



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, January 10, 2020

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: 10:01 a.m. by President Tim Harrigan

Roll Call:

Present:	Tim Harrigan	President
	Glenn O'Neil	President-elect
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	John Freeland	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
	(10 present – quorum achieved)	

Excused: None

Absent: None

Others: Jon Bartholic

Agenda: Tim asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Jerry asked that a report on a Long Range Planning idea that Zach and Jon Bartholic are working on be added under Professional Development. Tim declared the agenda approved as amended.

12/6/19 Minutes: The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Jerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Glenn 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 \$3622.65 and Scholarship Fund \$16,355.95. Moved by Dan K., supported by John. to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference:

New Business:

2020 Budget: Kelly submitted the proposed 2020 Chapter General Fund Budget developed by the Finance Committee. Members of the Finance Committee were Kelly Goward, Dan Kesselring and James Klang. During discussion it was decided to add \$345 to the income and

expense lines for a Summer Tour. Moved by Dan K., supported by Dan B. to approve the 2020 Chapter General Fund Budget as amended. Motion passed by voice vote.

Award Nominations: Dan K. submitted the Awards Committee report. Members of the Awards Committee were: Sarah Ehinger, Mike LaPointe, Glenn O'Neil, Dan Kesselring and Pepper Bromelmeier. The Committee had reviewed two Nominations and were submitting two to the Executive Council today, with recommendations for approval. The Nominations were:

Michigan Association of Conservation Districts – Merit Award. Moved by Kelly, supported by Dan B. to approve this award. Motion passed by voice vote.

Crosshatch Center for Art and Ecology – Education Award. Moved by Dan B., supported by Jerry, to approve this award. Motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business:

2020 Teleconference Schedule: In December the consensus was to continue with the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. except for January and any other month where potential conflicts with Holidays exist. Dan K. had submitted a draft 2020 schedule, but left the March teleconference open for discussion. Moved by Dan K., supported by John, to move the March teleconference to February 28 since the ANR Seminar would be just 2 days prior to the normal March teleconference date. Motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Membership Survey Ad Hoc: Committee has not yet arranged for a teleconference to start the review.

Professional Development:

ANR Seminar Committee: Tim reviewed the draft agenda that he had made available to the EC. Nearly all of the slots were filled with committed speakers. Glenn O'Neil is still looking for a speaker to represent the MSU Institute of Water Research. Kelly reported that the facilities are booked and the caterer has been alerted. *She will follow up with the caterer for more details. Dan K. requested abstracts and bios for each of the speakers.*

Maple River Watershed RCPP: Katie reported that the RCPP had not yet received any requests for assistance through their program, so there is no significant progress to report yet. She suggested that we should consider a presentation at the MACD Summer Conference rather than the ANR Seminar.

Long Range Planning Promotion: Zach and Jon discussed preliminary ideas regarding the potential for MI-SWCS Chapter representatives to be involved in an ad hoc group convened for development of increase awareness of Michigan's soil and water resources.

Membership and Outreach: Rebecca reported.

Newsletter: *Rebecca appealed for officer articles for the newsletter. The deadline for this month is January 15.*

Membership Status: Currently 56 members.

Communications Intern Review: Kelly and Rebecca reported that they had been in contact with Anna, but had not been able to come up with an appointment with her yet.

Scholarship: Zach reported briefly on the status of the Scholarship Program. Dan reported that three applications with letters of support have been received. *Zach said he will contact the committee members to arrange for a teleconference to discuss the review process.*

Committee Assignments Review: Dan K. had placed the draft Committee list on the website with a link on the agenda. *He encouraged officers to review the list and send comments to him and Tim.*

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

Member Comments:

Next Teleconference: Next teleconference is February 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Jerry moved to adjourn and Dan K. supported. Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary