

Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition Bylaws

Mission	The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) is an organization representing five counties (Florence, Forest and Marinette Counties in Wisconsin, and Dickinson and Menominee Counties in Michigan) dedicated to the management of invasive species through cooperation, education, prevention and control.
Partners	Signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
Members	Open to any interested parties: agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, businesses or individuals interested in furthering the mission of WRISC in accordance with the MOU.
Board of Directors	<p>Immediately prior to each WRISC Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors' first order of new business shall be to take action on applications of prospective Partners. The next order of business shall be to elect a Board of Directors and officers from the Partners and members. Individuals not in attendance must express his or her interest for nomination in writing, submitted to the WRISC Coordinator prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors shall consist of an odd number of members, not less than five nor more than nine. The newly elected Board of Directors' first order of business shall be to elect officers including a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. (The fiscal representative currently designated in the MOU is the Dickinson Conservation District which will present a financial statement at each Annual Meeting.) A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a meeting.</p> <p>Terms of Office are One Year – Directors may serve consecutive years. Upon mid-term resignation of any officer or Director the Board of Directors may appoint a replacement to act as an interim officer or Director until the next Annual Meeting.</p>
Compensation	Partners and members shall not be compensated by WRISC to participate in the coalition. Only the Dickinson Conservation District acting as the fiscal representative will manage designated funds for administrative and support services provided.
Action Teams	Under the guidance of the Board of Directors, and comprised of Partners and members focused on specific topics in accordance with the goals of the MOU.
Personnel	The Board of Directors will define personnel roles and responsibilities and hire as funding allows.
Meetings	<p>Bi-monthly Board of Director meetings will be held, beginning at 10AM, on the first Wednesday of even numbered months. Location to be determined at each previous meeting. Special meetings may be scheduled as needed.</p> <p>One (1) Annual Meeting shall be held in the spring of each year. Each signatory Partner will be notified at least 30 days in advance.</p> <p>Every attempt will be made to publicly post all meeting dates/times.</p>
Amendment of Bylaws	Amendment of the bylaws shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors. This power may be executed at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided that individual notice of any change has been made available to each Director via electronic transmission not less than ten days before the meeting. Such changes must be agreed upon by a 2/3 vote of the Directors present.

Original Bylaws were adopted by the majority of the Board of Directors at the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition Annual Meeting on June 5, 2012. AMENDED: June 4, 2013 AMENDED: December 4, 2013. AMENDED: June 4, 2014