



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, August 3, 2018

### MINUTES

*("Action Required" Items are in red italics)*

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

**Roll Call:**

<b>Present:</b>	Hugh Brown	President
	Jon Bartholic	Past President
	Dave Lehnert	Vice President
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Dan Busby	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director (Joined at 10:12 a.m.)
	Tim Harrigan	Region 4 Director
	(8 present – quorum achieved)	
<b>Excused:</b>	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
<b>Absent:</b>	John Freeland	President-elect
<b>Others:</b>	None	

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

**7/6/18 Minutes:** Hugh asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the previous teleconference. Hearing none, Hugh declared the minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly was on vacation and *will email the Treasurer's Report next week.*

**Disbursements:** None presented.

**Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference:** Moved by Dan Kesselring, supported by Dave Lehnert, to approve the Executive Council indicating support for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's campaign to get a USPS Stamp featuring Soil Health. Votes: Dan K – aye; Dave Lehnert – aye; Jon Bartholic – aye; Jerry Miller – aye; Rebecca Bender – aye; John Freeland – aye. Motion passed.

## **New Business:**

**Strategic Plan Update Mini-retreat:** Hugh briefly reviewed the plans for the Retreat scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Manly Miles Building in East Lansing, and *asked officers to confirm with him if they were planning to participate.* Also see President's Report (Appendix #1).

## **Old Business:**

**International Conference:** See President's Report (Appendix #1)

## **Committee Reports:**

**Professional Development:** Jerry Miller, Chair, deferred to Jon Bartholic.

**CANMaPP:** Jon referenced a request from Laura Young, MSU-IWR, to consider distributing a survey to Chapter members. Decision: *Rebecca will write up an introduction to the survey and place it in the next newsletter along with a link to the survey. Dan K. may also forward the survey directly to the membership with Rebecca's introductory statement.*

**Fall Program at the MACD Annual Conference:** Jon reported that a one hour working session is being planned to follow up on the session on web based planning assistance programs presented at the MACD Summer Conference. Jon also commented on the possibility of setting up a booth with equipment to try out the programs.

Hugh reported that the Annual Meeting will be held 11:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, October 29. Also, see President's Report (Appendix #1).

Dan B. reported that he has been looking into several possibilities for a Field Trip.

**ANR Seminar:** Tim said he has been reviewing several possible speakers, but the theme has not yet been determined. Also, the location has not been determined because we have been discussing whether to continue with the Kellogg Center or change to an off campus location. Jon B. suggested that Water Quantity might be considered. The theme for the past several years has focused on Water Quality and Soil Health.

Jerry asked if Dan K. could come up with the theme descriptions of some of the past Seminars and send them to the ANR Seminar Committee. *Dan will do.*

**Membership and Outreach:** Rebecca commented we haven't achieved any new members over the past month, but membership is stable. She is also looking into ideas for market research.

*Rebecca again appealed for items and ideas for the monthly newsletter.*

**Nominations:** See President's Report (Appendix #1).

**Legislative:** Hugh and Jerry commented on the Federal Farm Bill. Jerry referenced a letter from NACD to the House and Senate Committees concerning the Farm Bill.

**President's Report:** See Appendix #1.

**Work Plan Update:** Work Plan Items for August were appended to the Agenda.

**Member Comments:** There were none.

**Next Teleconference:** 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 7, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary

APPENDIX #1

## **President's Report from Hugh Brown**

**For August 3, 2018 Teleconference**

### **New Business**

I will be sending out an agenda and supporting material for our Strategic Planning Session to be held at the Institute of Water Research on August 8 in a separate email. Please let me know if you can attend in person or if you plan to join by telephone. Lunch will be provided for on-site participants.

### **Old Business**

#### SWCS Annual Conference in Albuquerque NM

Dr. Zouheir Massri represented our chapter at the House of Delegate's Meeting held in conjunction with Society's Annual Conference. The organizers requested a list of the top three services that chapters need from headquarters and I provided the list below for Zouheir to share with the group:

- d. Recruiting, diversifying and retaining members.
- j. Professional development training
- o. Other--Recruiting members to serve in chapter leadership positions

Zouheir's report is provided below:

*It was a great "State of Society Address Meeting" lead and introduced by Clare Lindahl (CEO) and Becky Fletcher (Committee Chair). During the Regional Roundtable of the North Central regions, I spoke about three points you suggested, and Susan Meadows, who chaired the split roundtable as regional director, requested to click and note them on the Services and Tools hard copy distributed to every delegate. Susan collected them by the end of the regional session. During the meeting I had the chance to talk to Clare about your concerned points of services and tools priorities for Michigan chapter. However, during the meeting a [www.sli.do](http://www.sli.do) mobile link was developed and enabled us as well to provide the top 3 answers to the questions and I included as well your interest. In addition, the link helped us to give Q&A. Knowing that, your first question "Recruiting, diversifying, and retaining members" received the highest votes and reached 83%. Others were between 18-35%. From my side, and not related to Michigan Chapter, I spoke in the general session and suggested to activate the role of the US SWCS to more global one as done by WOCAT.*

I provided a collection of Michigan themed items including a cutting board, food, and a shopping bag to transport them for the silent auction at a cost of \$109.29. I will submit the receipt to Kelly for reimbursement (shipping was another \$18.70, but I will cover that cost).

### **Committee Reports**

Professional Development

#### Annual Meeting/Fall Field Trip

Dan Busby and his committee are working on the program. The Executive Council will develop the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting.

#### ANR Seminar Committee

Tim Harrigan has agreed to serve as Chair and Jerry Miller, Jon Bartholic, Jeff Jacobsen, and Dan Kesselring serve on the committee. We need to determine the venue and theme for the program in the very near future.

#### Nominations Committee

I received an update from Andrew Gust, Chair of the Nominations Committee which includes Thomas Berndt (R1), Katie Droscha (R3), and Marty Arford (R4). The candidates who they have identified to date are:

Vice President: Katie Droscha and Sherman Reed

Region 2 Director: Dan Busby

Region 4 Director: Timothy Harrigan and Jim Marshall

They are still seeking a nominee for President Elect.