



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, April 5, 2019

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)

Call to Order: 10:05 a.m. by President John Freeland

Roll Call:

Present:	John Freeland	President
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Hugh Brown	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	(5 present – quorum achieved, according to Bylaws)	
Excused:	Tim Harrigan	President-elect
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
Absent:	Jim Marshall	Region 2 Director
Others:	None	

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

3/1/19 Minutes: John asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the previous teleconference. Moved by Hugh, supported by Katie, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly discussed the Treasurer's Report that she had emailed prior to the meeting. The current balances are: General Fund - \$5,820.83; Scholarship Fund - \$15,877.77. Moved by Dan K., supported by Hugh, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None.

New Business:

2020 Seminar Venue and Date: Dan K. stated that the venue and date question was on the Annual Work Plan for March. He said that the venue and date should be selected soon so that the venue could be at least tentatively contracted so that the date is held open. Discussion: the experience and feedback on the St. John's AgroLiquid facility was positive. Consensus was to return to that facility again in 2020, but selection of the date could be postponed to next month.

2019 Summer Tour: Dan K. reported that we have not had a Summer Tour since 2015, but Katie had asked about it because it was on her Vice President's description of duties. Katie explained that the Kent Conservation District had just begun to discuss options for a summer tour, and she wondered if the Chapter might join in on that. She said one of the options being considered was the Grand River Project. Dan K. suggested that this might be publicized as an extension of the Seminar since one of the

presentations was about that project. Consensus was that we are interested in considering this. *Katie will follow up with the Kent Conservation District and report back to us.*

Old Business:

2019 MAEAP Partnership Agreement Form (tabled 1/4/19 teleconference): *Dan B. had emailed that he still hadn't received the agreement for editing and would try to get it available for signing soon.*

MAEAP 5000th Verification Celebration Booth and Gift Memberships: Dan K. and Jerry reported that the drawing for the two gift memberships hadn't worked out the way we had intended. Instead of having people enter their name in a drawing if they were interested in the membership, the two gift memberships were mixed in with all the other items offered by businesses, etc., and the winners were drawn from the list of all registrants for the Celebration. Jerry said the two winners were older gentlemen who had no knowledge of SWCS. Dan K. said that he has emailed a follow-up message to the one winner who provided an email address, and mailed a letter with 3 printed documents to the other winner. Dan K. also stated that he would be mailing printed documents about once per month for the rest of the year unless that winner subsequently provides an email address.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

MACD Summer Conference: Katie provided an update on the SWCS led workshop planning.

Maple River RCPP: Katie reported on the Chapter's responsibilities to this partnership. *She will email documents with the status.*

Membership and Outreach: Rebecca reported by email.

Newsletter: April 15 deadline for article submissions.

Early Career Professionals Interactions: No activities since last teleconference.

Membership Status: Membership generally holding steady. Two gift memberships from the MAEAP Celebration drawing have been added.

Communications Intern: *Rebecca has scheduled a lunch meeting with the new intern to discuss duties.*

President's Report:

Strategic Plan: *John said he plans to follow up on some of the items in the Work Plan related to the Strategic Plan. Dan K. mentioned that he thought the Plan was to be revised in 2019. Hugh confirmed that.*

Work Plan Update: April items in the Work Plan were appended to the Agenda.

Member Comments: There were none.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary