



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, June 7, 2019

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red italics)

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

Roll Call:

Present:	John Freeland	President
	Tim Harrigan	President-elect
	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
	(9 present – quorum achieved)	

Excused:

Absent:	Jim Marshall	Region 2 Director
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Others: None

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

5/3/19 Minutes: John asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the previous teleconference. Moved by Jerry, supported by Hugh, to approve the minutes as appended to the agenda. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly provided an Account Statement for May, and a Budget Statement for May by email. As of the end of May the funds are: General Fund - \$5311.00; Scholarship Fund - \$15,550.25. Moved by Hugh, supported by Jerry, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: 5/9/19 - Gerald Miller moved to approve MI-SWCS sponsorship for the MACD conference scheduled for June 3-4 in Bay City at the same level of support provided in 2018 (which was the Supporter Sponsorship level of \$125). Supported by Katie Droscha. Votes: Kelly Goward – aye; Dan Kesselring – aye; Gerald Miller – aye; Katie Droscha – aye; Hugh Brown – aye; John Freeland – aye; Dan Busby – aye. Motion declared passed by President John Freeland.

New Business:

2019 Chapter Achievement Award and Outstanding Chapter Award – The Michigan Chapter has been notified that they will be presented an SWCS 2019 Chapter Achievement Award and Outstanding Chapter Award during the Awards Luncheon at the 2019 SWCS International Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in July. President Freeland asked if Dan K. would consider going to the Conference to represent the Chapter at the Awards Luncheon. Dan K. said he would, but he would request the \$200 the Chapter had budgeted to assist someone to attend as Chapter Delegate. After discussion, Jerry moved to raise the allowance to \$335 to cover the Senior Registration fee, and to appoint Dan K. as the Michigan Chapter Delegate for the House of Delegates meeting. Hugh supported. Motion passed.

Old Business:

House of Delegates Representative appointment: As shown above, Dan Kesselring is appointed the Chapter Delegate.

Annual Conference Silent Auction donation: Dan B. will get Silent Auction donations to Dan K. for transport to the International Conference.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

MACD Summer Conference: The Michigan Chapter SWCS sponsored a breakout session on the Maple River Watershed Project. Katie said that 32 people attended.

ANR Seminar Committee: Tim reported that Wednesday, March 4, 2020, was a suitable date for the Seminar at the AgroLiquid facility in St. Johns.

Maple River Watershed: Jon reported that he will represent the Chapter on a teleconference on June 26. He reminded that this is a 5 year project and implementation is still in the planning stage.

Summer Tour: After discussion, consensus was not to attempt to arrange a Summer Tour this year.

Fall Field Trip/Technical Session: Dan B. reported that he has several options for a Field Trip and will be gathering more information for the Council. Katie also volunteered to help.

Membership and Outreach:

Communications Intern: Rebecca reported that our Intern is planning to do a column for the newsletter, and has been entering items in our Facebook page.

Legislative: Jerry reported that a State Senate appropriations subcommittee has approved a District supplemental funding bill. However, the bill proposes to take the funds from the Qualified Forestry Program. If the District funding bill is not passed by the Senate and House and the reduction of funding for the Qualified Forestry Program remains in the final bill it would leave Districts with no gain.

Work Plan Update: Work Plan items for June were appended to the agenda.

Member Comments: There were none.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 12, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary