



National Leadership Council (NLC)

Business Meeting & Election

Zoom Video Conference Meeting

April 8, 2025

8:00 – 9:00 PM ET

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1. Welcome: (Richard Thomas)

Richard Thomas began by thanking all of the National Leadership Council Representatives who have attended the Regional Rendezvous and reminded them that the Eastern Rendezvous is held in West Virginia at the end of April. He also pointed out that each council and chapter should strongly consider financially supporting the attendance of young leaders at the Rendezvous, since this is a great learning and networking opportunity, and they may not be able to afford it without the support.

2. Roll Call – Paul McKay Secretary

<u>Council</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
9WV - West Virginia	Paul D.	McKay	<u>YES</u>	
9OK - Oklahoma	Levi	Poe	NO	EXCUSED

9GA - Georgia	Steve	Westmoreland	YES	
9ID - Idaho	M.E.	Sorci	NO	EXCUSED
9SC - South Carolina	Michael	Waddell	YES	
9MA - Massachusetts/Rhode Island	Fred	Jennings	NO	EXCUSED
9KY - Kentucky	Gene	Slusher	NO	
9WI - Wisconsin	Scott	Allen	YES	
9MO - Ozark Council	Jeff	Holzem	YES	
9VA - Virginia	Tom	Benzing	YES	
9TN - Tennessee	Mark	Spangler	YES	
9VT - Vermont	TJ	Dezotell	YES	
9UT - Utah	Eric	Luna	NO	
9IL - Illinois	Hans	Hintzen	NO	EXCUSED
9MN - Minnesota	Randy	Brock	NO	
9NM- New Mexico	Jeff	Arterburn	YES	BY H. KLEIN
9MD - Mid-Atlantic	Noel	Gollehon	YES	
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	John	Bunker	NO	EXCUSED
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	Ron	Blackwelder	YES	
9NC - North Carolina	Mike	Mihalas	YES	
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	YES	
9CO - Colorado	Greg	Hardy	YES	

A Quorum Present.

After the roll call and establishment of the quorum, Secretary McKay brought forward the following matter for approval and votes.

Minutes Approval: January 14, 2025

Russ Collins, moved for the acceptance.

Beth Peterson, second.

The vote was unanimously approved.

3. NLC Officer Elections: (Noel Gollehon)

Noel Gollehon brought forth the New Initiatives recommendation for the election of the current officers to another one-year term, those officers being Richard Thomas, Chair of the National Leadership Council, and Paul M. McKay, Secretary.

Jim Hissong moved the nomination for this slate, and Jeff Holzem seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of the slate.

Noel then spoke of the Grassroots Trustee Nominations and the short span of time left.

4. National Update: (Chris Wood)

Chris Wood discussed the funding issues that have faced Trout Unlimited ever since the Federal Government suspended payment of funds this year. Through a lot of hard work most of the money has been restored, but there will be a need from now on to find a more diversified funding source utilizing corporate sources, foundations, and planned giving. He then went on to describe this in depth and answered questions.

5. National Conservation Agenda: (Richard Thomas & Andrew Kenefick)

Richard Thomas began by giving an overview of the NCA and what it was that the new version should achieve, being more dynamic and therefore having more connection with council, chapters, NLC, and staff. He and Andrew Kenefick then discussed the “middle part” of the plan, involving the process of the NLC Reps taking the items to the Council and then bringing back the results to the NLC. The NCA is in final form and will be presented soon.

6. Information Sources:

- 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>