Executive Council Teleconference
Friday, September 6, 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
- Hugh Brown  Past President
- Kelly Goward  Treasurer
- Dan Kesselring  Secretary
- Rebecca Bender  Region 1 Director (called in after Roll Call)
- Zach Curtis  Region 2 Director
- Gerald Miller  Region 3 Director
- Dan Busby  At Large Director
(9 present – quorum achieved)

Excused: Katie Droscha  Vice President

Absent: None

Others: None

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

8/9/19 Minutes: John asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the previous teleconference. Moved by Miller, Supported by Busby, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly briefly described the report that she had emailed. The General Fund balance is $4,760.89 with $1,503.42 in savings and $3,257.47 in checking. The Scholarship Fund balance is $15,918.99 with $279.49 in MCCU savings, $4,005.47 in MCCU 12 month CD, $5000 in MCCU 60 month CD and $6,634.03 in Vanguard Funds. Jerry asked if a check AgroLiquid for the Seminar room reservation had been issued yet. Kelly said no, and that she would take care of it. Moved by Dan K., supported by Dan B., to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None

New Business:
MACD Convention sponsorship: Dan K. suggested that the Chapter should support MACD with some kind of sponsorship. He suggested either the Promotional Item Sponsorship for $50, or the Supporter Sponsorship for $175. He pointed out that the $50 sponsorship only allows the Chapter to place a single handout on the Registration table, whereas, the $175 sponsorship allows a single handout in each registration bag and recognition in the program and signage, as well as, a link on MACD's website to our website. Moved by Dan B. to sponsor at the $175 level. Supported by Tim. Motion passed. Dan K. asked that Kelly not pay the sponsorship fee until he can check the availability of handouts from SWCS headquarters.

Performance Review for Anna Debraber, Communications Intern: Dan K. brought up that the second $250 payment to Anna was to be made in September, pending a satisfactory performance review. Someone needs to be responsible for that review. Kelly volunteered, and Rebecca, John and Dan K. would send comments to Kelly. However, after Rebecca came on the teleconference, she volunteered instead of Kelly.

SWCS Student Membership for Anna Debraber – Dan K. stated that he thought maybe we should have given Anna a student membership to help her orient with the Society, and that maybe we could do that now. Moved by Dan B. to pay for a student membership for Anna. Supported by Kelly. Kelly will handle this with Anna.

Annual Meeting Plans: Dan K. asked about planning for the Annual Meeting. After discussion, Tim volunteered to make the remote access arrangements. Dan K. will forward a draft agenda to the Council. Dan B. will talk to Tammi at MACD about meeting arrangements. Dan K. will set up a meeting registration poll on Survey Monkey.

Nominations: John reported that the Nominations Committee is actively looking for candidates and requested officers to forward any suggestions they may have to the Committee Chair, Steve Schaub.

Committee/Sub-Committee Reports:

Fall Field Trip: Dan B. reported that he has been having some problems organizing a Field Trip involving the Cherry industry because it's been a very bad year for cherry growers with bad weather and severe off-shore competition. He's working on alternatives which may be in potatoe production.

Chapter sponsored MACD concurrent sessions: Jerry and Zach reported on plans for these concurrent sessions.

ANR Seminar: Tim reported that he will be sending out an email request for Committee volunteers.

Membership: Rebecca reported on our Communications Intern's activities. She will contact Anna to set up a meeting for the September performance review.

Legislative: Jerry reported that the only thing he had was that we are waiting for the State Budget process to play out concerning District program funding.

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

Member Comments: There were none.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 4, 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary