



# Michigan Chapter

## 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:**

<b>Present:</b>	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
	<b>(9 present – quorum achieved)</b>	
<b>Excused:</b>	Katie Droscha	Vice President
<b>Absent:</b>	None	
<b>Others:</b>	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