



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, December 7, 2018

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)

Call to Order: 10:04 a.m. by Vice President Katie Droscha

Roll Call:

Present:	John Freeland	President (arrived 10:40 a.m.)
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Hugh Brown	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
	(7 present at roll call – quorum achieved)	
Excused:	Tim Harrigan	President-elect
	Jim Marshall	Region 2 Director
Absent:	None	

Others (non-voting): Jon Bartholic, 2018 Past President; Dave Lehnert, 2018 Vice President

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

2/3/18 Minutes: Katie asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the previous teleconference. Moved by Dan B, supported by Hugh, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly had emailed the 2018 October – November Account Statement and the 2018 October – November Budget Statement. Account balances are: General Fund - \$3496.60; Scholarship Fund - \$15,792.89. Moved by Jerry, supported by Dan B. to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None

New Business:

Teleconference Schedule for 2019: Agreed that the January teleconference would be on the 4th pending John's agreement to that date. *Dan will contact John.*

Communication Intern Proposal: Hugh presented a proposed description for an intern to assist with Chapter outreach activities. After discussion, Dan B. moved to table the proposal until the

January meeting. Supported by Hugh. Motion passed. *Hugh will resend the proposed position description to the Council members for their review prior to the January teleconference.*

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Committee Chair Jerry deferred to the following:

MACD Fall Conference follow-up: Katie reported on the success of the Chapter Workshop at the Conference she presented along with Jon and Laura Young, MSU-IWR.

Fall Field Trip: Dan B. reported on the abbreviated Fall Field Trip held during the MACD Fall Conference. He said about 30 attended.

ANR Seminar Committee: Kelly and Hugh reported in Tim's absence. Kelly discussed the panel members, and that 2 participants had committed and a third was being contacted. Hugh reported on the progress with securing a caterer.

MACD Summer Conference: This conference is scheduled for June 3rd and 4th. Katie and Jon reported on plans for an SWCS led workshop for the conference. Dan B. reminded the Council that they canceled the Bay Sail last June, they had discussed rescheduling it for 2019. *Agreed that Dan B. should discuss this with the MACD Planning Committee and get back to us.*

Round Table Proposal: Jon presented a proposal that is in discussion that would bring agencies and organizations together to discuss mutual cooperation.

Membership and Outreach:

Membership Questionnaire/Poll: Rebecca discussed the proposal to send a questionnaire to get feedback from the membership. A draft questionnaire had been distributed to some officers for feedback. *She agreed to resend the proposed questionnaire to all officers for feedback and a decision by or before the next teleconference.*

March 21 MAEAP Celebration: Dan B. reported on a event being planned to celebrate the progress of the Michigan Agricultural and Environmental Assurance Program on March 21st in Lansing. He suggested that it could be an opportunity to promote the Chapter and maybe even have a booth/exhibit. *This will be considered further by the Membership and Outreach Committee.*

Legislative: Hugh reported for the Committee. The focus currently is on Michigan Senate Bill 1211 that is a revision to existing law concerning wetlands. Jerry encouraged action from the Chapter or Chapter members on the proposals.

Due to the time, Dan K. moved for adjournment. Hugh supported. Motion carried.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 4, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary