



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, September 7, 2018

### MINUTES

**(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)**

**Call to Order:** 10:01 a.m. by President Hugh Brown

**Roll Call:**

<b>Present:</b>	Hugh Brown	President
	John Freeland	President-elect
	Dave Lehnert	Vice President
	Jon Bartholic	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer (left teleconference at 10:45 a.m.)
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Dan Busby	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	Tim Harrigan	Region 4 Director

**(All officers present – quorum achieved)**

**Excused:** None

**Absent:** None

**Others:** Katie Droscha, Nominations Committee member.

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

**8/3/18 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 had emailed the Treasurer's Reports. Current balances are: General Fund - \$3958.77; Scholarship Fund - \$15,725.19. Moved by Jerry, supported by Dan K. to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

**Disbursements:** None presented.

**Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference:** None.

**New Business:**

**Strategic Planning Committee Report:** Hugh provided a brief report on the results of the Strategic Planning 2018 Mini-Retreat held on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Professional Development Committee:** Jerry Miller, Chair.

**Fall Field Trip:** Dan B. and Jerry discussed the date and time changes that have become necessary for the Field Trip during the MACD Fall Conference. MACD had concerns with holding required training workshops on Wednesday morning because that was Halloween and some folks would want to head home early. So, the workshops were moved to Monday afternoon which would conflict with our normal Field Trip time. So, the Field Trip was moved initially to Wednesday morning. However, we had the same concerns regarding Halloween, so the final agreement is to hold a shortened tour from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday.

To facilitate this revised time and date, it was decided that we would take care of the registration and transportation, which would mean that MACD would not have the Field Trip option on their registration form. Then, we decided to handle transportation with personal vehicles, and facilitate ride sharing as much as possible. *Kelly volunteered to handle registration through Survey Monkey. She will forward a draft registration to the Officers for review and comment first.*

**Fall Workshop Program:** Jon has made arrangements for a 1½ hour MISWCS sponsored workshop concerning web-based Conservation Planning tools on Tuesday afternoon at the MACD Fall Conference. He will also have laptops set up for hands-on training at a booth in the Exhibition Hall.

**Sponsorship for MCD:** Since MACD will not have a Field Trip only registration option, therefore no fees from SWCS members, Jerry moved that our Chapter pay a \$75 sponsorship to place promotional items on the registration table, and a \$25 sponsorship to place promotional items in the registration bag. John supported. Motion passed. *Hugh will get SWCS membership brochures for the registration bag. The Chapter's membership flyer will be placed on the Registration Table.*

**ANR Seminar:** Tim reported that he will redo the conference call poll to select a date for the Committee teleconference.

**Nominations:** Hugh and Katie reported that the Committee had found two candidates each for the Vice President and Region 4 Director positions, and that Dan Busby has volunteered to be on the ballot again for the Region 2 Director position. However, they have not been able to recruit a candidate for the President-elect position yet. *Hugh asked Officers to get suggestions for possible candidates to the Committee as soon as possible.* The ballot must go out by 9/29.

**Membership and Outreach:** Rebecca reported that membership is holding steady with new members replacing members who have transferred out of state or retired. In addition, she has developed a questionnaire that she would like to send to new members, and that *she would like the Officers to review and comment on her questionnaire before submitting it to the Executive Council for approval. She will email the questionnaire.*

*Jon Bartholic suggested having an article in the newsletter to provide an update for HB 5638, a new water law.*

**Scholarship:** Hugh reported that he has updated the Scholarship Application Form and will get review and approval from the Scholarship Committee before submitting it to the Executive Council for approval.

**President's Report:** Hugh had previously submitted a written report via email (see Appendix #1). The Annual Business Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 29<sup>th</sup> before the start of the MACD Fall Conference. This is one hour earlier than in last few years because MACD needs to start their Opening Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

**Work Plan Update:** The Work Plan items for September was appended to the agenda.

**Member Comments:** There were none.

**Next Teleconference:** 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 5, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary

APPENDIX #1

## **President's Report from Hugh Brown For Sept. 7, 2018 Teleconference**

### **Committee Reports**

#### Fall Field Trip

Dan Busby has arranged a short program for Monday, October 29 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. We decided to move the field trip to Monday from Wednesday because of conflicts with MEAP training and based on concerns about low attendance at the end of the meeting which is also on Halloween Day. The plan is to carpool to two sites and have presentations on soil quality and nutrient management (a detailed description will be forthcoming).

#### Annual Chapter Business Meeting

The Chapter's Annual Meeting will take place at Shanty Creek Resort near Bellaire MI from 10 to 11:30 am on Monday, October 29. I will develop an agenda and send that to the Executive Council for their input. We should consider a sponsorship of the MACD Annual Conference to help cover their costs of providing a room.

<http://macd.org/Fall%20Convention%202018/macd-2018-convention-sponsorship-opportunities>

#### MACD Annual Conference Session

Jon Bartholic has been working on a session for the event and can report progress.

#### ANR Seminar Committee

The Committee, chaired by Tim Harrigan, has had several email exchanges about venues and program themes and the Committee has a conference call scheduled for next week. The selection of seminar location needs to be decided in the very near future. Suggested speakers include: Jim Isley in the River

Raisin watershed (<https://www.waterqualityfarming.org/>), Eileen Kladvko (Purdue University), Mark Kieser (agricultural consultant from Kalamazoo), Rebecca Power, North Central Region Water Network Director and SWCS Board representative, and someone from DEQ or the Army Corps of Engineers to talk about wetlands.

### Membership and Outreach

Rebecca Bender has done an excellent job with the monthly newsletter and can provide other updates. I encourage officers to consider submitting an article for the September issue.

### Legislative Committee

I got an email from Tim Catron, but he has been out of town and does not have a report. He said the state budget is nearly done and may give an update after that is finalized

### Nominations Committee

The Committee is still seeking a nominee for President Elect but we have candidates for the other positions:

Vice President: Katie Droscha and Sherman Reed

Region 2 Director: Dan Busby

Region 4 Director: Timothy Harrigan and Jim Marshall

### Scholarship Committee

Kelly Goward has agreed to serve on the committee, but I am trying to add two more individuals to the group. I would welcome any suggestions (two people have not responded to my invitation to join the group).

Other:

I talked to Rebecca Power, our Region's SWCS Board representative on August 28 and discussed the strategic planning effort that we recently conducted. She will relay information from the House of Delegates Meeting when it becomes available. I encouraged her to host a discussion of regional leaders in the near future and she will investigate that possibility. She was invited to attend our March ANR Seminar and we can determine whether she would be an appropriate speaker for that event.