



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, October 2, 2020

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: At 10:02 a.m., President Tim Harrigan called the first video conference of the Michigan Chapter SWCS Executive Council to order.

Roll Call:

Present:	Tim Harrigan	President
	Glenn O'Neil	President-elect
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	John Freeland	Past President
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
	(8 present – quorum achieved)	
Absent:	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
Others:	Jon Bartholic	

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

9/4/20 Minutes: The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Glenn O'Neil moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gerald Miller supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances were: General Fund \$4,479.50; and Scholarship Fund \$16,258.41. Moved by Gerald, supported by Katie Droscha, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None

New Business: None.

Old Business:

Nominations Committee Update: Tim reported that the Nominations Committee had completed their task and had found at least one candidate for each opening position, and that they had two candidates for one position.

2020-2021 Academic Year Scholarship Fund: Dan Kesselring had prepared and sent a spreadsheet listing the current and anticipated funds available for distribution. He pointed out

that there were sufficient funds available for a \$500 Scholarship from interest and dividends in the Marshall Community Credit Union and Vanguard Money Market Fund. Scholarship Fund Principal would not be touched. Moved by Glenn, supported by Kelly, to offer a \$500 Scholarship for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Motion passed by voice vote.

MiSWCS Annual Meeting: Question regarding having the Workshop Webinar immediately follow the Annual Meeting. Decided to follow the in person format of past years and hold the Workshop in the afternoon. Consensus was to have the Workshop Webinar start at 1:00 p.m.

Registration: Kelly will look into getting an upgrade in Zoom to handle the larger numbers in the Annual Meeting, and link the registration with the Webinar so that people could register for either event or both on the same link.

Annual Workshop Webinar: Katie and Jon Bartholic reported. *Katie will send a copy of the proposed video presentation to the Executive Council for review and comment. Respond by email.*

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

Water Quality Science Webinar: Katie and Glenn reported on feedback.

2021 ANR Seminar: Tim reported on progress with contacting speaker alternatives the 2021 Seminar Committee.

Systems based planning: Jon Bartholic reported.

Membership and Outreach:

Newsletter: *John Freeland asked for articles for the next Newsletter be submitted by October 15.*

Membership Status: Currently 53 members.

Legislative: John and Gerald reported that Federal Government will remain open for now because of a continuing resolution. State government had agreed on a budget that included CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) funding for \$5.0M cost share for the Western Lake Erie Basin Watershed; funding for MAEAP; \$150,000 for Forestry programs; and a new proposal for \$500 million for water infrastructure.

Work Plan Update: The Work Plan items for October, and the remainders from previous months were appended to the agenda.

Member Comments: Dan K. asked about the ballot Proposal #1 concerning the Natural Resources Trust Fund, and the State Parks Endowment Fund; and whether the Chapter should have a comment. However, there wasn't enough time to analyze the proposal, so no action would be implemented.

Next Teleconference: *Next teleconference is November 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.*

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary