



# Michigan Chapter

**Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, October 29, 2018**  
**Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, Michigan**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 10:00 a.m. by President Hugh Brown

**Roll Call:** President Hugh Brown asked Secretary Kesselring to do the roll call. Secretary Kesselring suggested that we have the attendees introduce themselves since there were non-members in attendance. President Brown asked each on-site attendee to introduce themselves.

**Officers Attending On Site:** Hugh Brown, President; Jon Bartholic, Past President; Dan Kesselring, Secretary; Kelly Goward, Treasurer; Dan Busby, Region 2 Director; Gerald Miller, Region 3 Director; and Tim Harrigan, Region 4 Director; .

**Officers Attending Remotely:** John Freeland, President-elect; David Lehnert, Vice President; and Rebecca Bender, Region 1 Director.

**Members who are not Officers Attending On Site:** Elaine Brown, Katie Droscha, Steve Schaub and Rob Vink.

**Members Attending Remotely:** Sarah Ehinger and Zouheir Massri.

**Others:** Tom Lutke, Program Coordinator, Missaukee Conservation District; Bill Lindberg, MAEAP Technician, Kent Conservation District; Lexi Feutz, P.E., CTAI Engineer, Kent Conservation District

Secretary Kesselring stated that 7 officers and 4 members who were not officers were present on-site; and 3 officers and 2 members who were not officers were attending remotely; and that, based on the Bylaws, a quorum was present.

**Agenda:** Hugh asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Hugh declared the agenda approved.

**11/01/17 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Hugh asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting. Gerald Miller moved that the minutes be approved. Kelly Goward supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly Goward provided and explained 2 documents for her Treasurer's Report: a 2018 Monthly Budget Statement covering January through September, and the Statement for all Accounts as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Dan Kesselring and supported by Gerald Miller to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:**

**Professional Development:**

**MACD Fall Conference:** Katie Droscha reported on the Technical Session planned for Tuesday afternoon. Dan Busby reported on the Field Trip planned for later today, Monday.

**ANR Seminar Committee:** Tim Harrigan reported on plans for the March, 2019, ANR Seminar which will be held at AgroLiquid's facility in St. Johns instead of the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

**Awards Program:** Dan Kesselring announced the Chapter Awards Program and directed anyone interested to our website [miglswcs.org](http://miglswcs.org).

**Membership and Outreach:** Rebecca Bender discussed the status of membership and discussed a proposed membership survey.

**Early Career Professionals:** Rebecca Bender explained this newly established committee and the intent to address new member needs and wishes.

**Scholarship:** Hugh Brown reported on the status of the Michigan Scholarships in Conservation program 2018-2019 Academic Year Scholarship availability. An announcement will be coming soon.

**Consideration of Liaison Appointments:** Hugh Brown stated that he would like to use the responses to the Scholarship announcement to also seek a possible Communications Intern. He said he intended to fund that position himself.

**Policy Committee:** Jon reported that he would like the Policy Committee to also consider Liaison appointments.

**Outgoing President's Report:** Hugh Brown provided a printed outgoing report, and discussed the some of the details in the report.

**Election Results:** Hugh Brown reported, for the Elections Committee, the results of the Election. Twenty-two ballots were cast; Katie Droscha was elected Vice President; Dan Busby was reelected Region 2 Director; and the Bylaws amendment passed with 20 yes votes, 1 no vote. Because the Bylaws passed, Dan Busby became the At-Large Director since Region 2 was merged with Region 1.

In addition, there was a tie between James Marshall and Tim Harrigan for Region 4 Director, and Tim Harrigan received one write-in vote for President-elect. Since Tim Harrigan had not previously announced his interest in the President-elect position, Hugh Brown said he had asked Tim if he would consider it, and Tim had responded that he would. So, Hugh then asked the members and officers in attendance for their opinion on how to handle the tie and President-elect position. After discussion, Jon Bartholic moved to elect Tim Harrigan to the President-elect position. Gerald Miller supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Then Gerald Miller moved to confirm James Marshall for the new Region 2 Director position. Dan Kesselring supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Hugh Brown then called on John Freeland, new President, for his comments through his remote connection. John Freeland briefly stated his outlook for 2019.

Then John Freeland adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary