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86th Annual Convention



March 24-26, 2023
Mount Pleasant, Michigan



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Sun 11am-4pm

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New challenges require creative new solutions



Tim Muir

PRESIDENT

My love of fishing and the outdoors started at a very young age. Introducing my kids and grandkids 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.



This year will bring new challenges to go along with the ones we are already facing. Our job as members of Michigan United Conservation Clubs and conservationists is to face these challenges head-on and work towards our mission to unite citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.

Whether that means making a financial contribution to MUCC or a specific cause such as the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources to help on the consent decree front — every dollar helps. Another way to help is by recruiting new members so we can continue to be the nation's largest statewide organization and have our voices continue to be collectively heard. Sending an email or making a call to your elected official(s) about a piece of legislation that is currently making the rounds is one way for your voice to be heard. You can also volunteer, whether it be habitat restoration at an OTG event, fundraising or working a booth at a sporting show to promote MUCC, whatever the case, just being out there doing the conservation work to ensure that the next generations will get to experience the great outdoors and all that is in it.

Some of that work is before us this weekend at convention. The important work of debating, amending and passing the resolutions that are before us this weekend is one of our core functions that set the direction for our organization.

I am an alumni of our youth camp — a camp where my passion for conservation started growing from a small flame to what it is today. A passion that has led me to where I am today, the president of Michigan United Conservation Clubs: a passion that will lead me to the front lines in our work ahead of us to make sure the next generation can enjoy the natural resources and our outdoor heritage that we have today. I am incredibly proud of all the hard work that has already been done and am confident that the hard work ahead of us will lead to positive outcomes.

We are so lucky here in Michigan to have the natural resources and recreation opportunities that we do. As a lifelong fisherman and hunter, I know for me there is absolutely no better place to live. I am ready to work to protect and preserve all that we have, are you?

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Cocktails with Commissioners

MARCH 24 | 5-8 PM
Bennigans, Mount Pleasant

MUCC Nominations

Executive Board

Two-year terms, except where indicated.
Other Executive Board positions are entering second year of two-year terms.

Region 1	.....	No Nominations
Region 3	.....	No Nominations
Region 5	.....	Dawn Levey
Region 5	.....	Brent Tavis
Region 7	.....	Ronald Burris
Region 9	.....	No Nominations

Conservation Policy Board

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

Two-year terms:

Region 1

No Nominations

Region 3

No Nominations

Region 5

Jerry Kiel - West Walker Sportsmen Club
Tim Hall - Rockford Sportsmen's Club
Steve Lomonaco - Rockford Sportsmen's Club

Region 7

Anthony Hofstetter - New Buffalo Rod & Gun Club
Greg Peck - All Species Conservation Club

Region 9

Rex Lansing - MI Hunting Dog Federation
Erik Schnelle - National Deer Association
Keith Schafer - Michigan Bear Hunters Association

Region 4

Club Vacancy (1-year, partial term)

2023 MUCC Convention Agenda

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

OTG Habitat Project (Edmore State Game Area)

Registration (Comfort Inn & Suites, Stadium Room)

2424 S. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant, MI

**Cocktails with the Commissioners
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Bennigan's (attached to the Comfort Inn)

2424 S. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

7:30 am – 8:30 am

7:30 am – 9:00 am

9:00 am – 9:15 am

9:15 am – 9:17 am

9:17 am – 9:19 am

9:19 am – 9:25 am

9:25 am – 9:27 am

9:27 am – 9:32 am

9:32 am – 10:00 am

10:00 am – 10:01 am

10:01 am – 10:03 am

10:03 am – 10:08 am

10:08 am – 10:30 am

10:30am – 11:00 am

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

12:30 pm – 2:15 pm

2:15pm - 3:45pm

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

4:00 pm

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

7:45 pm – 10:00 pm

Breakfast (Conference Center)

Convention Registration

Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge

Moments of Memory and Moment of Silence

Orders of the Day

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report on Nominations

Approval of Agenda and Approval of 2022 Minutes

New Affiliate Club Recognition

Emergency Resolution Announcements

Candidate Speeches

Break

Bylaws Amendments and Policy Resolutions

Annual Report (Amy Trotter, MUCC Executive Director)

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker (John Walters)

Policy Resolutions Continued

Announcements

Recess

Open Voting: Polls Open for Officers of MUCC

(Conference Room G)

Happy Hour (Conference Center)

Dinner and Conservation Awards Banquet

(Conference Center)

Silent Auction

2023 MUCC Convention Agenda

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Breakfast

(Conference Center)

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Open Voting: Polls Open for Officers of MUCC

(Conference Room G)

8:30 am – 8:31 am

Call to Order

8:31 am – 8:32 am

Invocation

8:32 am – 8:40 am

Announcements

8:40 am – 8:50 am

Treasurer's Report (Leon Hank, MUCC Treasurer)

8:50 am – 9:05 am

DNR Recreational Safety

(Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR Law Enforcement)

9:05 am – 9:20 am

NWF & MUCC Policy Updates

9:20 am – 9:35 am

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.

9:35 am – 11:45 am

Policy Resolutions

11:45 am – 11:50 pm

Report of the Elections

11:50 am – 12:00 pm

Introduction of New Officers

12:00 pm

Final Adjournment

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm

Post-Convention Executive Board Meeting

Saturday Keynote: NRC Commissioner John Walters



John was appointed to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission by Governor Gretchen Whitmer on February 2, 2023

John W. Walters of Gaylord was appointed to the Natural Resources Commission by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, with his term beginning February 2, 2023. John previously served on the NRC, but left to take a new job in Salida, Colorado in 2020. He and his wife missed Northern Michigan and returned home in the spring of 2022.

As John was growing up, his parents, Bill & Irene Walters, and his Boy Scout Master Bill Lee, taught him about the outdoors and respecting Michigan's natural resources. They emphasized, "Leave it better than how you found it." He was raised hunting, fishing, and appreciating the great outdoors. John is an Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm.

John loves to fly fish all year for trout, which is what invigorated his passionate involvement in conservation. He has served as the Stare Chairman of Michigan Trout Unlimited and President of the Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He served as Chairman of the Pigeon River Country State Forest – Advisory Council from 2010. -2018 He served as a board member of Anglers of the Au Sable and was most recently vice-president. John has also served on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's – Rural Development Fund Board.

John and his wife, Sue, who are each others closest hunting and fishing partner reside in Gaylord. Married since 1992, the couple has two German Short-hair Pointers, George and Winston. They spend much of their time on the river chasing trout, in the woods hunting upland birds and deer, or snowshoeing through-out the winter in northern Michigan.

Moments of Memory

Big Bear Sportsman Club

Randy Sanovic

Cass County Conservation Club

Carol Noffsinger
Robin Abrosen
Tim Richard
John Kerr
Robbin Chaffee
John Lee Bond

Chelsea Rod & Gun Club

Tom Caplis
Gary Moore
Jamie Bollinger
Kevin Reid
Richard Hall

Edwardsburg Conservation Club

John Lee Heller Sr.

Fin and Feather Club of Mason County

Toni Skorch
Ron King
Ray Cummins
John Gould
Joe Baxter
Jim Olson
Bob Haupt
Carl Jensen
Kevin Swygert
Mike Crawford

Harbor Beach Conservation Club

Scott Wessels
David Guitar
Steve Schubring
WM. Rands III

Harbor Springs Outdoors Club

Ken Sellers
Mike Peltier

Morenci Sportsman Club

Sherry Griffin (Metcalf)

Multi Lakes Conservation Association

Bob Kasa
Norma Eslinger
Carl Sundberg
William Ramsey
Dan Young
John Buzynski

Presque Isle County Sportmen's Club

Pete Demos

Rockford Sportsman's Club

Jim Hughes
Bernie Lawton
Bill Planback
Bob Middlebroke

Saginaw Field & Stream Club

Robert Ducharme
Harry Vitek
Richard Wendzik

St. Joe County Conservation and Sportsman Club

Dwight Sholl
Leslie Huntington
Lee Newport
Mike Kuhbender
Eldred Adams
Martha Jo Romine

Tri-County Sportsmens Club

Joshua Waugh
Lloyd W. Dicks
Charles Gates
Scott Spoelma
John Stanowski
Jerry Gutekunst

Western Wayne County Conservation Association

Jim Lilley
Fred Douglas
Gerry Johnston
Bill Gammon
Darwin Seaman
John Pavlik
Norman Krazel
Dan Rakoczy
Dennis Galan
David Nilson
James Lahaie

Whitmore Lake Rod & Gun Club

Darlene Curtis
Ruth Bender-Miller
Robert Hubbard
Eric Reeves
Darrell Shaffer

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.

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.

*Proposed change codifying what process is already used.

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

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

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.

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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.



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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

⑤ TESTIMONY GOALS

- Do not duplicate
- Increase Understanding

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