

Policy and Advocacy. Gearing Up for 2020

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Michigan United Conservation Clubs mission is **uniting citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage**. As a grassroots organization, our members set our policies about issues ranging from hunting and fishing regulations to firearms and natural resources conservation. Once our members have set specific policies, our staff go to work implementing them.

MUCC maintains a staff of dedicated conservation professionals whose jobs are to defend Michigan's outdoors heritage and natural resources every day. It is a job we truly enjoy and believe in. MUCC staff follow the policy positions that are established by MUCC members at Annual Convention and attend virtually every Natural Resources Commission (NRC), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and legislative meeting and hearing available to ensure that MUCC members and Michigan's great outdoors are well represented.

But what we pursue in Lansing is set in motion by **YOU**. Under our new MUCC process and structure, the quarterly Conservation Policy Board meetings are your chance to get your ideas set into motion on their way to our Annual Convention. After meeting first in September and December, **the last remaining chance to get a resolution to our Annual Convention is at the March 7, 2020 MUCC Conservation Policy Board meeting at Ashley Sportsman's Club (see attached). Get your resolutions ready!**

MUCC's members establish the organization's policies and priorities each year at MUCC's Annual Convention in June through resolutions proposed by MUCC individual members, clubs, regions or MUCC's Board of Directors. The Conservation Policy Board meetings are the one place where MUCC's members can bring forth resolutions that may go on to MUCC's Annual Convention. You can find the results of past Conservation Policy Board meetings and resolutions already heading to our Annual Convention here:

<https://mucc.org/mucc-annual-convention/>

This landing page will be your destination for all the materials enclosed in this packet, including Annual Convention registration forms and background on MUCC's policy-setting process. If you are interested in writing a resolution and are looking for an example, take a look at the policies that were passed at the 2015 through 2019 Annual Conventions and the Guidelines for Considering Resolutions. If you want to know if we have past policy on a specific issue or need assistance with research, please contact MUCC Policy Assistant Ian FitzGerald at ifitzgerald@mucc.org or 517-346-6488.

We hope you will consider participating in the MUCC policy-setting process this March and hope to see you at the 2020 MUCC Annual Convention!



AGENDA

Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Conservation Policy Board Meeting
 March 7, 2020

Ashley Sportsman's Club
 8554 S Mason Rd, Bannister, MI 48807

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.

MUCC Mission Statement: Uniting citizens to conserve, protect, and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.

9:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST Price is \$5	
10:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings- Education, Fisheries, Wildlife, Parks, Recreation and Trails Shooting/Ranges	See chairs for more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David VanLopik/Dan Dial-Shooting/Ranges • Tim Muir Jr.- Fisheries • Rob Miller- Wildlife • Allen Kasdorf-Parks/Rec • Mark Hergenreder-Education
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE Price is \$8, please RSVP to help us with numbers for food	
12:30 p.m.	Conservation Policy Board Welcome and Opening Remarks	Vice President Greg Peter
12:32 p.m.	The Pledges (Allegiance & Conservation)	Region 5 Director Dawn Levey
12:34 p.m.	Introduction of Executive Board, Past Presidents, Staff and Special Guests	Vice President Greg Peter
12:36 p.m.	Introduction of Voting Conservation Policy Board Members, MUCC Members, and Visitors in Attendance	All
12:45 p.m.	Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes: December 07, 2019	Vice President Greg Peter

12:45-1:15 pm	Keynote Speaker	Doug Craven, Natural Resources Director for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
1:15-1:30 p.m.	Questions and Answers	All
1:30-2:00 p.m.	DNR/NRC Updates	TBD
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Policy Committee Reports	Education, Wildlife, Fisheries, Shooting/Ranges and Parks/Rec/Trails
2:15-4:30 p.m.	<p>Emergency and Proposed Resolution Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution Read by maker or their designee • Resolution explained by maker or their designee • Without objection, this resolution is consistent with the mission and purpose of MUCC. • Discussion on the resolution • Motion for disposition of the resolution • Discussion of the motion <p><u>Proposed Policy Resolutions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Vice President Greg Peter</p> <p>Motions that are in order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pass resolution as is on to 2020 Convention 2. Amend and Pass to Convention 3. Postpone action and refer back to writer (or MUCC Committee) with Comments
4:30-4:40 p.m.	Policy Updates from MUCC	Amy Trotter and Ian FitzGerald
4:40-4:55p.m.	Executive Board Report	President George Lindquist
4:55-5:00 p.m.	Moment for the Mission	Executive Director Amy Trotter
5:00 p.m.	Announcement of Next Meeting Adjourn	<p>Convention will be held at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie from June 26-28.</p> <p>Stay tuned for more information</p>