Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
Spring Hearings Resolutions Ad Hoc Committee  
Meeting Minutes

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

| 01/26/2022 | 6:30PM | ZOOM |

**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

| Meeting called to order by | TERRI ROEHRIG at 6:31PM |

**B. ROLL CALL**

| ATTENDEES | PAUL REITH, TERRI ROEHRIG, FRED WALLENBURG, KEN ANDERSON, ARBY HUMPHREY, BROCK ROZENKRANZ, MARY SUSAN DEIDRICH, REED KABELOWSKY - Kari Lee-Zimmerman |

| EXCUSED | TASHINA PEPLINSKI |

| UNEXCUSED | |


**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

| DISCUSSION | Paul Reith facilitated the meeting. Introduced the Agenda and Items to be discussed. |

| ACTION | *Motion by Mary Susan Deidrich and 2nd by Fred Wallenburg to approve the agenda as presented – carried. |

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

| DISCUSSION | No mission statement for this ad hoc committee. |

| ACTION | N/A |

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

| DISCUSSION | No guests had asked for opportunity to address meeting. Several guests were in attendance virtually. |

| ACTION | N/A |

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

| DISCUSSION | 1. Terri Roehrig had sent out a template draft to be used on-line for the public to enter resolutions – provided to committee before the meeting.  
2. Erik Christianson – DNR – working on template functionality.  
   • Mary Susan asked question about the 7 items presented in the preview/introduction to the template – add item 8.?
   • Where should this appear?  
   • Discussion.  
   • Agreement from committee to add this into #8 in the introduction.  
   • Issues in past with original author’s name included.  
   • Discussion.  
   • Multi-county issues.  
   • Problem in past with same author in different counties.  
   • Not enough time to address this, this year – agreement.  
   • Kari feels another spot to include original author could be made on form.  
   • May cause more issues than helps at this point.  
   • This will go back on Agenda for R&R Committee.  
   *Motion by Mary Susan Deitrich and 2nd by Ken Anderson to add as #8 “An individual may only introduce two resolutions per year” – carried.  
   • “Statewide impact”  
     o Most local resolutions still have statewide impact.  
   *Motion by Reed Kabelowsky and 2nd by Mary Susan to accept template as presented with above changes –  
     • Fred – exchange goal or issue for “problem statement”.  
   Reed Kabelowsky amended motion to include the “issue” language change in template – 2nd by Arby Humphrey - carried.  
4. Second page of Template.  
   1. Author ID. | Paul Reith |
Why is e-mail not required?
- Some folks may use public computers.
- Might come in handy if we are able to have automated e-mail confirmations of submission.

5. DLC Meeting – February 8.
- Code change items need to be to DLC 10 days before meeting.
- Deferred to R&R Committee.

6. Terri discussed where to put the timeline – post in the resolution introduction area?

7. Discussion about using “Author” contact information.
- Erik says this can be done.

8. Paul – Post submission actions?
- Is there a confirmation that resolution is posted?
- Submission receipt via e-mail?
  1. Erik thinks we have the ability to make this happen.
  2. Where to put the “Done” prompt in the submission process?
  3. Ken suggested like in harvest reporting
  4. Kari is going to check into this.
- Close of survey.
  - Can set the closure time at any time.
  - 11:59 PM was selected on March 11.
  - Timeline to be posted in a post submission “Pop-up”
- Inform posters of timeline for reviewing resolutions.

**ACTION**

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B. Resolution Review Process.

**DISCUSSION**

1. Who?
2. Terri – e-mail will be sent to all delegates asking for help
   - Members of the Review team
   - Shoot for 20-25 persons to be on Review Team.
3. Paul Reith has accepted the responsibility of organizing and leading the Review Team (effort).
   - Thanks from committee members.
4. Kari asked if we wanted resolutions sent out as they come in?
   - Reed suggested to look at them at earliest possible time, but now action (getting back to author) until review period (timeline).
   - Sort by priority to review.
     - Author – to verify only two resolutions submitted.
     - By Title – similar resolutions.
     - Shotgun resolutions will all go to one reviewer
   - Keep consistency in handling.
5. How?
   - Make sure reviewers are aware of guidelines.
     1. Consistency.
     2. Keep guidelines similar for similar resolutions.
     - Tony B. asked how many helpers last year – Kari = 8-10ish.
     - Buddy system was suggested and liked by group.
     - Indicate on contact list which reviewers wish to serve as mentors
3. Others can call to get more experienced info.
4. Prior experience.
5. Provide contact info for reviewers.
C. Delegate Education.

DISCUSSION
1. Job Aid
   - General overview to all delegates to educate them on assisting resolution authors.
   - Discussion on how to best educate our delegates.
   - Discussion on keeping inflammatory, disparaging, or negative language out of resolutions.
2. Zoom Discussion.
3. FAQ Document.
4. Initial meeting.
   - Timeline, expectations, biases identification, roster, mentors.
   - Record meetings for non-attendees
   - Looking to keep meeting at 15-30 minutes.
   - Include info in the invite e-mail to potential reviewers.
5. Covered at meeting:
   - Terri – will cover expectations and guidelines.
   - Terri – will put something together for rest of meeting.

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Terri will start preparing materials for meeting. | 

D. Outreach and Public Relations.

DISCUSSION
1. This year’s resolution guideline changes.
   - Press Releases
     - Paul to reach out to County Chairs for news outlets.
   - Social Media
     - Terri – what is DNR going to do for this?
     - Office of Communications has contact lists.
     - Contacts from delegates.
   - New articles.

*When does resolution acceptance begin?*
- After the 2/8/22 DLC meeting.

*Funding for Media fees?*
- Ask DLC and intern, the Friends of WCC.
- $250 exists now?

*Tony – On-line Elections issue? What happened to this item in this committee?*
- Postponed/tabled until we get the resolution issue completed.
- All agreed.
- Discussion on how to have elections.
- Reminder that Chairs can appoint.

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION

1. Reed thanked leadership for responding to his inquiry about status of the “Term Limits” resolution? Back on Agenda for R&R – thank you.
   She will send out a draft that she has made up already.
3. Fred W. Thanks for everyones’ participation on these issues.
4. Arby H. Thanks to all for participating.
5. Ken A. – Let’s do what we have to, to get back to in-person meetings.
6. Terri R. – Read a letter from a citizen praising this committee for their efforts
   -Included in attachment.

(I can’t thank you enough, and I know I speak for so many of us who have tried so hard to be heard and do the right thing, to follow protocol and even show up to venues 3 hours away only to be silenced or not given the opportunity to speak. You are a breath of fresh air and we appreciate you and your passion to make this process one that Wisconsin can be proud of. Tonight’s meeting gave me much hope as it showed the professionalism and genuine desire of the committee to respect citizen input regardless of personal differences.)

ACTION

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED

*Motion by Fred Wollenburg and 2nd by Arby Humphrey to adjourn at 8:16PM – carried.

SUBMITTED BY
Reed C. Kabolowsky (Monitowoc County)

DATE
01/29/2022