

The background of the entire poster is a photograph of several fur pelts hanging from a rack in a smokehouse. The pelts are of various colors, including tan, grey, and white. A wisp of white smoke is visible on the left side. In the background, a large industrial facility, likely a pulp mill, is visible under a cloudy sky. The facility includes several tall chimneys, cranes, and a large bridge structure in the distance.

87TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

March 8-10, 2024

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

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2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION

TREETOPS RESORT
GAYLORD, MI

**MARCH 7-9,
2025**

SAVE THE DATE

A note from the MUCC President...

FAMILY AND PERPETUITY



Tim Muir

PRESIDENT

My love of fishing and the outdoors started at a very young age. Introducing my kids and grand kids to fishing and hunting has given me an even greater commitment to MUCC and protecting not only our state's natural resources, but our rights to fish and hunt, too.



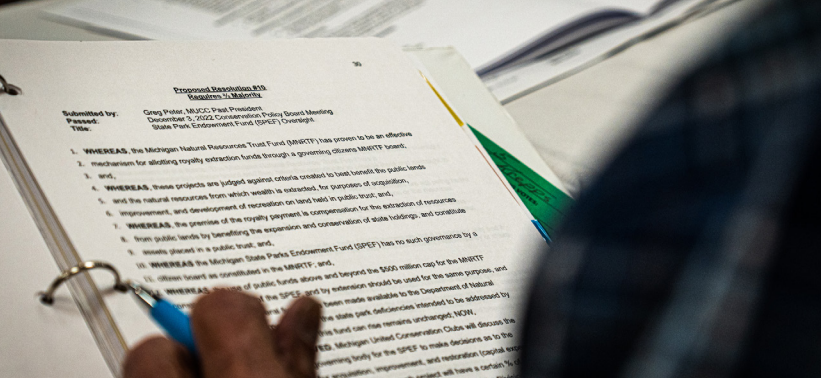
Growing up in a family that fished, hunted and were members of an affiliate club, I have been a part of MUCC since my youth. MUCC is an extension of my family. My brother, cousins and son have all been to camp. My grandkids will soon be there as well. MUCC is, and means, more than just conservation — it is a lifestyle.

As a camp alumnus, I began learning at a young age about the need for conservation. That need has not changed. The need may be greater now than back then. We need to get all of our existing affiliate clubs on board but also engage any (and all!) clubs that are not affiliated currently. Our policy and advocacy work is very strong but the more clubs and members we get will make our voice and influence that much stronger. Our clubs are a significant driver of our policy, and there is a ton to do.

Even more critical to growing our club base is growing individual members (IMs). MUCC is not sustainable on just affiliates alone. Being an IM, even in addition to being part of an affiliate, is the best way to ensure that MUCC remains strong and viable into the future. The cost of an individual membership is a small investment in protecting our right to fish, hunt, shoot and trap. In addition to being a member of three affiliate clubs, I am a Life Member. I want to ask each of you who is not an IM to make a small investment for MUCC's future to help fulfill our mission.

We have made the difficult choice to change the dues structure, which have not been modified since 2009. As I mentioned, for MUCC to be a strong voice in conservation and to fulfill our mission, we will need the appropriate resources to meet the challenges ahead. This is an investment in our future.

As my time as President comes to a close, it has been an honor and a privilege to help lead this great organization. We have done some good things during my time. We have also had our share of not-so-good things. As you will hear this weekend at the convention, now is the time for us – the membership, to show what MUCC means to all of us. You can do so by making the commitment to become an IM or, better yet, a Life Member. Those of us here at convention are leaders, either on the club level or as an IM or IM delegate. Let's lead by example, support MUCC by any means, and help make MUCC solid and viable for our kids, grandkids and the next generation.



EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS

Treasurer	Leon Hank
Vice President	Steve Dey
Region 2	Mark Spencer
Region 4	Todd Johnson
Region 6	No Nominations
Region 8	Leonard Shaner
Region 8 (At-large)	No Nominations

Two-year terms, except where indicated. Vice President will become President at end of two-year term.

CONSERVATION POLICY BOARD NOMINATIONS

Three Club Members are elected by the delegation and one Individual Member is appointed by the MUCC Vice President

Even regions elected during even numbered years; odd regions elected during odd numbered years

REGION 2

Robert Warner - Straits Area Sportsmen's Club
Robert Swales - Straits Area Sportsmen's Club
No Nominations - Elected Club Individual
Gary Zwolinski - Individual Member

REGION 6

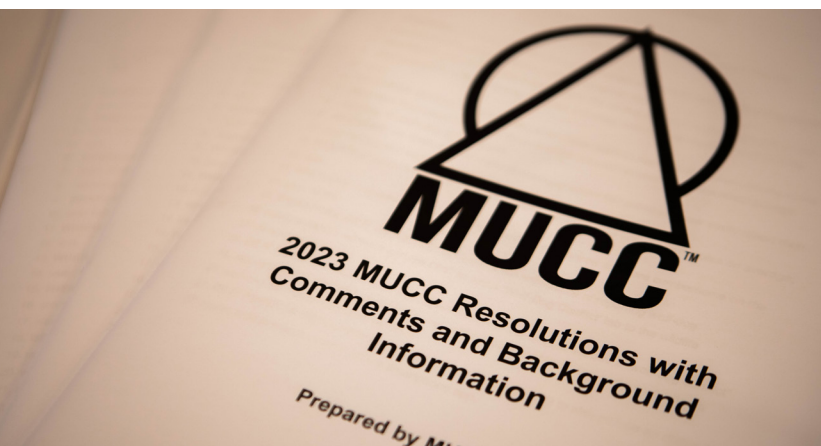
Bruce Levey - Shiawassee Conservation Association
Wayne Hanson - Saginaw Field & Stream
No Nominations - Elected Club Individual
No Nominations - Individual Member, appointed

REGION 4

Joe Heberling - Alpena Sportsmen's Club
Paul Rose - Montmorency County Conservation Club
No Nominations - Elected Club Individual
No Nominations - Individual Member, appointed

REGION 8

Jason Thompson - Perch Point Conservation Club
Rick Okerhjelm - Lake St. Clair Walleye Assoc.
Taylor Renton - Oakland County Conservation Club
No Nominations - Individual Member, appointed



RULES AMENDMENTS PROCEDURES

A. Robert's rules of order shall be the authority on convention procedure.

B. All voting will be by voice unless otherwise required. A show of hands or a roll call vote may be ordered by any voting member for accuracy by calling "division" from the floor.

C. Only voting delegates may be seated in the delegates voting section.

D. Only registered voting delegates may vote or make/support motions.

E. Voting delegates must wear badges and carry voting cards indicating the number of votes carried.

RULES

Resolutions to change MUCC Bylaws require a 2/3s vote.

Resolutions to change law or rules or natural resources commission orders require a 2/3s vote.

AMENDMENTS

Lengthy amendments (more than a few words, typos or simple editorial corrections excepted) should be submitted on the "resolutions amendment form" (available at the annual meeting) with a copy, or the original, submitted to the recording secretary.

The amended resolution will then be displayed on a screen for all to review.

PLANT THE SEED

Give one year of **TRACKS** magazine to that special youth in your life!



 SCAN ME



2024 MUCC CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Registration (*Kewadin Casino Hotel*)
2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hatchery Tour & Reception (*Center for Freshwater Research*)
100 Salmon Run Way, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast (*Grand Island Room*)

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Convention Registration (*Water's Edge Room*)

9:00 am - 9:15 am

Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting

9:15 am - 9:17 am

Call to Order and Welcome (*Grand Ballroom*)

9:17 am - 9:19 am

Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge

9:19 am - 9:25 am

Moments of Memory and Moment of Silence

9:25 am - 9:27 am

Orders of the Day

9:27 am - 9:32 am

Report of the Credentials Committee

9:32 am - 10:00 am

Report on Nominations

10:00 am - 10:01 am

Approval of Agenda and Approval of 2022 Minutes

10:01 am - 10:03 am

New Affiliate Club Recognition

10:03 am - 10:08 am

Emergency Resolution Announcements

10:08 am - 10:30 am

Candidate Speeches

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Bylaws Amendments and Policy Resolutions

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Luncheon & Keynote (*Grand Island Room*)

Keynote Speaker (Taylor Ridderbusch)

1:45pm - 3:45pm

Policy Resolutions Continued (*Grand Ballroom*)

TBD

Break - Refreshments (*At discretion of chair*)

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Announcements

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Annual Report & Program Updates

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Open Voting: Polls Open for Officers of MUCC

(*Drummond Island Room*)

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Happy Hour (*Water's Edge Room*)

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Dinner and Conservation Awards Banquet

(*Grand Island Room*)

7:45 pm - 10:00 pm

Silent Auction

2024 MUCC CONVENTION AGENDA

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

7:30 am – 8:30 am

7:30 am – 8:30 am

8:30 am – 8:31 am

8:31 am – 8:32 am

8:32 am – 8:40 am

8:40 am – 8:50 am

8:50 am – 9:20 am

9:20 am – 9:25 am

Breakfast *(Grand Island Room)*

Open Voting: Polls Open for Officers of MUCC

(Drummond Island Room)

Call to Order *(Grand Ballroom)*

Invocation

Announcements

Treasurer's Report (Leon Hank, MUCC Treasurer)

NWF & MUCC Policy Updates

New Business

Emergency Resolutions Those not approved by the Conservation Policy Board or Executive Board may be considered new business if approved by the Executive Board and announced on Saturday.

Policy Resolutions

Report of the Elections

Introduction of New Officers

Final Adjournment

9:25 am – 11:45 am

11:45 am – 11:50 pm

11:50 am – 12:00 pm

12:00 pm

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm

Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting

SATURDAY KEYNOTE: DNR LEGISLATIVE LIAISON TAYLOR RIDDERBUSCH



Taylor Ridderbusch is the legislative liaison for the Michigan Department of Natural Resource. In this role, he works with legislators, administrators and cabinet members,

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Since joining the DNR in 2021, Taylor has played a role in the passing of important legislation such as the inland hunting and fishing guiding bills and the decriminalization of minor infractions.

Taylor held previous roles with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and Trout Unlimited. In his free time, Taylor enjoys spending time up north at his cabin fly fishing the South Branch of the Au Sable and chasing grouse and woodcock with his pure-bred mutt, Dagwood.

MOMENTS OF MEMORY

Alpena Sportsmen's Club

Peter Cesaro
Robert Skuse

Big Bear Sportsman Club

Dennis Cohoon

Bridgeport Gun Club

Charlie McCloud
Donna Reed

Cadillac Sportsmans Club

Jack Bates
Michael Bengelink
Tony Dekelaita
Bruce Finnerty
Gary Macy
Jeffrey Madison
Delmer Mathews
Jens Rick
Thomas Schneller

Cass County Conservation Club

Clarence Yoder
Daniel Stout
Rosemary "Rosie" Bernard
Russell Black
Ricki Comstock
Charles Bussard
Steve Blough
Eugene Kruse
Murriel Ivins
Joannie King

Cedar Rod and Gun Club

Jim Westlake
Elliott Cauldwell

Chelsea Rod & Gun Club

Phil Borkowski
Dave Steinbach
Joe Burman
Mel Leach
Anthony Francis Wisniewski
Kevin Cook
Jeff Williams
Bob Bauer
Rick Frantz
Richard Dewey
Jim Lakatos

Edwardsburg Conservation Club

John Sill
Ceber Simpson
Don Raddle
Butch Bradshaw
Timm Darr
Bob Overmyer
Donna Weigel

Flat Rock Sportsman's Association

Thomas Danko

Gilbert Sportsman Club

Gene Creed

Harbor Springs Outdoors Club

Ronald B. McRae

Huron Sportsmans Association

Alex Pachy
Lee Rankine
Chuck Renton

Ionia County Fishing & Hunting Club

Fred Bishop

Mecosta County Rod and Gun Club

Joe Spedowski

Michigan Bowhunters Association

Delbert Bradow
James Head
Jacqueline Sifton
Quentin Hartman
Ken Sollick
Dean Burnette
Roger Bradley
Sarah Levey
Eugene Creed
Les Gates Sr.
Leon Reed
John Wengley
Fran Krane
Joe Bonda
David Bott
Eleanore Scott

Montmorency County Conservation Club

Gerald Kenyon
Keith Roettger
Jim Zavislak

Straits Area Sportsmens Club

Keith Dorpker

South Kent Sportsmans Club

Ivan Knapp
Wayne Dial
Ray Harrison
Rick Siner

Tri-County Sportsman's League

Thomas Fital
Stanley Komar Jr.
John Grubb
Robert Martin Man Jr.
Bob Parent
Dennis Osborn
Kenneth Huling
Frank Stukenborg III
Joseph Lathers
James Werstein

Western Wayne County Conservation Association

Thomas Cooney
Tony Mazaitis
Steve Koncz
Richard Lamont
Walter Clinansmith
Richard Sparling
William Downing

If you or someone you know is interested in including MUCC in their estate planning or will, please contact MUCC Director of Development and Membership Steve Windom at swindom@mucc.org.

PROCEDURE FOR RESOLUTION TESTIMONY

A motion is required to bring a resolution in front of the Annual Convention voting delegates for consideration.



1

The resolution sponsor has five minutes to explain the resolution and advocate for its passage.



SUPPORT

OPPOSE



2

One or the other must be used to be recognized for discussion. President will alternate microphones

3



All MUCC members may testify for two minutes, twice

*An official timekeeper will be designated by the Parliamentarian



4



Identify yourself by name, club or MUCC title



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TESTIMONY GOALS

- Do not duplicate
- Increase Understanding





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An aerial photograph of a large steel truss bridge spanning a wide river. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and a long, shimmering reflection on the water. In the background, a city with various buildings and a church steeple is visible across the river. The bridge's structure is prominent in the foreground, with its steel beams and supports clearly defined.

THE CONSERVATION PLEDGE

*I give my pledge as an American to save
and faithfully defend from waste the natural
resources of my country — its air, soil and
minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.*