum Present.**

**After the role call and establishment of the quorum, Secretary McKay brought forward the following matters for approval and votes**

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• Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2024 & August 6, 2024

April 4, 2024, Minutes were brought up for discussion, Jim Hissong, Wyoming, asked his absence to be changed to an excused absence due to medical necessity, which was approved.

Greg Walz, Michigan, moved for the acceptance as corrected.

Ed Northen, Idaho, seconded.

The vote was unanimously approved.

August 6, 2024, Minutes were brought up for discussion, there was none.

Ed Northen, Idaho moved for the acceptance.

Beth Peterson, Connecticut, seconded.

The vote was unanimously approved.

NCA Option C was brought forward for further discussion, Jeff Plackis, New York, moved to close discussion and adopt the said option.

Jim Hissong, Wyoming, seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimously approved.

1. **NLC Climate Change Workgroup Presentation – “Climate Change Coordinator Training Modules” Updates** (Jeff Holzem) - 20 Min.

Jeff Holzem introduced the most recent work of the Climate Change Workgroup to the NLC. The Workgroup has been instrumental in creating policy proposals for TU, and currently is working on having climate change coordinators. Part of this process is the creation of educational materials for the climate change coordinators to use and so the Workgroup has created a series of modules addressing different topics. Peter Gray then described each of the 5 modules, how they were developed and how they are to be used. The climate change coordinators should be able to pick and choose from the modules as to what is the best message to present for each locality, or for the abilities of each person. Jeff then went on to tell of the hour-long training sessions that will be coming up, and will be recorded, that will be available, as well as the webpage on which they will be stored. Each council should have a climate change coordinator, and each chapter may have one as well.

**5. NLC Steering Committee Update: NLC Officers** (Richard Thomas & Paul McKay) 10 Min.

Rich Thomas presented upon the steering committee which has been meeting regularly twice a month. The members picked by Rich to reflect a diversity in location as well as gender comprise Rich and Paul McKay, Andrew Kenefick, Trevor Fagerskog, Greg Walz, Beth Peterson, and Peter Tovar. Currently they have been working on the adoption of the NCA as well as the Workgroup realignment proposals. In addition, they have investigated methods to purge unusable emails of members in chapters and adopting messaging for the push to transfer solicitations from paper to electronic. The committee has worked on the requests from the Grassroots Workgroup and continues to do so, as well as other projects as they come up.C

**6. Q & A** (All) 10 Min.

There were no questions, and with that the meeting adjourned, at 7:15 PM.