



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, March 1, 2019

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)

Call to Order: 10:01 a.m. by President John Freeland

Roll Call:

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 (joined 10:29 a.m.)
	(8 present – quorum achieved)	

Excused:	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
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Absent:	Jim Marshall	Region 2 Director
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Others:	Jon Bartholic	
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Agenda: John asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, he declared the agenda approved.

2/1/19 Minutes: John asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the previous teleconference. Hugh moved, Jerry supported, approval of the minutes as provided. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly had emailed the report prior to the teleconference. Moved by Dan K., supported by Jerry, to approve the Treasurer's Report as provided. Motion passed.

Disbursements: None.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: 2/12/19 Hugh Brown moved to approve the Scholarship Committee's recommendation that the \$500 2018-2019 Academic Year Scholarship be awarded to Loren King, Michigan State University Junior. Supported by Gerald Miller. Votes: Gerald Miller – aye; Dan Kesselring – aye; Hugh Brown – aye; Tim Harrigan – aye; Katie Droscha – aye; Dan Busby – aye. Motion declared passed by President John Freeland.

2/16/19 Hugh Brown moved to offer the Communications Internship position to Anna Debraber, a Freshman at Michigan Technical University. Supported by Jerry Miller. Votes: Jerry Miller – aye; Hugh Brown – aye; Dan Kesselring – aye; Dan Busby – aye; Kelly Goward – aye; Rebecca Bender – aye. Motion declared passed by President John Freeland.

New Business: Vanguard account authorizations. Currently Hugh Brown and Kelly Goward are the authorized individuals to manage the two Vanguard accounts. Since Hugh is planning to move out of Michigan soon, he suggested that it would be best to take his name off the account and add another. He suggested that the Secretary, Dan Kesselring, be added to the account. Dan K. and Kelly are currently the authorized signatories on the Chase Bank Accounts and the Marshall Community Credit Union Accounts. Moved by Hugh, supported by Katie, to remove Hugh Brown's name as a signatory from the Vanguard accounts and add Daniel F. Kesselring's name as a authorized signatory to the accounts. Kelly J. Goward's name as an authorized signatory to remain on the account. Motion passed. *Hugh will start the process to get the changes made.*

Old Business:

March 5 Meeting with Dr. Prokopy: Tim reported that Dr. Prokopy has accepted the invitation to meet with available members of the Council for dinner the evening of March 5th. Jon has made arrangements for the location.

2019 MAEAP Partnership Agreement Form (tabled 1/4/19 teleconference): *Dan B. has the 2019 Agreement form and will enter the Chapter information agreed to at the January teleconference, and then bring it to the Seminar for the President's signature.*

MAEAP 5000th verification celebration booth: Dan B. has made arrangements for a booth for the Chapter display. *Dan K. will bring the display to the Seminar, and then Dan B. will take the display with him and then set it up at the Celebration. Dan K. will then pick it up at the Celebration.*

Two Gift Memberships for MAEAP celebration: *Dan K. will prepare registration materials for the drawing for two free gift memberships in SWCS, and bring them to the Seminar.*

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

ANR Seminar Update and Tasks: The list of tasks for the Seminar next Wednesday was reviewed and volunteers listed.

MACD Summer Conference Breakout Session: Katie gave an update on plans for the breakout session planned for June 4. It will be a one hour session on digital tools available to assist conservation planning. There will also be a display table where technicians will be able to check out the tools and give them a test drive. This session will be repeated over the next two years. In response to a question, *Katie will check with MACD to see if there will be a fee for the display table.*

Maple River RCPP update: Katie and Jon gave an update on the Maple River Regional Conservation Partnership Project in which the Chapter is a partner. Jon emphasized the partnership value of this project involvement. Katie discussed the 2020 implementation and the need for NRCS training. *Rebecca asked if Jon and Katie could write an item for the newsletter and include the map Jon had sent previously.*

Membership and Outreach: Rebecca requested items for the next newsletter (due March 15). She also asked if we could have another sign-up sheet at the Seminar for individuals to be put on the newsletter email list. *Dan will prepare sign-up sheets for both the Seminar and the MAEAP 5000th verification celebration on March 20.*

Scholarship: Hugh reported that the Scholarship awardee had been notified, but was not available to attend the Seminar for a public presentation. Hugh also stated that one of the applicants who was not eligible for the Scholarship because of being a Freshman, has been offered, and has accepted, the internship opportunity.

Work Plan Update: A copy of the Work Plan items for March was appended to the agenda.

Member Comments: There were none.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 5, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary