



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, May 1, 2020

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m. by President Tim Harrigan

Roll Call:

Present:	Tim Harrigan	President
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	(7 present – quorum achieved)	
Excused:	John Freeland	Past President
	Glenn O'Neil	President-elect
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
Absent:	None	
Others:	Jon Bartholic	

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

4/3/20 Minutes: The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Katie moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jerry 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 \$4,502.58; and Scholarship Fund \$15,337.50. Moved by Jerry, supported by Zach, 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:

75th International SWCS Conference update: Dan K. announced that he had learned that the International Conference was going to be held virtual in place of on-site. Details pending.

Nominations Committee Membership: Tim reported that the Bylaws call for the Nominations Committee members to be appointed this month (May). Dan K. said that the Bylaws call for each Region being represented on the Committee. Jerry asked for the names of the members on the 2019 Nominations Committee. *Dan K. will find and send those names to the officers.*

Old Business:

Summer Tour: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic there hasn't been any planning for a summer tour. After discussion it was agreed that there would not be a Summer Tour in 2020.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

MACD Summer Conference: Katie and Jerry reported that the MACD Summer Conference will be held virtual instead of on site due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Katie reported on the presentations that Mi-SWCS will be supporting.

New Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant for Saginaw Bay Watershed: Jerry and Jon reported that the MSU Institute of Water Research received a GLRI grant focused on the Saginaw Bay Watershed.

Maple River Watershed RCPP and MACD Summer Conference: Katie reported that she will be doing a current status write-up for the Chapter newsletter.

Systems based planning: Zach reported that he is working with an MSU student doing research on local government planning and the inclusion of natural resource considerations.

Membership and Outreach: Rebecca reported.

Newsletter: Rebecca reported that she will get the April edition of the newsletter out and that John Freeland has agreed to take over the newsletter starting with the next edition. The tentative plan is to convert to a quarterly newsletter instead of monthly.

Membership Status: Currently 50 members.

Legislative: Jerry reported that currently there is no legislative action on natural resources occurring due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Committee Assignments:

Membership and Outreach: John Freeland will take over the Chair position for this Committee.

Mentorship Ad Hoc Committee: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, it was agreed that this committee would cease function.

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

Member Comments:

Next Teleconference: *Next teleconference is June 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.*

Jerry moved to adjourn and Katie supported. Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary