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President's Report

May 2017

This is my first Presidents Report for the Wisconsin Conservation. I would like to start by thanking Dan Gries for his over 30 years of service to the WWF and the publishing of the Wisconsin Conservation. I also want to thank George Borchert for all he has done for the WWF.

As I look at the names of all the past Presidents of the Federation I come to realize the big shoes I am going to fill but I commit to you that I will do my very best. I would like to start my President report by telling you about myself. I am married and have 4 Children and 5 Grand Children who along with myself enjoy fishing, hunting and trapping along with all of the other great outdoor activities there are to do in the Wisconsin outdoors, I began my love of the outdoors at the young age of 5 years old, began hunting at 12 and have been doing it ever since. My biggest joy is having my grandchildren tag along with me when I am out enjoying the recreational activities that we all enjoy.

I became involved with sports

clubs and organizations in 1975 when I started being a Hunter Safety Instructor and did that for 30 years. In 1978 I joined the Winnebago Conservation Club and became President in 1970 and held that position for 30 years also. Then in 1989 one other person and I started Fox Valley Pheasants Forever Chapter in Oshkosh. Along with that I have belonged to more sports clubs than I can mention. While slowing down on some of those activities, I still enjoy all of the great things Wisconsin has to offer including a great deal of dog training and trialing.

About 6 years ago I felt I needed something more in my life to help Conservation. A great friend of mine who I was involved with for 25 years with various conservation banquets and who I belonged to a Club with, told me I should think about joining the WWF. I gave it a look, liked what I saw and I became an Associate Director for District 5 which included my residence in Omro I soon became Chair of the Federation's Shooting Range Committee. Shortly thereafter I was elected as the Federation's 2nd



Vice President and the rest is history. One thing I want to say with all my heart is that I have never felt so involved and that I am finally helping out in one way or another the Sportsmen and Women in Wisconsin. I have finally found my home. In next month's issue I will talk about some of my Goals for the WWF and also talk about what I would like to see for the Future of WWF. Lastly if you have anything you would like to talk to me about please feel free to get hold of me at any time

THANK YOU
Bill Tollard, President



The Incoming CLC Executive Committee Members for this upcoming year 2017-2018, from left to right: Monica Banaszak-Publicist, Justin Mueller-President, Jeff Williams-Vice President, Nicole Loeffler- Programs Director, Marco Mascitti-CLC Coordinator, and Rachel Terracina- Secretary.



Conservation Leadership Corps Mentors of the Year Molly O'Grady (r) and Elsa Litecky (l).



Executive Director, George Meyer, delivering his report on the perfect storm that is negatively impacting conservation at the present and his optimism for the future of conservation.



George Guyant from the Stevens Point Chapter of the Isaac Walton League presenting President George Borchert and Conservation Leadership Corp Chair Lil Pipping with a \$3,500 check for the Conservation Leadership Corp. The Isaac Walton League has donated \$10,000 to the CLC over the past three years.



President's Award winner, Lori Grosskopf, receiving her award from President George Borchert.



Miss Wisconsin 2016, Courtney Pelot, welcomes all the delegates to the 2017 Wisconsin Wildlife Federation's Annual meeting in Wisconsin Rapids. Courtney's outdoor activities include biking on Wisconsin's bike trails and hiking at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary where a crazy goose tried to photobomb her. As a young girl, Courtney also went fishing with her grandparents, Larry and Cindy Pelot of WWF member club the Wilderness Sportsman's Club in Rudolph, WI.



The Executive Board being sworn in at the annual banquet. Left to Right. Second Vice President, Craig Challoner, Secretary Connie Kadubek, President Bill Tollard, Treasurer Dave Verhage.

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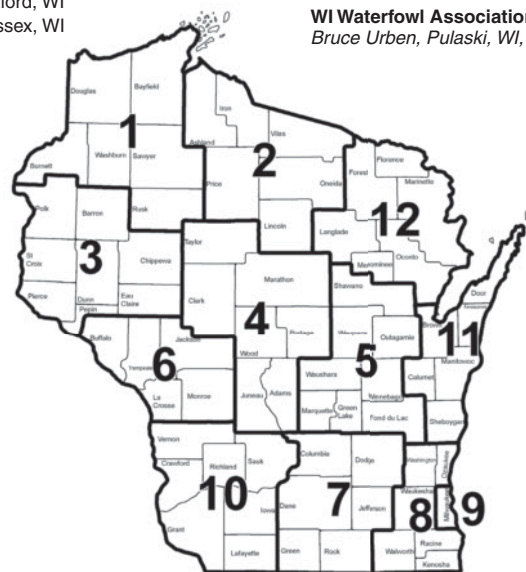
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Conservation Leadership Corps

Interested in being a leader in conservation?

Interested in having your voice heard on conservation issues by Wisconsin and National policymakers?

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has created a Conservation Leadership Training Program just for you!

Students in the Conservation Leadership Corps will receive training in conservation leadership, conservation policy development and how to advocate for sound conservation policies. Training will be provided by experienced conservation leaders.

Training will provide an excellent opportunity to network with state, federal and private conservation organizations.

All your expenses for involvement in the program will be paid for by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. At the successful completion of the program you will receive a \$250 scholarship to further your conservation education!

We welcome applications from high school seniors and college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Please visit our website: www.wiwf.org for further details. You may also contact the WWF Conservation Leadership Corps Coordinator at clc.wwf.coordinator@gmail.com or George Meyer, WWF Executive Director at georgemeyer@tds.net with any questions or to express your interest in the program.

General Information on the Conservation Leadership Corps

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF) is in the process of completing its fourth year as an exciting program to assist in the development of future conservation leaders in Wisconsin, known as the Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps. (CLC). WWF has based the CLC on a highly successful and similar project developed by the Conservation Federation of Missouri, our counterpart organization.

The CLC is designed to provide expert training for seniors in high school along with college freshmen, sophomores and juniors to develop leadership skills and techniques to allow students the ability to analyze as well as develop conservation policies in his or her subject of interest. Students involved will also gain experience advocating their conservation resolutions at the Annual Meeting for WWF. Successfully written and presented conservation resolutions may be adopted by WWF to serve as official policies.

Training will be provided by current and former natural resource professionals in both public, non-profit as well as private sectors. Students will be presented with real-world experience and will receive feedback from professionals with the conservation policy process. Such interactions will be valuable to participants in relation to school success, future career aspirations, and involvement in organizations.

It is anticipated that the program will take place during the 2017-2018 academic year. Events will be scheduled for three weekends throughout the year. Conservation resolution presentations conducted by those involved would be made at the Annual Meeting of the Wildlife Federation in April 2018. Selected CLC candidates are encouraged to attend three of the four events. All expenses encountered while participating in the CLC program will be covered by WWF. At the successful completion of the year, each participant will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment for the training program, a letter of commendation for their resume portfolio and a \$250 scholarship to advance their continuing education.

Interested CLC candidates should fill out the application on this page and send it to the CLC Coordinator, at clc.wwf.coordinator@gmail.com by May 31, 2017. Candidates will be selected by June 5, 2017. All applicants will be notified of the results. More detailed information on the program will be provided to those selected over the 2017 summer.

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Congratulations to Pat Quaintance on winning the Garand Rifle.

Thanks to everyone who supported our shooting range education program.

APPLICATION FOR WWF YOUTH IN THE OUTDOORS PROGRAM GRANT

FORWARD: The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has established an annual \$2500 grant program to support local organizations in creating and/or operating local youth focused outdoor-skill events. The Federation will give grants of up to \$250 to local organizations sponsoring such an event.

The Education Committee has the responsibility for reviewing and approving such grants. At least two components of these events must involve skills used in hunting, fishing, or trapping, but a wide range of other outdoor knowledge related programs are encouraged. If a program involves only one of the three primary skills, it could qualify if it is supported by an expanded program of instruction. This would include multiple experiences to support the primary skill. The applicant would be responsible for providing that information so the Education Committee can properly evaluate it. The Education Committee will give preference to WWF affiliated clubs in the issuing of grants.

Please complete this application form and submit it to:

Jim Huhn, WWF Educ. Com.
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Watertown, WI 53094
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920.918.2378

Name of sponsoring group: _____
Date(s) when the event will take place: _____
Location where the event will take place: _____
Name of contact person: _____
Mailing Address of contact person: _____
Phone number of contact person: _____
E-mail address of contact person: _____

USE ADDITIONAL PAGES TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

1. Provide a brief description of the event's activities including the two required components (or one plus extras) of hunting, fishing or trapping. (Brochure or poster would be helpful.)

2. How do you plan to use the grant of up to \$250 in this endeavor?
What is the target date for receiving this grant? _____

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Authorized Signature



WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Conservation Leadership Corps Application

The deadline date for applications is May 31, 2017.

Please answer the following questions and limit your response to TWO pages in length.

1. What is your personal and professional interest in conservation?
2. What would you say are the high points in your life related to conservation, either from an educational, personal, or organizational standpoint?
3. Why do you want to be a member of the Conservation Leadership Corps with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation? What would you like to get out of the experience?
4. Why is the concept of a Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps important?
5. What role do you see conservation organizations have in the future of conservation in Wisconsin?
6. Will you be willing and able to attend a majority of the training sessions?

Background and Contact Information- Please include this information as part of your application:

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State and Zip Code: _____
Email Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Present School: _____
Year in School (please specify whether high school or college): _____

Please include a name and contact information for a reference related to your conservation interest. The reference can be a parent, teacher or other adult that you have had contact with related to conservation. **The reference is a very important part of the application.**

Applications, preferably electronically, should be submitted to WWF Leadership Corps Coordinator, at clc.wwf.coordinator@gmail.com or sent through mail to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, 213 N Main Street, Suite 100, PO Box 460, Poynette, WI 53955-0460. **The deadline is May 31, 2017.**

2017 W.W.F. Achievement Award Recipients

2017 Wildlife Conservationist of the Year...Erin Grossman



Erin's technical and personal skills go above and beyond and epitomize a wildlife professional. She is extremely self-reliant, yet by the same token she is a great team member who is always available to pitch in to assist others.

Erin is a Wildlife Technician for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and she is stationed at the Buena Vista Field office in Bancroft, WI. Erin's main job duties include state land habitat and property management on Buena Vista State Wildlife Area, which encompasses over 10,000 acres of state owned and leased lands in central WI. This land is predominantly grassland and the goal is to maintain the property in grassland to benefit grassland dependent species such as the Greater Prairie Chick-en and other grassland dependent bird and mammal species.

Erin has worked for the Department as a permanent employee since 2008. During that time she has sought opportunities to partner with agricultural producers to assist in managing state lands and provide producers with additional land to farm and graze to meet conservation and agricultural goals. Each year this partnership results in farming agreements on about 750-1,000 acres per year between WDNR and local agricultural producers.

Erin is an excellent ambassador for the State of Wisconsin who understands the benefits and critical need to involve partner groups and the agricultural community to meet conservation needs on our state owned lands.

2017 Hunter Education Safety Instructor of the Year... Keith Pamperin



Keith Pamperin was certified as a volunteer Hunter Education Instructor in October of 1977 and has been teaching students annually for 40 years.

During those 40 years Keith has had 4907 students certified to hunt. Keith states, "One of the biggest thrills is to have parents and grandparents bring their students to class and comment that they were certified in my class, and now they are bringing their children or grandchildren to be safe hunters."

Keith believes in the value of teaching hunters to be safe hunters, but also ethical hunters! In 1978 and 79 Keith taught two of the first adult only Hunter Safety Classes as a part of the curriculum at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Keith has taught Hunter Education with the Depere Sportsman's Club, the Brown County Sportsman's Club, The Howard Suamico School District, the Ashwaubenon School District, and various venues around Brown County. In the process, Keith and his fellow team of instructors have mentored many junior instructors that are now teaching.

Keith has participated in most of the State Wide Hunter Safety Conference and Training opportunities including the Hunter Education Academy at Fort McCoy, WI. Keith has been a member of the Board of Directors of the WI Hunter Safety Instructors Association (WHEIA) from 2006 to the present, planning and participating in statewide conferences and training events for volunteer Hunter Education Instructors.

Keith has prepared several successful grants to fund training aids and equipment for WHEIA. Keith has promoted Hunter Safety Education by volunteering and coordinating volunteers to staff the annual WHEIA Youth Pellet Shooting Range at the Wisconsin Hunting Expo in Green Bay for the past six years.

2017 Forest Conservationist of the Year...Jim & Marlene Zdanovec



In 1985, dreams of eventually returning to their roots were realized when Jim and Marlene Zdanovec purchased 160 acres of land in Marathon County, Wisconsin. Wildlife was the main reason the Zdanovecs purchased the property.

The Zdanovec's objective with this land was to work with the abandoned pits and unmanaged forest to promote long-term productivity of the forest ecosystem with good land stewardship, for the benefit of the land, forest, and wildlife.

Today, the spoil piles are now gone, sloped and contoured by the Zdanovecs to blend in with the surrounding topography. Waste granite from the excavations has been used to construct and repair three miles of access roads. Topsoil was added and areas were vegetated to eliminate erosion into what are now referred to as "wildlife ponds." Once empty water holes now brim with life. From the spring peepers to the geese to the wild rice that grows along the banks of ponds, forest life flourishes here.

One of the Zdanovec's first projects was the preparation of a management plan working with a professional forester. The current land composition is about fifty percent hardwoods, forty percent aspen, and ten percent conifers. All but three acres are enrolled in the Managed Forest Law program.

Because areas of aspen were over mature and deteriorating, their first management objective was to work with a wildlife biologist promoting clearcutting five acre parcels at five year intervals to create aspen age diversity, critical habitat for ruffed grouse, woodcock, song birds and other wildlife which favor early succession.

As they provide a good example to others regarding sustainable forestry the Zdanovecs feel very strong about passing their stewardship knowledge to others. They believe that education is the key to what kind of forests, forest activities and forest resources our future generations of Americans will enjoy. School groups, Boy Scout troops, and numerous organizations have been warmly received at the tree farm.

Their educational outreach to others include 17 years of Arbor Day celebration on the Tree Farm with a local school, enabling each student to properly plant a tree and receive a tree for take home planting, together with other activities pertaining to forestry, wildlife, and the environment during that celebration.

Field days on the property included hosting the annual statewide convention field day for Wisconsin Woodland Association (WVWA), 3 chapter field days for WVWA Northcentral Chapter, Managed Forest Law Field Day in Cooperation with the WDNR, hosted Wisconsin Tree Farm Statewide field day, WVWA chapter picnic field day, and a field day for the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) National convention.

Forestry commitments included four years of service on the National Operating Committee (NOC) for the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) and two years on that Executive Committee. While on the NOC, the Zdanovecs traveled throughout the United States attending many Tree Farm functions as ambassadors for small woodland owner, including a visit to Washington D.C. where they spoke to their elections official on Capitol Hill. Both have also been active members of the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee for the past 14 years.

Presenting the awards are WWF Executive Director George Meyer and WWF President George Borchert.

2017 Soil, Air, and Water Conservationist...Silver Creek Pilot Project



The Silver Creek Pilot Project is a project developed by NEW Water of Northeast Wisconsin to research and identify methods of reducing phosphorous and sediment runoff. NEW Water has determined through their research that the primary sources of phosphorous and sediment in the Fox River and Green Bay is the agricultural land in the watershed. The Silver Creek Pilot Project will focus on one stream, Silver Creek, in the Fox River Watershed, and develop test methods to reduce this polluted runoff.

Silver Creek stakeholders are collaborating on the project, which will span four years. The Silver Creek team includes agronomists, who will work with farmers throughout this 4,800-acre sub-watershed, in attempts to achieve .075mg/liter phosphorous in the stream, per state water quality standards as set out by the Wisconsin State Legislator. Monitoring will occur throughout the duration of the project, and the data will scientifically demonstrate the impact of the project.

"Trout once flourished in Silver Creek, which is a great indicator of an ecosystem's health," Hafs said, "and ultimately, we all like to see that happen again."

Partners on the Silver Creek Project include the Oneida Tribe, the Oneida Farm, Polenske Agronomists, Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department, Outagamie County Land and Water Conservation Department, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Ducks Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and U.S Geological Survey. CH2MHill has been retained to facilitate this project.

2017 Conservation Legislator of the Year...Senator Bob Wirth

Senator Bob Wirth serves Senate District 22, Eastern Racine and Kenosha Counties. He has served in Assembly from 1992-1996 and the Senate 1996-present. Senator Wirth has served on the Senate Natural Resources Committee and/or the Senate Natural Environment Committees for twenty years.

Senator Wirth has been an author or supporter of numerous conservation and environmental bills throughout his legislative career. He has always been a staunch opponent of legislation that would have harmed fish and wildlife habitat or been contrary to sportmen and women. He has also opposed several bills that would increase dredging and filling of near shore of lakes without strong DNR oversight.

Senator Wirth has served for a year and a half on the Great Lakes Study Committee Water Diversions and worked to ensure that our greatest water resource would be responsibly managed. He is also co-author with all members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee of legislation to pass the Great Lakes Compact in Wisconsin.

Senator Wirth is a member of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Committee for over 10 or more years. Since 1978, the program has worked cooperatively with state, local, and tribal government agencies and non-profits to manage the ecological, economic and aesthetic assets of the Great Lakes and their coastal areas.

Senator Wirth has also been a big supporter of the Stewardship Program. He believes preserving habitat that gives the regular person a chance to enjoy is important—whether hiking or hunting, the outdoors should be accessible.

Bob routinely contact the WWF on proposed legislation to get our position on bills. He has also provided early alerts to us about upcoming hearings and legislation that are detrimental to sportmen and women.

Bob also lives conservation at home by having a solar hot water on his home since the 1970's. He is a big supporter of federal tax credits for solar power.

2017 Conservation Organization of the Year...Manitowoc County Fish & Game



Manitowoc County Fish and Game (MCFG) was established in 1907 and is the oldest continuous sportsmen's club in Wisconsin. MCFG is made up of twenty-four local conservation clubs in the county and provides their 2,200 members with input on environmental happenings and legislative proposals on the county and state level. MCFG's purpose over the years has been to provide outdoor experiences for youth and adults and educate them in conservation practices.

In it's early years, MCFG was responsible for: planting fish in every lake in the county; reintroducing rabbits, fox and gray squirrels; raising and stocking thousands of pheasants throughout the county; and starting the Manitowoc City Zoo which the city still maintains today. To this day, MCFG contributes to fish planting in various lakes throughout the county and trout planting in the Devil's River.

Over the years, MCFG has purchased or has had land donated to them for every boat landing on an inland lake in the county, which in turn have been donated to Manitowoc County.

MCFG contributes and assists with four children's fishing days throughout the year, provides buses for students in county school districts to attend Youth Expo at Poynette, and offers four \$1000.00 scholarships to college juniors majoring in various areas of environmental studies, and were the major contributor for a new student environmental classroom building at the Collins Marsh Wildlife Center.

2017 Natural Resources Professional of the Year... Steve Grant

This year's Natural Resources Professional is wrapping up his career with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He has been a hands-on resource for all types of sustainable forestry over a long period of time in Central Wisconsin. He also has seen his share of change within Wisconsin's Timber Industry.

During the last quarter of the century, Steve was helping manage large blocs of timber and pulp in supplying raw materials for a vibrant set of paper companies along the Wisconsin River Valley. He's maintained solid relations with both large and small harvest companies and is respected as a forestry resource for a variety of landowners, large-&-small operators.

Steve has worked with the transition from the old Forest Crop Law to what we now know as Managed Forest Law (MFL). He is one of those steady-eddy field guys who accept a special challenge in blending good forestry practices with wildlife habitat. Steve helped write the plan and guide management practices for the dog training/cottontail parcel in Central Wisconsin for 25 years. Without his attention to detail, Wisconsin's long-standing dog training/trailing heritage would be long-gone.

Steve works hard to stay abreast of changes on the landscape; everything from tree planting to tree-harvesting and all the seasonal activities in between. He is also a FORWARD THINKING FORESTER and has taken an interest in the Working School Forest Program by narrating a recent YouTube release that discusses the importance of forest regeneration, how today's forest harvesting equipment works, the economic importance of sustainable forestry, and the variety of career opportunities open to students.

2017 Warden of the Year... Ryan Volenberg



Warden Volenberg has been a warden since 2000 working in the MEU as his first station and for the last 4 years at the Poynette station.

Ryan's performance has been top notch in both stations. With a family he has found a way to balance family and work. He works as a field warden, member of the TAC team, DNR firearms/taster instructor and teaching/planning as a MIT at the Madison College Recruit Academy.

Ryan has a very good overall enforcement program. He excels in recreational vehicle OWI enforcement and arrested (23) individuals for operation boats and snowmobiles under the influence in 2016 and assisted with multiple other arrests.

Ryan made the biggest night hunting case of his career this year with 15 deer being harvested over bait, some without licenses, and nearly all of them with the aid of artificial light. The same case resulted in (9) illegal turkeys harvested over bait along without harvest without permit violations. Ryan was a team player and shared the interviews with team members and the investigative unit on the designated contact day.

Amongst his law enforcement, Ryan has planned, organize, and ran the Basil Irwin Shoot in 2016 to which took a significant amount of time and received multiple positive comments. He has also developed a monthly report template that half the team currently uses. It is very user friendly and tracks events through the course of the year that make evaluations easier to complete.

Ryan set-up and staffed a publicized courtesy boat equipment and noise check program at boat landings on Lake Wisconsin. The checks had a solid attendance for a new program and were well received.

Warden Volenberg even developed and published a "ask the Warden" column for the Lodi and Poynette Papers in his area.

Ryan also coordinated the installation for the "Kids don't float" PFD loaner stations on Lake Wisconsin. Ryan coordinated different aspects of obtaining the materials, construction, placement, removal, and winter storage of the stations along with keeping the stations stocked with PFD's. Along with this, he has the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center in his area and helps out with the learn to hunt programs that are part of the focus of that facility as his schedule allows.

2017 Conservation Educator of the Year...Sarah DeZwarte

Sarah is the Director of Education at Sheboygan County's YMCA Camp Y-Koda Outdoor Skills and Education, a position she has served in for the past twelve years. Sarah has always gone above and beyond to spread and maintain environmental education opportunities to youth and families.

Sarah's principal job is maintaining the high quality environmental education programs at Camp Y-Koda. Every year, more than 15,000 students from more than 60 different schools attend Camp programs. Sarah is behind the constant upkeep, staffing, scheduling, and refinement of these programs.

Through grant dollars obtained by Sarah through Camp Y-Koda, Sarah has organized, managed, and led public educational canoe and kayak trips on the Sheboygan River Area of Concern sections in an effort to educate the public on past issues and restoration efforts and progress.

Along with her work at Camp Y-Koda, Sarah also took on the huge responsibility of re-writing the curricula for Maywood Environmental Park during their downsizing and staff changes, allowing the continuation of all outdoor education opportunities for the youth of the community. Thanks to Sarah's efforts, programs at Maywood are in full swing and the reviews coming back from the schools are 100% positive.

Sarah currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Sheboygan River Basin Partnership, where she seeks grants for river education and preservation projects, as well as organizes and runs the Annual River Clean-Up held every May. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Sheboygan County Marsh meeting with donors, writing grants, and raising funds for a new building at the Marsh which will serve as a classroom for the Camp's Wetland Ecology Program.

With all of these responsibilities, Sarah still found the time to get her Master Naturalist Instructor Certification which will allow her to conduct courses for volunteer trainings and solicit volunteer hours for conservation related projects.

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2017 Annual Meeting Resolutions

Resolution Opposing Major Reductions in the USEPA 2017-2018 Budget

Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency plays a fundamental role in protecting, restoring and enhancing the Nation's land, water and air resources by providing overall oversight to the 50 States in their implementation of the laws enacted by the Congress to protect our land, air and water; and

Whereas, EPA oversight assures that there is an even regulatory playing field between the states implementing Congress's laws such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, etc.; and

Whereas, Wisconsin citizens and non-profit conservation and environmental organizations, like the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, have had to petition the USEPA to come into Wisconsin and require the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to carry out its responsibilities in carrying out the Federal environmental regulatory programs delegated to it such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

Whereas, the President's budget eliminates 19% of USEPA employees and overall is a 31% cut in the USEPA budget and includes, among others, the following specific budget cuts:

1. A 50% reduction of the budget for EPA's Office of Research and Development, which does most of agency's science work;

2. A 45% reduction of environmental protection grants to local units of government;

3. A 24% reduction in EPA's environmental enforcement funding;

4. A 30% reduction in Super Fund site cleanup funding;

5. A 97% reduction in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding;

6. A 100% reduction in EPA's Climate Change programs;

Whereas, these drastic cuts to the proposed USEPA budget will seriously undermine the land, air and water resources of Wisconsin and the Nation.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2017 Annual Meeting held April 21st and 22nd in Wisconsin Rapids, calls on the US Congress and the President to restore these drastic cuts in the USEPA budget so as to protect the land, air and water resources of Wisconsin and the Nation.

*Submitted by the WWF Environmental Committee:
Jim Swanson, Chair*

Resolution calling for removal of abandoned railroad grade culvert on Nebagamon Creek

Whereas, the South Shore Railroad abandoned operation in the late 1800's or early 1900's and as a result, ended maintenance of their railroad culvert on Nebagamon Creek; and

Whereas, there is a danger of the culvert collapsing or becoming completely blocked with the wing-wall supports on the downside of the culvert having already collapsed; and

Whereas, Nebagamon Creek drains about 28 square miles and carries, on average about a 16 cubic feet per second flow and if the culvert collapses will back up very quickly; and

Whereas, weather patterns are showing more frequent extremes increasing the danger of flood events.

Whereas, the Nebagamon Creek Watershed already has had one such major precipitation event about 10 years ago in which a culvert failed resulting in a large silt deposit at the mouth of an unnamed creek entering Lake Nebagamon; and

Whereas, if the culvert collapses, the South Shore Railroad grade will act as a dam and fill the entire valley upstream to a point where either the grade collapses or eventually overtops and washes it away; and

Whereas, the extent or threat to the Bois Brule River will depend on how much water is impounded upstream and how quickly that impounded water washes away the grade; and

Whereas, a catastrophic failure will

create the largest flood that the Nebagamon Creek valley has ever experienced; and

Whereas, the flood will quickly erode a larger stream channel by washing away the sand laden stream banks and at many points along the way from there to the Brule will cause severe erosion and collapse of the sandy valley walls; and

Whereas, the flood would wash away the Afterhours town road crossing; and

Whereas, beside the water volume dumping into the Bois Brule an even larger concern is the huge volume of sand that will create an extremely large sand deposit. This sand deposit will be a major threat to the river's trout fishery as it slowly creeps downstream; and

Whereas, this sand deposit may take decades to move down the river while filling holes, causing channel widening (bank erosion) and sequentially burying trout habitat and spawning areas.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting in

Wisconsin Rapids on April 21st and 22nd, 2017 goes on record supporting the removal of the culvert on Nebagamon Creek under the abandoned South Shore Railroad grade.

*Submitted by: WWF Fisheries Committee,
Gordy Merz, Chair
Ken Lundberg, Vice-Chair*

Resolution to Restore Funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Whereas, the Great Lakes are one of the world's most important natural resources and are the largest surface water freshwater systems on the planet with 20% of the earth's freshwater; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes provide invaluable ecosystem habitat for all animals including fish and wildlife, are a valuable resource as a water supply for municipalities and industry and are also valuable for navigation and public recreation; and

Whereas, over the last two centuries human use of the Great Lakes has significantly harmed the Great Lakes ecosystem through municipal and industrial discharges, urban and rural runoff, deposit of toxic air emissions and destruction of fish and wildlife habitat in and adjacent to the lakes; and

Whereas, twelve years ago, the Healing Our Waters--Great Lakes Coalition (HOW) was formed consisting of more than 145 environmental, conservation, and outdoor recreation organizations and zoos, aquariums, and museums, including the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and created the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for the purpose of restoring and protecting North America's greatest freshwater resource: the Great Lakes; and

Whereas the HOW Coalition has been extremely successful in obtaining up to \$300 million dollars annually for the GLRI from the US Congress for the purposes of removal of legacy pollutants from the lakes and their contaminated harbors and tributaries, repairing

municipal sewerage treatment plants and sewers, reducing urban and rural contaminated runoff; restoring fish and wildlife habitat and preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species such as Asian Carp into the Great Lakes system; and

Whereas, despite significant funding decreases in the Federal domestic budget over the last several years, the US Congress, in a highly bipartisan manner, has continually funded the GLRI at a very high funding level up to and including \$300 million annually; and

Whereas, the current President's proposed budget reduced the funding level for the GLRI from \$300 million to \$9 million, a 97% reduction.

Now therefore be it resolved that, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, at its Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Rapids on April 21st and 22nd, 2017 calls on the US Congress and the President of the United States to restore funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for the next fiscal year to \$300 million in order to protect and enhance the Great Lakes; and

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation encourage the Governor and the Wisconsin Congressional delegation to support the restoration of the GLRI funding to \$300 million.

Submitted by the WWF Great Lakes Committee by Committee Chair Keith Pamperin and by the Wisconsin Federation of Great Lakes Sports Fishing Clubs by its President Bob Wincek

Resolution to Support Current Forestry Account Property Tax Financing

Whereas, the Wisconsin Forestry Account funds all state forestry programs to restore and maintain Wisconsin's healthy forests; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Forestry Account besides restoring the Northern Wisconsin forests from the cutover of the late 19th and 20th centuries, the fund supports the State Forests, the County Forests, the management of the private Managed Forest Land program, State Tree Nurseries, Forest Pest prevention and treatment program and the Forest Fire fighting and prevention programs; and

Whereas the forests that have been restored and maintained by the Wisconsin Forestry Account provide tens of thousands of jobs in the state through the logging, lumber mill, paper and printing industries, which make up a major portion of Wisconsin's economy; and

Whereas, specifically, the Wisconsin Forestry Account, supports 64,000 jobs in Wisconsin with total wages of \$3.4 billion for Wisconsin's economy with each of those jobs supporting 1.7 million jobs in the state and a total forestry industry output of \$24.7 billion in forest products a year; and

Whereas, the forests that have been restored and maintained by the Wisconsin Forestry Account provide a major role in the state's \$12 tourism economy and the habitat provided by the forests creates excellent fish and wildlife populations that are critically important for hunting, angling and trapping in the state; and

Whereas the Wisconsin Forestry Account has been funded since 1924 through a Wisconsin Constitutional

Amendment by a one-twentieth of a cent mill rate mill rate on the state property tax and thereby is a stable funding source for the reforestation and maintenance of all the mentioned forestry programs mentioned above; and

Whereas the Governor's budget has called for the removal of the funding of the Forestry Account from the property tax and instead funding all the forestry programs through the state income and sales tax (GPR); and

Whereas, it is critically important that there be a very stable funding source for the Forestry Account because of the nature of forest management being a very long term management enterprise and the Forest Mill Tax has provided such a stable funding source since 1924; and

Whereas, General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funding is used for funding many other educational, health, welfare and other critical state programs and GPR funding can change significantly due to major changes in the state and national economies and such fluctuations would likely lead to instability in the Forestry Account.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2017 Annual Meeting held April 21st and 22nd in Wisconsin Rapids, calls on the Wisconsin Legislature to restore funding for the Forestry Account and all state forestry program to the Constitutionally approved Forest Mill Tax thereby assuring stable funding for forestry in Wisconsin.

Submitted by the WWF Forest and Parks Committee, Jerry Knuth, Chair and by the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

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Resolution to support increased funding in Wisconsin State Parks

Whereas there is currently a \$1.4 million annual deficit in the State Parks Fund, resulting in a 20-25% vacancy in park staffing, and

Whereas the vacancies in park staffing results in a serious maintenance deficiency of park infrastructure and natural resources including trails, buildings, interpretive programs, signage, camper safety and security, and fish and wildlife habitat management, and

Whereas currently nonprofit Friends Group organizations are burdened with providing funds for necessary park related programs and expenses, and

Whereas the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has a dual mission to engage in conservation education and to advocate for sound conservation policies, and

Whereas Wisconsin state parks and wildlife are held in the public trust for all citizens under the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation, and;

Whereas park admission fees were raised significantly by the Legislature in 2015-2016, and;

Whereas recent budget proposals have outlined further park admission fee increases for 2017, and;

Whereas increased admission fees create barriers for families and low income visitors to enjoy Wisconsin state parks and outdoor resources in the state, and;

Whereas aging demographics and increased use of electronic devices by

campers cause an increased demand for electrified campsites in state parks, and that currently state law limits statewide campsites in state parks to 30% electrified campsites, and

Whereas Wisconsin's state parks provide outstanding outdoor nature and recreational opportunity for all Wisconsin citizens regardless of economic means, and

Whereas the proposed Governor's 2017-2018 state budget once again increases entrance and camping fees raising \$700,000 of the current \$1.4 million park fund, leaving a remaining \$700,000 deficit; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting on April 21st and 22nd, 2017, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin requests that the Wisconsin Legislature modestly increase the cap on electrified campsites in state parks,

Now let it be further resolved that the Wisconsin State Legislature provide additional funding for the State Parks Fund without further increases of admission fees, thereby allowing all citizens to enjoy the recreational, educational and aesthetic value of Wisconsin State Parks.

Submitted by the Conservation Leadership Corps:

*Marco Mascitti
Savanna Harmon
Cody Kamrowski*

Advisor: George Meyer-WWF

Resolution to Support Pollinator-friendly Solar Electricity Awareness and Production in Wisconsin

Whereas Wisconsin is reliant on imported non-renewable sources of electricity which pollute the land, air, and water and negatively impact Wisconsin's wildlife habitat and economics; and

Whereas, solar electricity is beneficial as a source that does not create emissions, and therefore does not pollute the environment, which allows animal populations and habitats to thrive and remain; and

Whereas, Wisconsin is far short of meeting its solar energy production potential, with only one-tenth of one percent of Wisconsin's electricity coming from solar energy; and

Whereas, Wisconsin spends approximately \$1.8 billion annually on imported coal and natural gas for electricity usage, and redirecting 10% towards in-state solar energy production would equate to \$180 million remaining within Wisconsin's state economy and

Whereas, the cost of solar has been on the decline since 2010 and the prices are projected to continue to decline, making solar energy a cost effective electricity generation option; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation board passed the "Resolution to Support Pollinator Education and Awareness in Wisconsin in 2015", that describes numerous ways to "promote the increase of native pollinators in Wisconsin"; and

Whereas, pollinator gardens would be a beneficial addition to the land underneath and between the rows of solar panels which could be planted with native pollinator-friendly plants that would provide habitat for more than 300 song and game bird species, butterflies, and honeybees; and

Whereas, generating 10% of our state's electricity from solar would provide the opportunity to create up to 40,000 acres of pollinator-friendly habitat to be developed, which is approximately 0.2% of Wisconsin's agricultural land, more than tripling the amount of prairies and grasslands in the state today.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting assembled April 21-22, 2017 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin requests the implementation of public outreach programs to educate farmers and citizens on the benefits of pollinator-friendly solar electricity, creating pilot

programs, publicizing the results, and building partnerships between farmers, farm organizations, and utility companies; and

Now therefore be it further resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation urges the collaboration between the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Wisconsin Legislators to support the development of pollinator-friendly solar electricity production; and

Now therefore be it further resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation supports a goal of 10% of all Wisconsin's electricity be produced by solar energy by 2040 to restore habitat and bring economic benefits to the state of Wisconsin.

Submitted by the Conservation Leadership Corps:

*Sawyer Boldt
Logan Lowery
Katie Nolan*

Advisor: Tyler Huebner--RENEW Wisconsin

Resources:

- Energy Information Administration Wisconsin Electricity Statistics 2015: <http://www.eia.gov/electricity/state/Wisconsin/>
- RENEW Wisconsin Estimate: 60 Megawatts (MW) of solar today, produces 70,135 MWh of Electricity
- EIA says Wisconsin "Total Retail Sales" of 68,698,932 MWh
- Therefore Solar provides about 0.1% of WI electricity sales
- 10% of Wisconsin's electricity from solar would be approximately 5,725 MW of solar
- "Solar Power in Wisconsin: All You Need to Know!" *Solar Power in Wisconsin: All You Need to Know!* N.p., n.d. Web. < <http://www.solar-nation.org/wisconsin> >.
- Wisconsin State Energy Office Energy Statistics Book: <http://www.stateenergyoffice.wi.gov/subcategory.asp?linksubcatid=3691&linkcatid=2847&linkid=1451&locid=160> , helped us realize 21.7% of natural gas expenditures go towards creating electricity (via this specific page: <http://www.stateenergyoffice.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=27232&locid=160>)
- <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eek/nature/habitat/prairie1.htm>
- Amount of prairies and grasslands still present in Wisconsin
- <http://www.eia.gov/state/data.cfm?sid=WI#ConsumptionExpenditures>
- Location of dollar amount of electricity usage.
- RENEW Wisconsin estimate / rule of thumb that 1 megawatt (MW) of solar uses approximately 7 acres of land

Resolution to Create Recycling and Composting Education Kit for K-12 Schools

Whereas, as of January 2016, over 85,000 acres of Wisconsin land has been converted into landfills, permanently altering the native wildlife and ecosystems (Wisconsin DNR); and

Whereas, in 2015, over 8.2 million tons of waste were disposed amongst 63 landfills in Wisconsin (Wisconsin DNR); and

Whereas, environmental and recycling education are very important at an early age to establish environmental knowledge and habits (Semrau 2017); and

Whereas, education and advocacy is a critical component to the mission statement of the Air, Waste, and Remediation & Redevelopment (AWaRe) Division of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation has 30 education trunks and kits while none include a recycling and composting component. (Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation 2017); and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has four wildlife education trunks currently that are actively used 10 months out of the year by many

schools and educational camps; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Chapter PI 8 legislative mandate states "Environmental education objectives and activities shall be integrated into the kindergarten through grade 12 sequential curriculum plans" (Third page 6.b);

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its annual meeting April 21st and 22nd, 2017, in Wisconsin Rapids requests that the staff of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation collaborate with Wisconsin Environmental Education Foundation and the Air, Water, and Remediation & Redevelopment (AWaRe) Division of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to establish an education kit focusing on recycling and composting for K-12 education and make the kit available to K-12 schools and camps in the same manner as WWF's current wildlife education trunks.

Submitted by the Conservation Leadership Corps:

*Jeffrey Williams
Rachel Terracina
Maegan Loka
Lexi Worden*

Advisor: Jennifer Semrau

Resolution to Continue the Publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine

Whereas, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its predecessor, the Wisconsin Conservation Department, has published the Natural Resources Magazine for ninety-eight years; and

Whereas, the Natural Resources Magazine has been a coveted and highly popular publication providing valuable information to subscribers on DNR conservation and environmental programs, information about the diverse natural resources of this state, methods of outdoor recreation and activities private citizens, non-profit organization, local units of government and businesses to manage and enhance Wisconsin's natural resources; and

Whereas, the production and distribution of the Natural Resources Magazine is fully funded by its subscribers with the only cost to the DNR being that DNR program staff write a handful of articles every two months showcasing their conservation and environmental programs, with the majority of the magazine articles contributed by outside writers; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation believes that it is part of the core mission and duty of the DNR to provide information to Wisconsin citizens about its programs and the management of the natural resources under its responsibilities; and

Whereas, publishers of other Wisconsin outdoor natural resource and outdoor recreation publications have publicly stated that they do not feel that the Natural Resources Magazine is unfair competition to their privately-owned publications.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2017 Annual Meeting held April 21st and 22nd in Wisconsin Rapids, requests that the Legislature and the Governor in their budget deliberations retain the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine published by the Department of Natural Resources.

Submitted by the WWF Executive Committee:

George Borchert, President

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2017 WWF BANQUET CALENDAR

DISTRICT	CONTACT	DATE	LOCATION
District 3 North (Osceola)	Brian Hobbs 715-417-0940 BrianH@co.polk.wi.us	March 11, 2017	Crickets Bar & Grill Amery, WI
District 4 East (Plover)	Gary Fitzgerald 715-824-6310 garyterri@wi-net.com	Sept. 7, 2017	Shooter's Plover, WI
District 4 West (Neillsville)	Randy Teresinski 715-897-8832	April 1, 2017 "SOLD OUT"	American Legion Loyal, WI
District 5 (Fox Valley)	Jerry Lingnofski 920-841-8427 ling5thson@aol.com	April 6, 2017	Darboy Club Darboy, WI
District 6 (LaCrosse)	Michelle Graff 608-797-1292 graффm68@gmail.com	Feb. 4, 2017	Fox Hollow Banquet Facility
District 6 (Black River Falls)	Christine Schultz 715-299-4414 rcmschultz@centurytel.net	March 4, 2017	Castle Hill Supper Club Merrillan, WI
District 8 (Oconomowoc)	Jack Nissen 262-370-8154 nissenhwy@gmail.com	March 24, 2017 "SOLD OUT"	Olympia Resort Oconomowoc, WI
District 9 (Milwaukee)	Janet McLaughlin 262-252-4810 jandjmac@wi.rr.com	March 18, 2017	Hilton Garden Inn - Park Place Milwaukee, WI
District 10 (Waukesha)	Gary Dieck 608-464-3290 gdieck@centurytel.net	April 29, 2017	Club Chapparal Waukesha, WI
Statewide (WI Dells)	Wayne Thayer 608-754-4965 wat68@t6b.com	Jan. 28, 2017	Chula Vista Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI

WWF "Kitchen News"

Pork – Noodle Dish

Ingredients:

- 1 12 oz. pkg. noodles (medium) cooked and blanched
- 1 1/2 lb. lean pork steak, diced and browned
- 1/2 lb. Amer. cheese, diced (aged)
- 2 10 oz. cans cream of chicken soup
- Add** – 1 c. milk to give smooth consistency
- 1 small can pimento (diced)
- 1 small can mushrooms
- 1 green pepper (diced)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. Buttered bread crumbs may be put on top of dish 15 minutes before taking from the oven. Very good.

Tuna Baked Dish – easy dinner

Ingredients:

- 1 can tuna fish
- 1 pkg. potato chips
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 can mushrooms (4oz) stems & pieces

Put a layer of chips in baking dish. Add a layer of fish and mushrooms. Alternate having chips on top. Pour mushroom soup over the top and bake at 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

Poppy Seed Torte

Crust:

- 1/2 lb. graham crackers – rolled fine
 - 1/4 c. sugar
 - 1/2 c. butter – melted
- Mix and line a 9 x 13 in. pan.

Custard:

- 3 c. milk
- 3 T. cornstarch
- 4 egg yolks
- Mix well and boil until thick in double boiler, add 1 tsp. vanilla and pour in lined pan.
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 T. butter
- 1/4 c. poppy seed

Take the 4 egg whites, whip until stiff but not dry, add 4 T. sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla. Place on top of custard and sprinkle with chopped nuts and bake slowly until brown. 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

April 2017 Calendar Winners



1	\$1000 Cash	Joanne Porter, Pardeeville, WI	2876
2	Benelli Montefeltro Shotgun	WOW Eden, Fond du Lac, WI	10603
3	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Dave Wahlquist, Marshall, WI	965
4	\$100 Cash	Ted L Goll, Centuria, WI	933
5	Thompson Center Icon Rifle	Ivan Block, Wausau, WI	6996
6	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Robert Staedter, East Troy, WI	6718
7	1/2 day guided fishing trip for up to 2 people	Brian Cooper, Salem, WI	10753
8	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Mark Lamers, Appleton, WI	8296
9	CZ 104 12 Gauge o/u	Kirk Ruetten, Omro, WI	1337
10	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Joe Martzahl, Greenleaf, WI	4699
11	\$100 Cash	Norb Moes, Green Bay, WI	4180
12	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Joe Matha, DePere, WI	6478
13	Browning A Bolt Rifle	Gary Wolf, Hubertus, WI	3797
14	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Graig Maire, Winner, SD	7813
15	\$100 Cash	Cliff Pflugradt, Green Bay, WI	4618
16	Remington 770 SS 7mm mag w/Bushnell scope	Dan MacPhee, Tega Cay, SC	9642
17	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Gerald G Hargraves, Stratford, WI	5400
18	\$100 Cash	Mike Zuern, Hartford, WI	292
19	Savage 93-17 Package	Jeremy Burmeister, Campbellsport, WI	8890
20	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Nicholas Buege, Coleman, WI	5500
21	\$100 Cash	MBB; Greg's Tap, Adell, WI	655
22	Mossberg 100 Rifle	Loutloefs, Shawano, WI	135
23	\$100 Cash	Bill Cronch, Hickory Hills, IL	87
24	Weatherby Upland Pump Shotgun	William Orne, Delafield, WI	3228
25	Gander Mountain Card \$100	Nick Clemens, Plymouth, WI	684
26	\$100 Cash	Chris Bierman, Sheboygan, WI	1901
27	Remington 770 Rifle Package	Joan Butler, Chicago, IL	85
28	Ruger American 22 Mag. Rifle	Roxanne Connell, Troy, MO	346
29	\$100 Cash	Eric Fox, Tomah, WI	9002
30	20 Quail bird hunt (Rustling Meadows)	Rebekah Tollard, Minocqua, WI	5833



The full delegation at the annual meeting listening to keynote speaker John Motoviloff.

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