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**General Session, Thursday, May 15, 2008**

The 72nd Annual Meeting of the National Wildlife Federation (“NWF”) was called to order at 9:30 a.m. MT on Thursday, May 15, 2008, by its Chair, Thomas Gonzales, at the Keystone Resort and Conference Center in Keystone, Colorado.

Girl Scout Junior Troop #1481 from Summit County, Colorado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gonzales next acknowledged the deaths of important members of the National Wildlife Federation family and offered a moment of silence to honor them:

- Bill Buckley, former President of Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Walter Carruth, father of current NWF board member David Carruth
- Ernie Day, past NWF Board Member
- Clara Gonzales, Mr. Gonzales’s mother
- Chuck Heckert, father of current NWF board member Mark Heckert
- Wally Hoff, an active member of NWF
- Delbert Hoggard, former President of the Indiana Wildlife Federation
- Lady Bird Johnson, former first Lady and conservationist
- Jim Jontz, former Executive Director of Indiana Wildlife Federation
- Terry Melancon, President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation
- Gordie Meyer, President of the Minnesota Conservation Federation
- H. Drew Owen, founder of the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation
- Rudy Schafer, former NWF Board Member
- Rocky Spenser, wildlife biologist
- Tom Lustig, NWF senior counsel

Mr. Gonzales extended a special welcome to NWF’s newest affiliate, the Earth Conservation Corps from Washington, DC, and its President, Chief Executive Officer and Representative Glen O’Gilvie, and Alternate Representative Jessie Moore. He then recognized special guests from the Canadian Wildlife Federation: Pat Doyle, President, Wade Luzny, Executive Director, and Rick Bates, Executive Director for the Canadian Western Region.

Mr. Gonzales announced the re-election of two At-Large Directors and introduced four new At-Large Directors. Jerry Little from Virginia and Leslie Shad from Illinois were re-elected. Newly elected At-Large Directors included Shelley Cohen of Washington, DC, John Grant of Atlanta, GA, Jess Sixkiller from Phoenix, AZ and Lois Quam of St. Paul, MN. Van Korell from McCook, Nebraska was also elected to fill a remaining year term on the Board of Trustees of the National Wildlife Federation Endowment.

Mr. Gonzales introduced six Affiliate Leaders Scholarship Awardees: Barney J. Callahan, Louisiana Wildlife Federation; Joan Clayburgh, Planning and Conservation League (California); Chuck Matyska, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation; Cherrie Nolden, Kansas Wildlife Federation; Tom Smoot, Association of Northwest Steelheaders (Oregon); and Steve Van Zant, Indiana Wildlife Federation. Next, Mr. Gonzales introduced NWF President and CEO Larry Schweiger and NWF Senior Vice President and General Counsel and Secretary of the Board Cindy Lewin, who were on the podium with him. He encouraged all attendees to meet the NWF staff who were attending the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Gonzales then reviewed the Order of Business set out in the program distributed at the registration desk and reminded the delegates that copies of the Secretary's Report were available in the Meeting Office for affiliate delegates. (The Secretary's Report is attached as Exhibit 1.)

Next, Mr. Gonzales called for the report of the Credentials and Affiliate Standards Committee. Mr. Spencer Tomb, Vice Chair of the Central Region and Chair of the Credentials and Affiliate Standards Committee, reported that proper credentials were received for Affiliate Representatives from 46 of the 48 affiliate organizations entitled to send a voting delegate to the meeting, and that 40 Alternate Representatives had also been credentialed. There was no contest to the seating of any Affiliate Representatives or Alternate Representatives, so Mr. Tomb moved on behalf of the committee that the list of Affiliate Representatives and Alternate Representatives that had been distributed be declared the Official Roll for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Wildlife Federation. This motion was adopted unanimously without discussion. (The Official Roll Call is attached as Exhibit 2)

Next, Mr. Gonzales asked Ms. Lewin to call the roll. She reported that a quorum was present. Before approving minutes, Mr. Gonzales stated that yesterday the board adopted a revised set of Standards for Affiliation. Affiliates will be hearing more from their NWF Regional Directors and Regional Representatives about the new standards and the robust partnership between affiliates and NWF in the coming months.

Mr. Gonzales then noted that the amended minutes of the 71st Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, had been previously made available on the affiliate website. A motion was made and seconded that the reading of the minutes be waived and that the minutes be adopted as submitted; the motion was adopted unanimously without discussion.

At this point, Mr. Gonzales called for any emergency resolutions. None were made.

Mr. Gonzales introduced Larry Schweiger, who then gave the President's Annual Report. He spoke of the impact of climate change on wildlife and on our lives as well, and the increasing speed of that climate change.

Mr. Schweiger then introduced the keynote speaker for the Opening Session, Leilani Münter, a NASCAR and Indy Pro race car driver and environmental and climate change activist. Ms. Münter showed a video that explained the integration of her passion for the environment and racing and called attention to the possibility of bringing green options into any sport. She applauded the organization and its affiliates for its steps taken towards conservation.

Before adjournment, Mr. Gonzales announced opportunities to attend an Online Tools for

Advocacy and Membership Workshop as well as some informal regional and open space discussions during breaks.

Mr. Gonzales adjourned the session at 11:06 a.m. to resume at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> with the Resolutions Session.

### **Resolutions Session, Friday, May 16, 2008**

Mr. Gonzales opened the Resolutions Session of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on May 16, 2008. Ms. Lewin called the roll and reported that a quorum was present.

Mr. Gonzales briefly explained the process for adopting conservation policy resolutions. He then called upon Steve Allinger, a member of the National Wildlife Federation Board of Directors and current Vice Chair for the Eastern Region, to chair the Resolutions Session. Mr. Allinger explained that he would ask each committee chair or vice chair to present the resolutions assigned to his or her committee. (The conservation policy resolutions, as adopted, are filed with the original of these minutes.)

Mr. Allinger called Don Johnson of Missouri, chair of the Education Committee, to present the committee's report. Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Education-1, "Global Warming Education in American Schools,"** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted as amended by the committee, with one dissenting vote.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Monty Holcomb of Tennessee, chair of the Energy Committee, to present the committee's report. Mr. Holcomb moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Energy-1, "Encouraging Conservation Groups to Provide Leadership in Reducing Global Warming,"** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution then was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Ed Zygmunt of Pennsylvania, chair of the Land Committee, to present the committee's report. Mr. Zygmunt moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Land-1, "Pascagoula River and Gulf of Mexico Water Protection,"** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Mack Turner of Texas, vice chair of the Land Committee, moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Land-2, "Responsible Oil and Gas Development on Our Public Lands,"** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Mr. Zygmunt moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Land-3, "Support for Using the Best Available Science to Conserve Greater Sage-grouse in Areas Scheduled for Intensive Energy Development,"** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Ryna Rock of Arizona, chair of the Water Committee, to present the committee's report. Ms. Rock moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Water-**

**1, “Avoiding New Water Storage Facilities,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Ms. Rock then moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Water-2, “Groundwater Protection,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Ms. Rock then moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Water-3, “Separating Ecosystem Restoration Authorizations from Water Resources Development Acts,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Harold Schultz of Wyoming, chair of the Wildlife Committee, to present the committee’s report. Mr. Schultz moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Wildlife-1, “National Flood Insurance and Natural Catastrophe Insurance,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

A question was raised from the floor regarding the implementation of the resolutions that have been adopted, and reporting back to the delegates, the NWF affiliates, or the public. Mr. Allinger explained that implementation falls to the board of directors of the National Wildlife Federation and their direction to staff accordingly.

There being no further business for this session, Mr. Allinger thanked all participants for their efforts and adjourned the Resolutions Session at 8:39 a.m.

### **Elections Session, Friday, May 16, 2008**

The Elections Session of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting began at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008, for the election of members of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Gonzales noted the elections included a Chair-Elect, a Western Vice Chair, and four Regional Directors.

Mr. Gonzales announced he had appointed a tellers committee: members included Richard Fleming from Delaware, Don Johnson from Missouri, Ryna Rock from Arizona, and Charlie Sanchez from New Mexico. He then called upon David Carruth, a member of the National Wildlife Federation Board of Directors and Region 5 Director, to chair the Elections session. Mr. Carruth then provided a description of the election process and with no objections, the election process proceeded.

The first election was for **Chair-Elect**. Nominated by the Board of Directors was current Western Vice Chair, Craig Thompson. No nominations were made from the floor and no seconding speeches occurred. Nominations were closed and a motion in favor of Mr. Thompson’s election was unanimously adopted.

The next election was for **Western Vice Chair**. The only nominee was current Director of Region 13, Kathy Hadley of Butte, Montana. On a motion duly made and seconded, the

nominations were closed and Ms. Hadley was elected unanimously.

The next election was for **Region 1 Director**. The only nominee was incumbent Paul Beaudette of East Greenwich, Rhode Island. On a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations were closed and Mr. Beaudette was re-elected unanimously.

The next election was for **Region 4 Director**. The only nominee was incumbent Jenny Brock from Crawfordville, Florida. On a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations were closed and Ms. Brock was re-elected unanimously.

The next election was for **Region 8 Director**. The only nominee was Greg Smith of Lafayette, Louisiana. On a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations were closed and Mr. Smith was elected unanimously.

The next election was for **Region 11 Director**. The only nominee was incumbent Mark Heckert of Oregon. On a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations were closed and Mr. Heckert was re-elected unanimously.

With the election of Kathy Hadley as Western Vice Chair, a vacancy was created in **Region 13** for the one year remaining on Ms. Hadley's unexpired term. The only contingent nominee was Mark Winland of Wyoming. On a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations were closed and Mr. Winland was elected unanimously.

Mr. Carruth congratulated all of the newly elected and re-elected board members and concluded the 2008 elections.

Next, Mr. Gonzales called forward all newly elected or re-elected members of the Board of Directors and administered the oath of office to them. Mr. Gonzales noted that the newly elected or re-elected board members will assume their new duties at the conclusion of Saturday's Closing General Session. Board members taking the oath were: Craig Thompson, Kathy Hadley, Paul Beaudette, Jenny Brock, Greg Smith, Mark Heckert, and Mark Winland.

Mr. Gonzales then noted his appreciation to departing Board members and presented eagle statues (or plaques for those who had previously received an eagle statue) to the following out-going Board members who were present: Earl Matthew, Region 8 Director from Texas; Mike Dombeck, At-Large Director; Dick Baldes, At-Large Board Member; and Past Chair, Becky Scheibelhut, from Indiana. Len O'Donnell, a departing Endowment Board Member, was not able to attend but will be receiving a falcon statue. Ms. Scheibelhut shared a few words regarding the importance of our work and the specialness of the NWF community. The delegates expressed their appreciation for all the departing board members.

Mr. Gonzales declared the conclusion of the Elections Session and a recess until the beginning of the general session at 10:00 a.m.

## **General Session Friday May 16, 2008**

Mr. Gonzales reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2008.

Craig Thompson, Western Vice Chair and now Chair-Elect of the NWF Board of Directors, introduced the first speaker, Dr. Christine Wiedinmyer, a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Wiedinmyer spoke extensively about the devastating impact of climate change on wildlife, noting in particular the pine bark beetle impact on Colorado and forests across North America.

Mr. Gonzales then introduced Sue Brown, Director of Grassroots Action for NWF and the executive director of National Wildlife Action, the sister organization that serves as the accountability and action arm of the National Wildlife Federation. Ms. Brown in turn introduced the next speaker, Mr. Whit Ayres, president of Ayres, McHenry, & Associates, a national public opinion firm that provides research and strategic advice for corporations, nonprofits, and candidates for public office. Mr. Ayres spoke about polling he had done on environmental messages, and the lessons that could be learned from his research to help develop messaging around climate change that is effective for a broad bipartisan audience, and particularly more conservative audiences.

The speakers took questions from the audience and a lively discussion ensued.

Mr. Gonzales referred participants to their program for a listing of the afternoon's collaborative learning workshops, and declared the session adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

## **Closing Session, Saturday, May 17, 2008**

The closing session of the 72nd Annual Meeting was begun by President and CEO Larry Schweiger, at 8:00 a.m. on May 17, 2008. Mr. Schweiger introduced Chair Tom Gonzales, who gave the chair's report on the importance of wildlife and nature in his life from childhood on, and the changes he has seen in his lifetime in his home state of Colorado and the Southwest from oil and gas development and climate change. He spoke of the importance of our work and the need to continue the fight.

Mr. Gonzales then introduced Steve Torbit, Director of the National Wildlife Federation's Tribal Lands Program, and explained the background and progress of the program.

Mr. Torbit introduced three panel members to present their perspective on the value and progress of our collaborative conservation work with tribes. The panelists were: Jess Sixkiller (Cherokee), Chairman of the Native First Capital Markets Group and a board member of the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority as well as a newly-elected board member of the National Wildlife Federation, Aaron Miles, Sr., Natural Resource Manager for the Nez Perce Tribe, and Jonny Bearcub Stiffarm (Assiniboine & Sioux Nation), Business Development Manager for NativeEnergy. They provided background on the history of Native American land in the United States, the development of reservations, the high-tech future and jobs that organizations like Native First and NativeEnergy can bring to tribal lands, and the critical role of Native Americans in confronting climate change, and spoke of the positive outcomes of the NWF tribal partnership.

Mr. Gonzales next asked Steve Allinger, Eastern Vice Chair of the National Wildlife Federation board of directors, to introduce the last speaker. Mr. Allinger introduced Van Jones, president and founder of Green For All, a national organization dedicated to building an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. Mr. Jones spoke about the need for positive messages about “green collar jobs” to help us expand the coalition working to confront climate change.

Mr. Gonzales commented on the two nearby restoration projects some will participate in as well as a local field trip through the Colorado high country to see firsthand some of the devastation and also some of the natural beauty our speakers have described. After more concluding announcements, including a reminder to the awards dinner and closing banquet in the evening, Mr. Gonzales led the audience in reciting the Conservation Pledge.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Wildlife Federation was then adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia M. Lewin, Secretary

Approved:

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Thomas Gonzales, Chair



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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary reports that:

- The official minutes of National Wildlife Federation meetings are in order and reports of all official committees have been submitted and are on file.
- Affiliate (voting) membership in the National Wildlife Federation is 48, including 46 states plus the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.
- The Secretary has sent out notices of all official meetings.
- Credentials certifying Affiliate Representatives and, in some cases, Alternates to the Federation's 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting have been received from all but two of the affiliates and turned over to the Committee on Credentials and Affiliate Standards for its report.
- Invoicing the 2009 affiliate dues and the Call for Credentials for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting will be accomplished later this year.
- The 2008 Midyear Board meeting will be held August 7-10, 2008 in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the Board, the affiliates, and the staff for their cooperation in providing reports and materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Lewin  
Secretary

May 15, 2008

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*Roll Call*

<b>State</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Alabama	Rebecca Pritchett	Frank Boyd
Arizona	Meg Buchanan	Ryna Rock
Arkansas	Jim Wood	Gayne Preller Schmidt
California	Lynn Sadler	Richard Hawley
Colorado	Colleen Gadd	Harvey Nyberg
Connecticut	Caroline Driscoll	Ruth Cutler
Delaware	Seth Ross	Richard A. Fleming
District of Columbia	Glen Ogilvie	Jessie Moore
Florida	Janice Kerber	Daniel Kipnis
Georgia	David Haire	Lynn Haire
Hawaii	Nelson Ho	Douglas Lamerson
Idaho	J. Kent Marlor	Russell W. Heughins
Illinois	Jon McNussen	Stephen K. Davis
Indiana	Dwight Shelton	Janet Ryan
Iowa	Joe Wilkinson	Doug Thompson
Kansas	Don Snider	Matthew C. Nowak
Kentucky	Vikki Rawe	Rick Allen
Louisiana	Edgar F. Veillon	Gina L. Stanton
Maine	Lani Graham	Lisa Pohlmann
Massachusetts	Ken Pruitt	Bernard J. McHugh
Michigan	Dawn Levey	Julia Meixner
Minnesota	Steven C. Maurice	Keith Blomstrom
Mississippi	Jeanne Jones	Jimmy Bullock
Missouri	Abe Phillips	Don R. Johnson
Montana	Tim Aldrich	Chris Marchion
Nebraska	Steven R. Kryger	Russell Souchek
Nevada	Anita Wagner	Robert Gaudet
New Mexico	Ed Olona	Charlie Sanchez
New York	Edna Sussman	Leslie H. Jacobson
North Carolina	G.Richard Mode	Dom Canavarró
North Dakota	Clarence A. Bina	David Brandt
Ohio	Larry Mitchell, Sr	Andrea Caito
Oklahoma	NA	NA
Oregon	Art Israelson	Deborah McQueen
Pennsylvania	Ed Zygmunt	Peter Dalby
Puerto Rico	María Luisa Rivera-Vázquez	Sheylda N. Díaz-Méndez
Rhode Island	Jack Schempp	David Brunetti
South Carolina	J. Drew Lanham	Ben Gregg
South Dakota	Lanny Thomas	Robert J. Jacobson
Tennessee	Monty Halcomb	Joanne Halcomb
Texas	Mack Turner	Janice Bezanson
Utah	NA	NA
Vermont	Carolyn Kehler	James Sharp
Virgin Islands	Carlos Tesitor	Carla Joseph
Virginia	Martha Wingfield	Sallie Sebrell
Washington	Steve Phillips	Kyle Smith
Wisconsin	Lil Pipping	Jack Nissen
Wyoming	Harold Schultz	Mark Winland