

**Western Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council (WUPCAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 5/17/23**  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
**5:00-7:30pm Central / 6:00-8:30pm Eastern**  
**Marquette Township Community Center, Marquette**

**Council Members Present**

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| Erik Bessonon    | Suzanne Petschke     | Tom Solka                   |
| Floyd Dropps     | Kirk Schott          | Dwaine Starr                |
| Barb Gajewski    | Carol Mason Sherrill | Warren Suchovsky-Vice Chair |
| Dave Hall        | Jeff Sierpien        | Lucas Vold                  |
| Mike Holmes      | Kelly Bennett Simon  | Faye Williams               |
| George Lindquist | Travis Smith         |                             |

**Council Members Absent/Excused**

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| Dave Johnson   | Horst Schmidt |
| Chauncey Moran | Skip Schulz   |

**Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Staff & Guests**

Lt. Ryan Aho, Law Enforcement Division, Baraga County  
Kristi Dahlstrom, Executive Division, Marquette  
Stacy Haughey, UP Field Deputy, Executive Division, Marquette  
David Lemmien, UP Wildlife Supervisor, Wildlife Division, Sault Ste. Marie  
Darren Kramer, Fisheries Division, Escanaba  
Tom Seablom, Forest Resources Division, Marquette  
Ron Yesney, UP Trails-Parks & Recreation Division, Marquette

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

At 6:05pm Eastern, **Vice Chair Suchovsky** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Members welcomed him back after a long covid-related illness. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and afterwards mentioned there was a pledge of allegiance specific to the State of Michigan flag in existence (Public Act 165 of 1972).

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** asked the Council if there were any further additions or revisions to the agenda; none were brought forth. **Mr. Hall motioned to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Holmes supported the motion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See page 1. No further discussion. Motion carried.**

**Introductions of New Council Members**

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** and the Council welcomed six new members: Mr. Faye Williams, Mr. Jeff Sierpien, Mr. Lucas Vold, Ms. Kelly Bennett Simon, Ms. Sue Petschke, and Mr. Dwaine Starr. They introduced themselves and provided a brief background of their interests.

A historical perspective of the UPCACs from original members was provided for the benefit of new members. **Mr. Dropps** indicated the council works together to accomplish what they can and encouraged new members to join some of the committees. **Mr. Lindquist** stated the division reports provide information that isn't available anywhere else, and that CACs are the sounding board for the DNR. **Vice Chair Suchovsky** stated it is important to listen to neighbors and friends to hear what their issues and concerns are and bring them back to this forum where they are discussed. Sometimes resolutions are developed and sent to the Director as a result.

### **Introductions of Council Members/DNR Staff/Public Attendees**

Council members introduced themselves and cited their interests and group affiliations, and DNR staff introduced themselves and the division they represent. Members of the audience included the Marquette Conservation District, Sen. Peters Office and a former general manager of Public TV 13 and former host of Ask the DNR who indicated the public would be astounded with the quality of members on this Council. He suggested a news article about the UPACs discussing the types of topics discussed.

### **Farewell Wishes to Council Member Dr. Travis Smith**

The Council recognized **Dr. Travis Smith**, member of the council since 2012 and retiring this month, for his valuable contributions in his 11-year tenure, including active participation on the wildlife committee, seeking an online orientation option for UP elk hunt permittees, support of the Archery in the Schools Program at a local elementary school and providing an educational component to Council topics and discussion. The Council wished him well. **Dr. Smith** stated he has created great friendships with many of the members on this great journey. He commended the DNR for listening to the public, noting many are unaware of what is behind all the tough decisions the DNR has to make. He encouraged everyone to trust the process.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** asked if there were any further changes to either the December 5, 2022 or January 18, 2023 meeting minutes, both of which were distributed to the Council via email for review. **Mr. Bessonen motioned to accept both minutes as submitted; Dr. Schott supported the motion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See page 1. No further discussion. Motion carried.**

### **DNR Reports from Division Staff**

Written staff reports were provided to Council members on March 14, 2023. The following brief updates were added.

#### **1. Ms. Stacy Haughey, UP Field Deputy:**

- Ms. Dahlstrom was acknowledged for all her administrative efforts for the CAC meetings.
- The DNR recently held engagement meetings with Baraga, Iron and Marquette County officials regarding a proposed Forest Legacy Program project that would place approximately 73,000 acres across these combined counties into a permanent working forest conservation easement. UP legislators and affected township officials have also been informed. More engagement opportunities are planned in the months to come.
- The Nature Conservancy recently purchased a large tract of TRG land in Keweenaw County and the DNR will look to purchase some of that property in the future. Updates will be brought to the Council as the project develops.

#### **2. Mr. Darren Kramer, Fisheries Division:**

- **Mr. Kramer** indicated he will be the division representative for the WUPCAC, replacing Mr. Madison.
- A handout was provided listing two fisheries order proposals for 2024 which are a simplification of rules with some trade-offs and are important to consider: *Combined Lake Trout – Splake Daily Possession Limit and Catch-and-immediate release fishing for Lake Sturgeon in the Ontonagon River*. These two proposals will be presented at the conversation and coffee event on March 29, which is a first look by the public; all are encouraged to attend this virtual meeting. Fisheries regulations are reviewed a year in advance and if enacted, would go into effect in 2024. This is the beginning of the proposal process, with an internal review and higher-level review afterwards. If it makes it through the internal process, the proposal will go to the NRC in September with action by the NRC in October or November.

- **Mr. Lindquist** indicated the proposals seem like common sense to make things simpler. He asked if Lake Superior will be included in the status of the lakes meetings. **Mr. Kramer** indicated the SeaGrant group conducts those meetings.
- **Ms. Mason Sherill** asked if sturgeon recovery research is still occurring on the Ontonagon River. **Mr. Kramer** stated it was and further explained. **Ms. Gajewski** asked where the sturgeon regulation ends; **Mr. Kramer** replied it's only the river proper. Discussion ensued.
- **Mr. Dropps** asked about the arctic grayling stocking in the western UP mentioned in the division reports. **Mr. Kramer** noted Mr. Madison is working on that project and explained the captive brood stock process.
- **Ms. Bennett Simon** asked when the Marquette Fish Hatchery will be open to the public. **Mr. Kramer** stated he didn't know but will find out.
- **Ms. Mason Sherill** spoke about riparian owners on her lake putting fish cribs in although they haven't notified the lake association. There have been issues with the material floating up. She asked about the process. **Mr. Kramer** stated the landowner(s) must get the project permitted through EGLE, which requires notification of all landowners and approval of the materials used before any assistance is provided by the DNR.

3. **Mr. Tom Seablom, Forest Resources Division:**

- There were no additional items to add to the written report.

4. **Lt. Ryan Aho, Law Enforcement Division:**

- Two new officers from the most recent recruit school have been assigned to the western UP: one to Ontonagon County and one to Menominee County.
- **Ms. Gajewski** asked if ORV and snowmobile riders, when used for ice fishing, must wear helmets. **Lt. Aho** replied ORVs do not, but snowmobilers are required.
- **Mr. Williams** noted CO Appreciation Day was held recently (March 15) and he indicated his appreciation for the job they do.

5. **Mr. Ron Yesney, Parks & Recreation Division-UP Trails:**

- The Lake Linden railroad grade is in the bidding process. It was broken down into 6 packages to make it more manageable because it's such a large-sale project. Staff are anticipating construction this summer with trails ready by next winter.
- **Mr. Lindquist** asked if there have been many conflicts with snowmobilers and moose this season. **Mr. Yesney & Lt. Aho** stated no complaints were reported this season. Complaints usually involve moose that will not move off the trail.
- **Mr. Williams** asked who is in charge of the boating access site at Greenwood. He stated the pit toilet needs servicing and the site is littered with garbage. **Ms. Haughey** suggested he contact [Van Riper State Park] who has jurisdiction.
- **Mr. Holmes** mentioned the Squaw Lake association hired an individual to plow the private road near the access site, and he suggested perhaps the plow driver would be willing to plow the parking lot which is only about 50 yards farther. The lot is frequently drifted over due to the winds. **Ms. Haughey** spoke about the program in which road commissions and individuals are partnering to plow boating access sites in the winter for ice fishing. She will look into this area.

6. **Mr. Dave Lemmien, Wildlife Division:**

- The aerial moose survey was completed in early February. The final results of the survey are still being calculated and will be reported to the NRC and then the UPCACs. He stated during the survey, more snowmobile tracks were observed in the back country than in previous years. It's been known that

snowmobiles would stamp down tracks for moose to use and make it easier to find sheds. This is a concern for Wildlife Division, and they will continue to monitor this activity; there is no need for any type of action at this point. There is a similar issue in the Pigeon River Forest downstate where elk are located.

- The division is currently working on the next cycle for deer regulations. Field recommendations are being compiled and will be reviewed by the division chief. Once approved by the chief, it will be forwarded to the Director and Deputy Director for review and approval before being presented for information to the NRC, tentatively in April, and for action tentatively in May.
- **Mr. Lindquist** asked if there are any major changes being proposed for the UP. **Mr. Lemmien** stated as the Director mentioned at a recent UPSA meeting and a sportsman’s banquet, there may be a proposal to remove the CWD core area in the UP which would also remove the baiting and feeding ban.
- **Mr. Bessonen** asked if there will be a push to increase license fees. **Mr. Lemmien** stated an increase would require action by the legislature and he is not aware of a proposal at this time.
- **Mr. Sierpien** asked if there is a proposal to have crossbow regulations downstate match those in the UP. **Mr. Lemmien** stated staff were asked to provide information, but he doesn’t know if it’s been proposed.
- **Ms. Petschke** asked how healthy the deer population in the UP is versus downstate. **Mr. Lemmien** stated the majority of the deer population is located downstate where most of the state’s agricultural area is, which is why regulations differ between the peninsulas. He added deer health is strong in the UP with only one case of CWD reported.
- **Mr. Starr** asked if there is any initiative to require mandatory harvest reporting for turkeys, similar to the new system for deer. **Mr. Lemmien** stated it is a good suggestion and hunters may see that in the future. **Mr. Lindquist** noted that MUCC is asking for a system to tie in mandatory checks for turkeys. **Mr. Lemmien** stated the deer harvest reporting system was considered a success in its first season. There will be some minor modifications to it for next year to make it even easier. **Mr. Williams** stated ongoing education will be key to compliance.

### Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** opened the floor for public comments on agenda items only; none were brought forth.

### Annual Election of Officers

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** noted the Bylaws require the Council to have a yearly officer election, which traditionally occurs at the beginning of the year. He turned the floor over to Ms. Haughey to conduct the election; **Ms. Haughey** opened the floor for nominations for 2023:

1. Chairman: **Mr. Bessonen** nominated Mr. Solka; **Mr. Solka** consented to the nomination. After three more opportunities, no additional nominations were brought forth. **Dr. Schott made a motion to close the nominations; Mr. Bessonen supported the motion. No discussion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See listing on page 1. Motion carried.**
2. Vice Chairman: **Mr. Hall** nominated Dr. Schott; **Dr. Schott** consented to the nomination. After three more opportunities, no additional nominations were brought forth. **Mr. Bessonen motioned to close the nominations; Mr. Williams supported the motion. No discussion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See listing on page 1. Motion carried.**
3. Vote: **Ms. Haughey** declared Mr. Solka has been nominated for Chair and Dr. Schott has been nominated for Vice Chair and asked for a motion. **Mr. Hall motioned to accept these two individuals for Chair and Vice Chair; Mr. Bessonen supported the motion. No discussion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See listing on page 1. Motion carried.**
4. Final Results: **For 2023, Mr. Solka and Dr. Schott will serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.**

### Old Business

1. Marquette County Shooting Range Update (Ms. Haughey)

- In January 2023, Smith Paving and Contracting was awarded the construction contract for the Marquette Range development.
- Construction began at the site in January 2023 (maps were shown). The winter work at the site has included tree removal and site clearing. A picture of the site clearing progress is on the next slide.
- Construction is expected to be completed in August 2023. This will be the first public, grant funded range in the UP. There are 17 downstate.
- Also in August 2023, the DNR is partnering with the National Guard to clean up trash, block/limit access, and encourage safe range use through the closure and restoration of the informal target shooting area located on Cleveland Cliffs property in Sands Township, just east of the new range in Richmond Township. Signage will be installed at the Sands location to discourage use at the unsafe site and direct target shooters to the new range developed in Richmond Township. The National Guard will use the work at the Sands site as part of their training process for new recruits.
- **Mr. Vold** asked if use of the range will be fee-based and if a recreation passport will be required. **Ms. Haughey** stated use is free and it will be open to the public. She is not sure on the passport and will check.
- **Dr. Smith** asked if it will be open in the winter months and what the operation hours are. **Ms. Haughey** stated she is unsure about the winter months and will check what the hours will be.
- **Mr. Solka** asked if the range is able to be used by law enforcement for qualifying. **Lt. Aho** stated local law enforcement may use it; however, the CO's have a range they already utilize. **Ms. Haughey** stated she previously met with local law enforcement, and they all were very supportive. She indicated the National Guard, who currently sends guards down to Grayling, may utilize it because it's much closer.
- **Mr. Dropps** asked what the longest range is; **Ms. Haughey** replied 400.
- **Mr. Hall** asked if there will be oversight and/or cleanup from volunteer programs. **Ms. Haughey** indicated there have been individuals and groups that have stepped forward indicating they will help. She noted it will not be staffed; however, there will be frequent checks by various officers and staff, and there will be security cameras onsite. She stated when these efforts began 10 years ago, several local sportsman's clubs were asked if they wanted to partner with a range and they weren't interested. Some of have reached out since, not knowing the previous history. **Mr. Lemmien** stated the DNR has experience with several non-staffed ranges downstate.

**New Business**

1. Snowmobile Season Summary to Date (Lt. Aho)

- There have been 14 fatalities in the UP and 18 total statewide. Snowmobiles hit two groomers this year, both a result of riding at excessive speeds; one fatality was involved.
- Conditions varied throughout the winter with rain and warmups mixed in, but overall conditions were fair to excellent.
- Tracking of snowmobiles that fell into water was not tracked. This happened quite a bit this year.
- Snowmobile enforcement hours were used up quickly with snow in the lower peninsula.
- Sound enforcement continues; however, it has become increasingly difficult. There is a procedure that must be followed in order for it to be enforceable through the courts. Discussion continued about aftermarket cans causing issues for sound testing and apps that alert riders to enforcement areas.
- **Mr. Lindquist** stated he has seen many more off-trail sleds in the area and they have no regard for gates, posting signs, property lines, damage done, etc. Neighbors have been calling the local sheriff's office about it. **Lt. Aho** stated they have been issuing more tickets than usual.
- **Ms. Mason Sherill** asked if there are many violations in protected wildlife areas. **Lt. Aho** stated there have been some near CR510, but no complaints reported other than that.

- **Mr. Yesney** added new signage has been helping with illegal riding in several areas. It is being addressed with corporate partner engagement and more enforcement. It has been a better year in that regard. There is a direct correlation between loud pipes and backcountry riding. The DNR is working hard to fight against it. Snowmobile activity on commercial forest lands is illegal unless permission is granted by the landowner.
- **Ms. Petschke** asked how difficult it is to rescind permission for a trail easement. **Mr. Yesney** stated 25% of trails are on federal lands, 25% of trails are on state lands, and the rest are on different types of private land, such as long-term leases, permanent easements, and operating agreements. In order to have connecting trails, the DNR has to work with private landowners and will cater agreements to the landowner's wishes.
- **Vice Chair Suchovsky** asked if there are any issues with enforcement in the Menominee area. **Mr. Yesney** stated there isn't a dedicated trail system there so it's more local riding.

2. Snowmobile Ride Right Messaging (Mr. Yesney)

- Program posters for the Ride Right campaign were shown. The focus is on speed as 80% of snowmobile accidents are related to speed. Information about riding on the ride side of the trail is also included on the posters. Educational tools, such as posters and placemats, are posted in area hotels and restaurants heavily frequented by snowmobilers. Social media is also utilized. A difference is being made and the message is getting out.
- With the lack of consistent snow downstate, the trails were heavily used this year bringing more congestion, accidents and fatalities. Modified sleds and excessive speed cause accidents.
- New messaging will be introduced next year, called the Ride Right, Lead Right campaign. The first four fatalities this year were wives, girlfriends and daughters. Women make up 15% of riders and over 50% of accidents. The message conveys to only ride to the ability of your most novice rider and not more than six in a group. It puts the onus on the lead rider for the safety of those behind them. It is hoped the message will curb some of these devastating situations.
- Volunteers who groom and take care of the trails are very dedicated and do good work. The economic impact of snowmobiling in rural UP areas is very important to smaller communities. Staff are working to address the negative aspects with more sound and trespassing enforcement and education about the importance of staying on the trails.
- **Mr. Bessonon** asked how the reroute in Gogebic County fared. **Mr. Yesney** stated it went well as can be expected. The trail was able to be reopened and the community was happy. Because the trail ran on the shoulder of city streets and county roads for two miles which was heavily signed, it was not ideal in terms of the riders' perspective.
- **Mr. Williams** asked about the trail that runs across his driveway in Chocolay Township, stating the groomer goes over the driveway blocking him in and with the amount of snow on either side, there has been close calls with snowmobiles crossing when he is leaving. He's made several efforts to contact someone who can address the issue and has requested a meeting with DNR staff at the Marquette office to no avail. **Ms. Haughey** stated she did not receive a message and will make sure to set up a meeting soon. **Lt. Aho** noted that Sgt. Leadman has monitored that area several times and issued tickets just last weekend.
- **Mr. Hall** stated with manufacturers building faster snowmobiles, he doesn't see the issue going away.
- **Ms. Petschke** asked if private landowners, who have a trail easement on their property, can request signage. **Mr. Yesney** replied yes.
- **Ms. Mason Sherill** asked if signage is provided for wilderness areas. **Mr. Yesney** stated the forest service signs their areas and those trails are well patrolled.

- **Vice Chair Suchovsky** asked if private landowners who grant permission for snowmobilers to cross their land can receive compensation. **Mr. Yesney** stated it is possible. All private landowners are protected with liability insurance.
- **Mr. Dropps** asked if there is any discussion about exemptions for snowmobilers not to have to wear helmets when used on a lake for ice fishing. **Mr. Yesney** stated this would require a legislative change to the snowmobile act and he is not aware of any proposals.
- **Mr. Yesney** mentioned if anyone has ideas to share about snowmobile safety and/or education, please contact him.

3. Fisheries Division Conversations & Coffee (C&C) Events (Mr. Kramer)

- C&C events were created from a suggestion by the NRC to the Fisheries Division to do more outreach and were held in person (pre-pandemic). Now they are mostly virtual. Anyone can and are encouraged to attend.
- Topics at the meetings include regulation discussion, fish order changes, proposals, answering questions from the public and general conversation.
- A press release goes out about one month in advance and one meeting is held in each management unit. The March 29<sup>th</sup> event is for the Lake Superior Management Unit. Links to the virtual meetings are also listed on the Fisheries Division webpage.

4. Fisheries Division Q&A (Mr. Kramer)

- **Ms. Gajewski** asked if there have been any updates on PFAS collections on Lake Superior and if results can be found online. **Mr. Kramer** stated there has been nothing new from the Dept of Health findings. He explained the testing process. **Ms. Haughey** located the online source and will forward it to her.
- **Mr. Williams** asked why there isn't a whitefish rearing program in the UP. **Mr. Kramer** stated deep lakes and oxygen are needed for whitefish, and the design of the local hatcheries will not support rearing of these fish. **Mr. Williams** also noted NMU trapped 120 burbot by his house; **Mr. Kramer** was not aware of the specifics of their survey.

5. Cedar Research Project Input Reminder (Ms. Haughey)

- An email was sent to all CAC members on March 6 asking for their input on a northern white cedar research project. A YouTube video was included explaining the project. A presentation was also provided to the UPSA meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The project was initiated in 2021 under a grant issued to Michigan Tech University to conduct a review of previous silvicultural treatments for regenerating cedar and propose new techniques for further testing. The review of previous treatments is complete, and the second phase is currently being framed. The presentation link below provides synopsis of both phases.
- Council members were reminded, if they haven't already done so, to provide their input. The deadline was March 17<sup>th</sup>, but comments will still be accepted.
- **Ms. Mason Sherrill** stated the video was fascinating; she encouraged others to watch it.
- **Vice Chair Suchovsky** mentioned his tracking of cedar on his property. Discussion ensued regarding deer not browsing on certain cedar stands.

**Committee Activity**

1. Opportunity for Council Members to Join Committees (Mr. Solka)

- A handout regarding committees and their structure, along with a list of the current established committees, was reviewed. The facilitated work sessions held previously indicated that revitalizing the

committees was one way for the CACs to become more effective. Committees are informal, not required, and meet at the call of the lead person for the committee either by conference call or virtual format.

- **Ms. Haughey** encouraged members to consider involvement and to email Ms. Dahlstrom if they are interested in joining a committee or to bring their choices to the May meeting.
2. Determine Committee Leads for Forestry/Trails/Rec/Law Committees
- Leads will be determined at the next meeting after new members are added.

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** opened the floor for reports from the following committees:

3. Fisheries (Mr. Dropps):

- The Fisheries Committee has been setting up informal zoom meetings for about an hour in between CAC meetings. More members are always welcome.
  - **Mr. Dropps** explained a resolution that is up for consideration regarding cormorant funding and control. The resolution was created by EUPCAC Vice Chair Gorniak and he asked the WUPCAC to consider it as well so that a joint UPCAC resolution can be submitted. Background information and a synopsis of the committee meeting discussion was sent to the Council with the resolution. He briefly explained the resolution is asking the DNR to secure additional and annual funding for cormorant control in FY2023. Cormorants are decimating fisheries in many areas.
  - **Mr. Dropps** stated Mr. Kramer was not able to attend the committee meeting but was able to fact-check information and provide a summary. Fisheries Chief Randy Claramunt will be attending the April EUPCAC meeting to discuss the issue as well.
  - **Mr. Dropps made a motion approve the resolution; Mr. Lindquist supported the motion. Discussion took place.**
    - **Vice Chair Suchovsky** asked if the resolution is seeking federal or state dollars. **Mr. Dropps** stated state dollars through an appropriation; **Mr. Kramer** agreed and encouraged folks to talk to their local legislators about the need as well.
    - **Mr. Hall** recalls cormorants raiding perch in the Cedarville area till they become almost non-existent, and **Mr. Sierpien** stated he fishes Little Bay and the number of cormorants there is unbelievable.
- A vote was called. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See listing on page 1. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Wildlife (Mr. Lindquist):

- A virtual meeting was held, and members discussed a resolution they will put forward for consideration by the Council for the May meeting. The proposed resolution supports the DNR in asking for the special regulations in the UP core CWD area be removed.
- **Ms. Haughey** will review the timeline for NRC consideration of proposed deer regulations to make sure the next meeting will be before action takes place. She will keep the Council updated.
- **Mr. Sierpien** and **Mr. Starr** indicated they would like to join the Wildlife Committee.

**Next Meeting**

1. Next Meeting Date: **Vice Chair Suchovsky** noted the next meeting is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> in-person in Iron Mountain at 6:00pm ET/5:00pm CT. Bay College West is tentatively held for this meeting.
2. Items for Next WUPCAC Meeting Agenda: **Vice Chair Suchovsky** indicated suggestions for topics, in addition to the themed topic of proposed deer regulations, for the next meeting can be submitted to Ms. Haughey or Ms. Dahlstrom.



**Public Comments (On Any Topic)**

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** opened the floor for public comments on any topic; none were brought forth.

**Closing Comments from the Council**

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** opened the floor for closing comments from the Council:

1. **Mr. Dropps** thanked Vice Chair Suchovsky for his tenure in the position over the years and for all the work he has done for the WUPCAC. He stated he has learned more at these meetings than he has brought to the table.

**Adjournment**

**Vice Chair Suchovsky** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm Eastern/8:02pm Central.