



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, August 9, 2019

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:03 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
	(7 present – quorum achieved)	

Excused:	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Busby	At Large Director

Absent:	Vacant	Region 2 Director
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Others: Jon Bartholic, Chapter Representative on Maple River Project.

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

7/12/18 Minutes: The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Jerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Hugh supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances are: General Fund \$4878.07 and Scholarship Fund \$15862.49. Moved by Dan, supported by Hugh 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:

SWCS 74th International Conference Report: Dan K. reported briefly on his attendance at the conference. *Dan will email a more detailed report later.*

Old Business:

Nominations Committee Membership and Appointments: John asked other officers to offer names of folks who might serve on the Nominations Committee. He said he had two names that

he was going to be contacting, but needs more suggestions. He said he hadn't receive any response to the Chapter wide email he had sent out, and his article in the newsletter. Dan K. had sent a revised membership list to the officers before the teleconference.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

Fall Field Trip: Jerry and Katie reported that Dan Busby had been in contact with a Fruit Farm in the Traverse City area and was following up with them. Jerry reported the MACD Annual Meeting planning committee deadline for agenda items is August 12. Katie is a member of the MACD Annual Meeting planning committee. *Katie will contact Dan Busby and coordinate a title for the SWCS Fall Field Trip.*

SWCS Sponsored Concurrent Sessions at the MACD Convention: Katie reported that there are two sessions planned: One involving the groundwater work that Chapter member Zach Curtis has been working on; and the other an update on digital tools developed by the Institute of Water Research, MSU.

Maple River Watershed RCPP Project: Jon Bartholic, Chapter Representative, reported that he is staying involved along with 15 other supportive groups. The entire group met with Senator Stabenow and an Ag Committee Group recently.

ANR Seminar Committee: Hugh reported that he had been in touch with AgroLiquid concerning the use of their facility again next March, and that Kelly would be sending them a check to confirm the arrangements. He asked if the Council wanted to have the same caterer next year. Consensus was we were satisfied last time, so they should be contacted to see if they would be available next year. Hugh said he would suggest to Kelly that she make the contact.

Membership and Outreach: Rebecca Bender, Chair

Newsletter: Rebecca requested newsletter items by August 15.

Communications Intern: Rebecca reported that Anna had prepared a survey to ask members about their interest in mentoring, and that it has been reviewed and edited by some. She asked if the Council thought it was ready to be sent. Dan K. moved that the survey be sent along with an introductory message from the Chapter President. Rebecca supported. Motion passed. *John and Katie volunteered to develop the introductory statement. Once that's completed, Dan K. will send the link to the membership.*

President's Report: John reported that he had attended an Ohio meeting that featured a discussion about an innovative project that involved converting certain croplands to wetlands, allowing the wetlands to collect nutrients from agricultural runoff, and then eventually converting the wetlands back to cropland in exchange for other cropland conversion to wetlands.

Work Plan Update: The Work Plan Items for August and the remainders from previous months were appended to the agenda.

Member Comments: There were none.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary