



OHIO OUT-OF-DOORS

January 2012

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The League of Ohio Sportsmen and Ohio Wildlife Federation*

This Month's Newsletter

Is a Little Different...

Over the last few months we have worked to bring you in-depth details about what's happening in our sport. This month's issue takes a slight break from the hard news to go into full convention mode.

Many who read this newsletter each month are Club Directors and other voting members of our Board. This year we have received proposals to change our Constitution and Bylaws from Directors and discussions in Board meetings. There are six proposed changes, three each for the League and OWF, which primarily deal with conflict resolution. We don't often have conflicts within committees, but it was time to create a means to resolve questions in a timely and fair method. And, being December on an off-year, there was not a lot of activity that affected hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation this month.

We will get back to news in the coming months. There is a lot on the plate for 2012: from the Exotic Animal rules to changes at ODNR to wetlands taxation... It's going to be an interesting year!

Ray Petering Retires...

Longtime Fisheries Chief Will Be Missed

The League of Ohio Sportsmen would like to congratulate Ray Petering on his retirement and at the same time express sorrow at the loss of another great friend and supporter of sportsmen's issues from the Division of Wildlife's ranks. Keep in touch Ray!!

Time to Start Thinking About Convention

Resolutions Deadline January 20th

The **104th Annual Meeting and Convention** is less than 50 days away! Starting February 17th, we will be meeting again in Perrysburg at the Holiday Inn French Quarter.

Here are some things that you need to do **TODAY** to make the convention a success:

- Make your **hotel reservation**. Rooms are going fast and a limited number of rooms are available. Full details are on page 3.
- Send in your **Convention Registration**. **Two Early Bird Package winners will be drawn with each winning a \$50 gas card**. Forms are included with this mailing and you can register and pay online at www.ohwf.org
- Get your **resolution proposals** ready. The deadline is **January 20th**. Details are on page 10 inside.
- Get involved! We always need **volunteers to help** at the convention. Give the office a call or email to let us know you want to help. Many hands make light work and let everyone have time to get around to enjoy the hospitality of our clubs.
- Consider **sponsoring a conservation award**. The League is having new artwork created for our awards. This is a limited opportunity - full details on page 11.

Most important? Plan to BE THERE! It's a special time of camaraderie and fun along with the serious work of making the direction for this organization for years to come. We hope to see you there!

Goodbye 2011, Looking for a Better 2012...



There's nothing quite like waiting until the last minute. As I write this message, it's 8-hours to 2012.

Over the last week, I have received hundreds of emails from companies selling their wares at a discount or other non-profit organizations or political parties looking for that last minute donation for 2011. Most were good causes, but none resonated enough for me to click the mouse.

Some of my friends are completely ready to be rid of 2011 - it has been a challenging year for many families, mine included. The same challenges are hitting clubs around the state too - receipts and donations are down, bills are up, and we all are trying to figure out how to make it and keep our doors open.

I will be hosting a session at the convention on available - and legal - fundraising methods. Some will appeal to your club, some may not. The goal is to equip you with information and ideas about how to increase your club's income and get more members in your doors without raising dues. I hope you will attend.

On a different note, Junior Anglers of Ohio is just around the corner. PLEASE help us to get the word out to kids around Ohio about this positive "get outside" program. More details in next month's newsletter...

In the meantime, have a SAFE and Happy New Year!

*All the Best, -Larry Mitchell Jr.
lmitchell@leagueofohiosportsmen.org*

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Hurry! Hotel Rooms Are Limited!

The League of Ohio Sportsmen's
104th Annual Meeting & Convention
will be held at
Perrysburg Holiday Inn French Quarter
on
February 17-19, 2012

**GET YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS
EARLY - THERE ARE A LIMITED
NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE!**

**Rooms are \$86.35 per night
including tax**

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Come help us celebrate 104 years of
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THE LEAGUE OF OHIO SPORTSMEN
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

**WHAT SHOULD THE LEAGUE'S OFFICIAL STANCE BE ON ISSUES
AFFECTING YOUR AREA AND ALL OHIOANS?**

The League of Ohio Sportsmen's 104th Annual Meeting & Convention is fast approaching. This is the Call for Resolutions for the 2012 League of Ohio Sportsmen Convention. Our resolutions are the official policy positions of the League. Resolutions guide our officers as they meet with elected officials and speak to the press. What issues are affecting your club, your members, your area or all of Ohio? Create a resolution to address your issues and have it brought before the delegates at the Annual Meeting. You can help to set the League's direction, both in 2012 and in years to come.

**Resolutions must be submitted no later than January 20, 2012 for consideration at the convention. Resolutions must be postmarked by midnight January 20, 2012
No exceptions!**

The organization, club, or individual is solely responsible for the content of the resolution. The Resolutions Committee of the League of Ohio Sportsmen cannot verify and cannot be responsible for the validity of contents and statements contained in the resolutions.

All resolutions must contain the name, complete address, and telephone number of the author. If the resolution is from a local club or organization, a contact is required.

If your club or organization submits a resolution(s), it is strongly urged that representatives of the club or organization attend the convention. This will provide support and clarification that might be needed for the resolution. Resolutions should adhere to the following format:

Whereas, A; and
Whereas, The...; and
Whereas, The ...; therefore be it
Resolved, That; and
Resolved, That

Resolutions should be mailed to:

League of Ohio Sportsmen
Resolutions Committee
642 W. Broad St.
Columbus OH 43215

E-mail address: resolutions@leagueofohiosportsmen.org

FAX: (614) 224-8971

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Constitution & Bylaws: Proposed Changes

The following changes to our organizational documents are proposed for passage at the 104th Annual Meeting and Convention in February 2012:

League of Ohio Sportsmen

- 1) Resolutions Committee procedural changes with regard to late submissions
- 2) Establishes a Dispute Resolution process
- 3) Establishes the position of Board Chairman

Ohio Wildlife Federation

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These proposals are the fruit of discussions during Board meetings and recommendations from Directors At-Large.

These proposals require three readings at regular meetings and acceptance by a vote of three-fourths of the voting members present at the final business session of the Annual Convention.

League of Ohio Sportsmen 1) Resolutions Committee procedural changes with regard to late submissions

Bylaws Article VII

D. The Resolutions Committee shall accept for consideration at the Annual or Summer Conventions those resolutions submitted at least 60 days prior to the opening session of the convention, or at such later date as may be advertised by said committee. ~~Consideration will be given to a late submission provided it can be shown that the resolution is the result of an emergency situation, or the result of a recent and unexpected development or occurrence, and the sponsoring individual or organization presents to the committee prior to the opening session of the convention, at least 200 copies of the proposed resolution suitable for distribution to those attendees authorized to vote. Majority of those voting at the opening business session of the convention shall determine whether to accept or reject such late submissions for consideration.~~ (Added 1993)

Consideration of a late submission shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. *A submission shall be considered without prejudice if the resolution was submitted by the proper deadlines but was omitted due to clerical, office error, or postal or electronic delivery issues. Printed copies in a number sufficient for those attendees authorized to vote shall be distributed.*
2. *Any submission not covered in guideline 1 (above) must meet all of the following qualifications:*
 - a. *be shown that the resolution is the result of an emergency situation, or the result of a recent and unexpected development or occurrence;*
 - b. *be accepted for inclusion using the dispute resolution procedure specified in Bylaw VII section E;*
 - c. *the sponsoring individual or organization shall present at least 100 copies of the proposed resolution suitable for distribution to those attendees authorized to vote.*

(Proposal changes and clarifies the late consideration procedures)

League of Ohio Sportsmen 2) Establishes a Dispute Resolution process

Bylaws Article VII

E. *Dispute Resolution: In the event of a dispute or question of proper procedure that cannot be resolved within the committee, or in a question of accepting a resolution submitted late, the following procedure shall be followed:*

1. *The Committee Chair shall table the issue*
2. *The Committee Chair shall report to the President the nature of the question or dispute*
3. *The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to resolve the question*

4. *At the time of the meeting, the Executive Committee members present and the submitting Committee Chair shall constitute a quorum.*
5. *The Executive Committee and the submitting Committee Chair shall hear the question or dispute. The Executive Committee and the submitting Committee Chair shall vote on the issue as presented. The determination of the Executive Committee shall be final.*
6. *The meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held in a timely fashion:*
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 - b. *In the event that the issue or question occurs at a convention, the meeting shall occur at the earliest available opportunity to allow the submitting committee can complete their work during the convention.*
 - c. *In the event that the issue is the question of accepting a resolution submitted late, the meeting shall occur prior to the resolutions committee meeting. Should the question occur during the resolutions committee meeting, the resolutions committee shall suspend and the Executive Committee shall meet immediately.*

(New proposed resolution procedure)

League of Ohio Sportsmen 3) Establishes the position of Board Chairman

Constitution Article VI, Section B - Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretaries, the Treasurer, *the Board Chairman*, all Past Presidents, one representative from each member club, Chairmen of standing committees, five (5) District Vice Presidents, ten (10) District Directors and twelve (12) Directors-at-Large. (Amended 2002)
2. *The Board Chairman shall be the immediate Past President who shall serve a term of two years. In the event that a president serves only one year, there shall be two Board Chairman positions during the year of overlap.*

*** Renumber existing sections from 3 to 6*

(Creates the position of Board Chairman and specifies the term of service. Position will allow for retention of institutional knowledge and advice from the immediate Past President)

Bylaws Article III, Section B

3. The Executive Committee, comprised of all officers and the ~~immediate past president~~ *Board Chairman*, will normally function as an advisory or management study group, as directed by the President or Board of Directors.

(remainder of this section continues without change)

(Adds the Board Chairman to the Executive Committee)

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- a. *Immediate action is required and there is insufficient time to assemble the Board of Trustees, or*
- b. *The Board of Trustees is on record as approving the action in reference to a particular problem or project.*

(OWF did not have an Executive Committee. This section mirrors the League's Executive Committee)

Teaching youth about Angling and Watercraft Safety since 1945



May 2012

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and on Facebook

For youth ages 8-17 with an adult sponsor
Friday 6:30pm to Sunday 5:00pm - no missed school days!
Registration will close mid-April

Wanted: Clubs and Individuals to Sponsor the League's New Conservation Awards

Your sponsorship helps to create the new awards and artwork



This is the original clay sculpture of the Black Bear Award by artist Jeff Littlejohn for the League of Ohio Sportsmen



A mold of the clay was made by Nova Blue Studio Arts. This is the mounted, hand-painted resin final product which is presented to awardees

The League of Ohio Sportsmen has an opportunity for you or your club to be a part of the commission of our new Conservation Awards Statuettes. The League is working with artist Jeff Littlejohn to create new sculptures which will allow us to continue our tradition of presenting limited-edition artworks to awardees each year. These new art creations are the property of the League of Ohio Sportsmen and cannot be used by any other group without the League's permission.

We have three levels of opportunity for each new award:

“The Artist”

Provides the investment for the creation of an original clay sculpture, the creation of the mold to allow the art to be replicated as needed, and we will present you with a certificate of commendation for your donation at the next Conservation Awards Banquet.

Donation: \$600.00

“The Moldmaker”

Provides the investment for the creation of an original clay sculpture, the creation of the mold to allow the art to be replicated as needed, the first statuette to be presented, and we will present you with a certificate of commendation for your donation at the next Conservation Awards Banquet.

Donation: \$800.00

“The Collector”

Provides the investment for the creation of an original clay sculpture, the creation of the mold to allow the art to be replicated as needed, the first statuette to be presented, and we will present you with a commendation for your donation and a copy of the statuette with “Thank You” plate at the next Conservation Awards Banquet.

Donation: \$1,000.00

The awards that are available for sponsorship are: “Past and Future” (Hunter Educator), Bald Eagle, Cardinal, Wild Turkey, Whitetail Deer, Beaver, Ringneck Pheasant, Fish, and Black Bear.

This is a rare opportunity to assist in the commissioning of new art and (with “The Collector” level of donation) to own a very limited edition hand painted work of art. Please contact the office with any questions or for additional information. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21

Board Meeting at the Office

Committee meetings will start at 1:00pm, meeting at 3:00pm

February 17-19

104th Annual Meeting and Convention

Convention Registration forms are available online and in this mailing

May

Junior Anglers of Ohio

Date TBA, plan on a mid-May date with a mid-April registration deadline

ATTENTION CLUBS:

**Club Dues are
due NOW.**

**Club Membership
is \$50 per year**

**Your club dues
must be current
for delegates to
participate at the
convention**

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Federation today!**

2012 Convention Raffle

Enclosed with this month's minutes are 5 tickets for the 2012 Convention Raffle.



NOTHING SHOTS FLATTER, HITS HARDER, OR IS MORE ACCURATE

This year's First Prize is a Weatherby SA-08 Upland 20Ga
a semi-auto with a wood stock, 26" barrel and 3 choke tubes

Additional Prizes will be announced at the convention.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 tickets.

The drawing will be held on Saturday February 18th as part of the Conservation Awards Banquet. Winner need not be present to win.

**Please mail the ticket stubs and money to the office
before February 10th or bring them to the convention.**

ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE -

CALL THE OFFICE AT (614) 224-8970 for details

—OR— Mail \$20.00 to

**OWF CONVENTION, 642 W Broad St, Columbus OH 43215
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