



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, January 4, 2019

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m. by President John Freeland

Roll Call:

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| Present: | John Freeland | President |
| | Tim Harrigan | President-elect |
| | Katie Droscha | Vice President |
| | Hugh Brown | Past President |
| | Dan Kesselring | Secretary |
| | Rebecca Bender | Region 1 Director |
| | Gerald Miller | Region 3 Director |
| | Dan Busby | At Large Director |
| | (8 present – quorum achieved) | |

Excused: Kelly Goward Treasurer

Absent: Jim Marshall Region 2 Director

Others: None

Agenda: John asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Jerry commented that the dates for the MACD Summer Conference were wrong. The dates are June 3 and 4. Hearing no other corrections, John declared the agenda approved.

12/7/18 Minutes: John asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the previous teleconference. Moved by Jerry, supported by Dan B., to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly had emailed her report in December before going on vacation. The General Fund balance in Chase Bank Checking and Savings is \$3413.05; the Scholarship Fund Balance at the Credit Union is \$9428.84; and the Scholarship Fund Balance in Vanguard Funds is \$6364.05. Total Chapter Funds is \$19,205.94. Moved by Dan K., supported by Hugh, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None.

New Business:

2019 MAEAP Partnership Agreement: Moved by Dan B., supported by Rebecca, that the Michigan Chapter sign the agreement to be a supporting partner to the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program. Discussion: the Michigan Chapter is currently considered a partner, but an actual agreement had never been approved or signed. The actual agreement we had to look at was the 2018 agreement. *Dan B. said he would request*

a copy of the 2019 agreement before we approve and sign it. There were also 3 paragraphs on the agreement that we probably would not agree to:

1. Providing names of farmers interested in MAEAP verification
2. Having our leadership who farms request that a risk assessment be completed on their farm this year.
3. Sending a letter of congratulations to newly verified farmers.

John asked Dan B. and Rebecca if we could table this motion until the next teleconference. Dan B. and Rebecca agreed, and the Council concurred.

MAEAP 5000th verification celebration booth: Dan B. said that we have been offered free booth space if we want to have an exhibit at the MAEAP verification celebration on March 21st at the Lansing Center. *Rebecca said she would contact the National Office to see what kinds of handouts or exhibit materials they might have available.*

Old Business:

Communications Intern Proposal: Hugh had presented a proposal for a Communications Intern at the last teleconference. A few changes had been suggested then. He resubmitted the proposal with revisions for this teleconference. After discussion, Hugh moved that proposal and the position description that he had developed be approved. Jerry supported. Motion passed. Hugh said his plan was to nominate one of the Scholarship applicants who are not selected for the Scholarship Award for the Intern position. The Executive Council would make the final decision.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Jerry Miller, Chair, deferred to Tim and Katie for their reports.

ANR Seminar: Tim reported that there had been some discussion by the committee as to the appropriate title for the Seminar. After discussion the Council opted for this title: *A Matter of Balance: Perceptions, Engagement and Partnerships for Conservation.*

ANR Seminar Registration Fee: Dan K. suggested that the early Registration fee be set the same as in 2018, which was \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members and \$25 for students, and that the late registration fee be \$10 more. Moved by Dan K., supported by Rebecca, to approve those fees. Motion passed.

MACD Summer Conference: The MACD Summer Conference will be held June 3-4, 2019. Katie reported that a proposed SWCS led workshop is being planned, and briefly discussed some of the plans for the workshop.

Proposed multiple organization/agency round table: Jerry reported that the proposed focus on conservation and water quality is being refined.

Membership and Outreach:

Newsletter: Rebecca said that contributions to the newsletter are due January 15. Officers are encouraged to submit articles.

Membership Questionnaire/Poll: ?

Scholarship: Hugh reported that he has sent publicity to all of the College and University contacts he has on his list. He has not received any applications yet.

Legislative: Hugh reported that Michigan Senate Bill 1211 has been signed into law.

Committee List: John said he needs to get Committee memberships updated. *Dan K. volunteered to update the Committee list with any current members that he knows of and send it to John.*

Member Comments: There were none.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, February , 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary