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

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