

Policy and Advocacy. Gearing Up for 2021

Get Involved. Take Action.

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 13, 2021 MUCC Conservation Policy Board meeting happening via Zoom meeting. Get your resolutions ready!** Send any proposed policy resolutions to and/or get the Zoom link by contacting Ian FitzGerald at ifitzgerald@mucc.org.

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 recent 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 2021 MUCC Annual Convention!



AGENDA

Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Conservation Policy Board Meeting
 Saturday March 13, 2021

ZOOM Meeting

Contact Ian FitzGerald at ifitzgerald@mucc.org for Zoom link

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.

10:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings- Education, Fisheries, Wildlife, Parks, Recreation and Trails Shooting/Ranges	See chairs for more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Ammerman- Shooting/Ranges • Linn Duling - Fisheries • Rob Miller- Wildlife • Allen Kasdorf-Parks/Rec • Mark Hergenreder- Education
11:15 a.m.	Conservation Policy Board Welcome and Opening Remarks Role of Conservation Policy Board	Vice President Tim Muir Jr.
11:20 a.m.	The Pledges (Allegiance & Conservation)	Vice President Tim Muir Jr.
11:22 a.m.	Introduction of Executive Board, Past Presidents, Staff and Special Guests	Vice President Tim Muir Jr.
11:25 a.m.	Introduction of Voting Conservation Policy Board Members, MUCC Members, and Visitors in Attendance	Vice President Tim Muir Jr.
11:27 a.m.	Vacancies on the Conservation Policy Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 1 – One club member • Region 2 – Two club members • Region 5 – One club member • Fisheries Committee Chair 	
11:30 a.m.	Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes: December 05, 2020	All

11:35 a.m.	Speaker	TBD
11:45 a.m.	Questions and Answers	All
12:00 p.m.	DNR Update	TBD
12:30 p.m.	Questions and Answers	All
12:40 – 1:00 p.m.	BREAK	
1:10 p.m.	Policy Committee Reports	Education, Wildlife, Fisheries, Shooting/Ranges and Parks/Rec/Trails
1:20 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. • Committee input • 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 Tim Muir Jr.</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
1:40 p.m. (Or when proposed resolutions are finished)	Policy updates from MUCC	Amy Trotter and Ian FitzGerald
2:00 p.m.	Executive Board Report	Amy Trotter
2:20 p.m.	Moment for the Mission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Amy Trotter
2:25 p.m.	<p>Announcement of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention in Gaylord, MI June 25-27, 2021 <p>Adjourn</p>	Vice President Tim Muir Jr.