

**MINUTES OF THE 73RD ANNUAL MEETING
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION
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General Session, Friday, May 1, 2009

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the National Wildlife Federation (“NWF”) was called to order at 8:15 a.m. ET on Friday, May 1, 2009, by its Chair, Thomas Gonzales, at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Girl Scouts Troops #51241 from Upper St. Clair, #50597 from Pittsburgh, and the Juliette Scouts from the Pine-Richland Townships in Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gonzales introduced Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper from the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Congresswoman Dahlkemper spoke to the work accomplished thus far in the 111th Congressional Session, the work ahead regarding global warming, and the important role of conservation, energy, biofuels, and science and technology in addressing global warming. She emphasized that everyone needs to contact their Congressional representatives and that hearing from constituents is truly important to Members of Congress in their decision making.

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

- Ned Fritz, founder of the Texas Committee on Natural Resources (now the Texas Conservation Alliance)
- Dorothy Green, founder of Heal the Bay in Santa Monica, California; member of the Planning and Conservation League
- Bill Ireland, Sr., former President of the Alabama Wildlife Federation
- Dave Nelson, Board Member of the Alabama Wildlife Federation and retired wildlife biologist for the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
- Jim Range, conservationist instrumental in crafting the Clean Water Act and co-founder of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Tony Dean, producer and host of the Tony Dean Outdoors television production and radio show Dakota Backroads, and an NWF 2009 National Conservation Achievement Award recipient

Mr. Gonzales extended a welcome to special guests from the Canadian Wildlife Federation, including its President, Pat Doyle; Executive Vice President, Wade Luzny; Executive Director, Rick Bates; First Vice President, Larry Leigh; and Conservation Researchers Terri-Lee Reid and Leigh Edgar.

Mr. Gonzales announced the re-election of four At-Large Directors: Gregory Bailar of Virginia, Deborah Spalding of Connecticut, Christine Thompson of Virginia, and Beatrice Busch von Gontard of Virginia. Mr. Gonzales also announced the re-election of two trustees to the National Wildlife Federation Endowment Board: Alex Speyer of Pennsylvania and Van Korell of Nebraska.

Mr. Gonzales introduced four Affiliate Leaders Scholarship Awardees: Michael Baron, Virgin Islands Conservation Society; Joan Clayburgh, Planning and Conservation League (California); Susan Harris, North Carolina Wildlife Federation; and Frank Taylor, Mississippi 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 Cynthia 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. Ms. Kathy Hadley, Vice Chair of the Western Region and Chair of the Credentials and Affiliate Standards Committee, reported that proper credentials were received for Affiliate Representatives from all 46 of the 46 affiliate organizations entitled to send a voting delegate to the meeting, and that 43 Alternate Representatives had also been credentialed. There was no contest to the seating of any Affiliate Representatives or Alternate Representatives, so Ms. Hadley 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 73rd 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 a quorum was present. Mr. Gonzales continued, stating that the amended minutes of the 72nd Annual Meeting in Keystone, Colorado 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 was made.

Mr. Gonzales then introduced Larry Schweiger, who gave the President's Annual Report. He spoke on the history of the City of Pittsburgh, his home town. As an analogy to current efforts to address global warming, he showed how the achievements of Pittsburgh to clean its water and air and transition from one of the dirtiest cities in the

United States to one of the cleanest through technology and innovation can be seen as a successful model.

After his Annual Report, Mr. Schweiger introduced Roberta Combs, President of the Christian Coalition of America. Ms. Combs spoke of her excitement in working with NWF and the great possibilities for success arising from our continuing partnership and outreach to the faith community.

Following Ms. Combs' discussion, Mr. Gonzales introduced Tim Warman, Executive Director of NWF's Global Warming Solutions Program, so that he could introduce the Plenary Session, "Realizing a Clean Energy Economy." Mr. Warman introduced Bracken Hendricks, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress; and Reid Detchon, Executive Director of the Energy Future Coalition. They discussed the path to confronting global warming through a clean energy economy, and the need to inspire the national imagination around these technological innovations. They concluded that the choices we make today will determine the future for the next generation.

Mr. Gonzales then recognized outgoing board member Spencer Tomb. Mr. Schweiger joined Mr. Gonzales on stage to present to Mr. Tomb the eagle statuette.

Mr. Gonzales adjourned the session at 10:23 a.m. to resume at 4:30 p.m. with the Resolutions Session and Board Elections.

Resolutions Session, Friday, May 1, 2009

Mr. Gonzales opened the Resolutions Session of the 73rd Annual Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on May 1, 2009. Ms. Lewin 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 on Lisa Pohlmann of Maine, chair of the Education Committee, to present the committee's report. Ms. Pohlmann moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Education-1, "Green Education and Training: Making the New Clean Energy Future a Reality,"** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Ms. Pohlmann moved the adoption of **Proposed Education-2, "Presidential Commission on American Outdoors,"** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Ms. Pohlmann moved the adoption of **Proposed Education-3, “Eco Schools USA,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Ms. Pohlmann moved the adoption of **Proposed Education-4, “State Plans to Connect Children with Nature,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Drew Lanham of South Carolina, chair of the Energy Committee, to present the committee’s report. Mr. Lanham moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Energy-1, “Incentives for Building Contractors to Increase Energy Conservation in Existing Homes and Structures,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Mr. Lanham moved the adoption of **Proposed Energy-2, “Reducing Coal Power Plant Pollutants,”** as amended by the committee. A request was made for clarification regarding the committee’s decision to delete “to the greatest extent feasible” from the resolution’s call for carbon sequestration from new coal plants. The resolution was adopted as amended by the committee with one dissenting vote and one abstention.

Mr. Lanham moved the adoption of **Proposed Energy-3, “International Action on Climate Change,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Don Johnson of Missouri, chair of the Land Committee, to present the committee’s report. Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Land-1, “Oil Shale Development Must Not Jeopardize Fish, Wildlife, and Water,”** as amended by the committee. Jennifer Kross, Representative from North Dakota, moved that the resolution be amended to include “and public recreation access” at the end of the following phrase: “or impair important wildlife habitat and sensitive species;” in all instances of its appearance. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Johnson moved that the Resolution be adopted as amended. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee and on the floor.

Mr. Johnson moved the adoption of **Proposed Land-2, “Restoration of the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem,”** as presented. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as presented.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Jeanne Jones of Mississippi, vice chair of the Water Committee, to present the committee’s report. Ms. Jones moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Water-1, “Protection of the Neches River in Texas, a National Treasure,”** as presented. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as presented.

Janice Bezanson of Texas, chair of the Water Committee, moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Water-2, “Economic Stimulus, Protection of Water Resources and Investments to Halt Global Warming,”** as amended by the committee. Ron Pullman, Alternate Representative from Missouri, moved that the Resolution be amended to include language that would prohibit inappropriate flood plain development. In the discussion that followed, it was determined that the location of the language within the resolution would be left to the discretion of Secretary and General Counsel Cynthia Lewin, to best capture the intent of the proposed amending language. Mr. Pullman moved that the floor amendment be accepted. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Edgar Veillon, Representative from Louisiana, then moved that the resolution be further amended to include in a “Whereas” clause a reference to the stimulus funding for the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, a positive conservation project. Discussion ensued regarding whether this issue qualifies as germane to a resolution regarding public funding for projects with an adverse conservation impact. After discussion, it was agreed that the issue would be given further consideration at a later time and the amendment was withdrawn.

Ms. Bezanson then moved that the resolution be adopted as amended. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee and on the floor.

Ms. Bezanson then moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Water-3, “Gulf of Maine Restoration,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Next, Mr. Allinger called on Monty Halcomb of Tennessee, chair of the Wildlife Committee, to present the committee’s report. Mr. Halcomb moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Wildlife-1, “Natural Resources Adaptation Funding and Global Warming,”** as amended by the committee. There was no discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee.

Captain Dan Kipnis of Florida, vice chair of the Wildlife Committee, moved the adoption of **Proposed Resolution Wildlife-2, “Wild Salmon and Steelhead Recovery on the Lower Columbia River,”** as amended by the committee. Robert Gaudet, Alternate Representative from Nevada, moved that the words “and Nevada” be added to the list of states affected by this resolution in the fifth “Whereas” clause. After debate regarding whether this provision should be added, the amended language was adopted unanimously. Captain Kipnis moved that the proposed resolution be adopted as amended by the committee and on the floor. The resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the committee and on the floor.

There being no further business for this session, Mr. Allinger thanked all participants for their efforts and adjourned the Resolutions Session at 5:23 p.m.

Elections Session, Friday, May 1, 2009

The Elections Session of the 73rd Annual Meeting began at 5:24 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009, for the election of members of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Gonzales noted the elections included a Central Vice Chair and five Regional Directors.

Mr. Gonzales announced he had appointed a tellers committee: members included Paul Chakroff of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Susan Peterson of Texas, and Gayne Schmidt of Arkansas. He then called upon Kathy Hadley, a member of the National Wildlife Federation Board of Directors and Vice Chair of the Western Region, to chair the Elections session. Ms. Hadley then provided a description of the election process and with no objections, the election process proceeded.

The nominees for the open Board of Director positions were:

- For the position of Central Vice Chair, David Carruth of Clarendon, Arkansas
- For the position of Region 5 Director, Nicole Wood of Bonne Terre, Missouri
- For the position of Region 6 Director, Clark Bullard from Urbana, Illinois
- For the position of Region 7 Director, Paul Rose from Hillman, Michigan, incumbent
- For the position of Region 9 Director, Gene Oglesby of Lincoln, Nebraska, incumbent
- For the position of Region 13, Mark Winland of Gillette, Wyoming, who was elected last year to fill a one-year vacancy in the Region 13 Director position.

Ms. Hadley asked if there were any other nominations to be considered. There were no motions to add additional nominees. A motion to close the nominations was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The nominations were closed. A nomination was made that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the nominees were elected unanimously.

Ms. Hadley congratulated all of the newly elected and re-elected board members and concluded the 2009 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 after the Elections Session. Board members taking the oath were: Clark Bullard, David Carruth, Gene Oglesby, Paul Rose, Christine Thompson, Mark Winland, and Nicole Wood.

Mr. Gonzales declared the conclusion of the Elections Session at 6:07 p.m., and a

recess until the beginning of the Closing General Session at 8:30 a.m. on May 2, 2009.

Closing General Session Saturday May 2, 2009

The Closing General Session of the 73rd Annual Meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas Gonzales at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 2, 2009. Mr. Gonzales yielded the floor to President and CEO Larry Schweiger, who introduced Mr. Gonzales to provide the chair's report.

Mr. Gonzales spoke to the new direction that National Wildlife Federation needs to consider during these economic times. He challenged NWF and its affiliates to reinvent themselves for the 21st century and to work beyond the normal course of business in areas such as donor cultivation, leadership, coalition building, and diversity. He detailed exemplary programs initiated by several affiliates. He urged all to strive to work under new paradigms far beyond what we have considered, and spoke of his conviction that NWF and its affiliates can achieve these goals.

Mr. Schweiger then introduced the first of two speakers, Timothy LaSalle, Ph.D., CEO of the Rodale Institute. Dr. LaSalle spoke about the importance of organic farming and its ability to help address global warming. Conventional farming techniques produce nearly 20% of the nation's CO₂ emissions, contributing to global warming. Organic farming reduces CO₂ emissions and helps sequester carbon in the soil, where it belongs and where it nourishes plants. Other benefits include reduced top soil erosion, reduced loss of harvest due to droughts, reduced water run-off, reduced pest control, and minimal pollutants into the water or air. The techniques he discussed could be scaled to a backyard garden on up to commercial farms with thousands of acres.

Mr. Gonzales thanked Dr. LaSalle for his interesting presentation. He then introduced the next speaker, Mary Anne Hitt, Deputy Director of the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign.

Ms. Hitt spoke on efforts and successes of the Beyond Coal Campaign. She spoke to the devastating damages from mountaintop coal removal to the environment, animals and humans. She described stories where communities rallied together in order to stop new coal mines from being established, highlighting one campaign that included a petition one-mile long with signatures. It is through grassroots campaigns such as these efforts that we can effect change in legislation and the practices of energy companies.

Mr. Gonzales thanked Ms. Hitt for her enlightening presentation. He then commented on the two nearby restoration projects in which many attendees will participate later today. The projects honor Joshua C. Whetzel, Jr., a dedicated conservationist and long-time friend to the National Wildlife Federation. Mr. Gonzales then noted that Craig Thompson, the incoming chair, is absent due to illness but hopes to be able to join our activities later in the day.

Mr. Gonzales concluded the meeting by leading the audience in reciting the Conservation Pledge.

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the National Wildlife Federation was then adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Lewin, Secretary

Approved:

Thomas Gonzales
Immediate Past Chair