



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Virtual Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: At 12:00 p.m. by Zachary Curtis, President-elect

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Zachary Curtis	President-elect
	Steve Schaub	Past President (arrived at 12:40 p.m.)
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Daniel Kesselring	Secretary
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Mila Resetar	Region 2 Director (arrived at 12:35 p.m.)
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	8 Officers present – quorum achieved)	
Others Present:	Gersald Miller	Professional Development Committee Chair
Officers Absent:	Sarah Zeiler	President
	Heather Varboncoeur	State-wide At Large Director

Agenda: President-elect Curtis asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Moved by Katie Droscha, supported by Kelly Goward, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

03/14/2025 Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the previous Executive Council meeting were appended to the agenda. Moved by Katie Droscha, supported by Gary Boersen, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motions approved by email prior to this meeting: None

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward submitted the February Treasurer's Report by email. The reported balances as of 2/28/25 were: General Fund \$10,709.74; and Scholarship Fund \$17,667.39. Moved by Katie Droscha, supported by Gary Boersen, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None

New Business:

Finance Committee proposal for an additional CD in the General Fund: Dan Kesselring reported that the Finance Committee is recommending that excess General Funds received through the Seminar be placed in a second CD. He suggested either a 10 month CD earning 3% interest or a 4 month CD earning 3.5% interest. His recommendation is the 4 month CD which should mature close to the time that the current General Fund CD matures. Then a decision could be made as to how to handle both CDs for the following year. Kelly Goward stated that \$2000 could be put in a 4 month CD without stressing available funds. Dan Kesselring moved to put \$2000 in a 4 month CD as soon as possible. Dan Busby supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote. *Kelly will get an appointment with Chase Bank to get this CD established.*

Old Business:

Marshall Community Credit Union Scholarship Fund CD Renewed: Dan Kesselring reported that the Scholarship Fund CD at the Marshall Community Credit Union had been renewed on March 23.

Chapter Member Annual Conference Grant Request update: President Sarah Zeiler was not available to report on her contact with the Chapter member.

Work Plan Reminders: Work Plan items for April, and remaining items from prior months, were appended to the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Gerald Miller, Chair.

ANR Seminar: Gerald reported that all activities relevant to the 2025 Seminar have been completed and reported. Kelly Goward reported that she has contacted the AgriLiquid facility about reserving the facility for 2026.

Potential Joint Venture with the Hoosier Chapter: *Gerald stated nothing had been decided yet, but he will make another follow-up with his Indiana contact.*

Legislative:

Federal Farm Bill. Gerald Miller reported that considerable stress has been generated due to the freezing of federal appropriations for cost-share and other contracts throughout the State by the Federal Administration.

State Legislative Affairs: Gerald reported that MACD has been very active with State legislative contacts striving to preserve State level conservation funding.

Membership and Outreach:

Membership: Membership currently stands at 53.

Land Judging Guide Review Ad Hoc Committee: Dan Kesselring, Chair, reported that the Committee has held one virtual meeting, and discussion is on-going through email. Revisions are in progress, but due to more revisions needed than originally anticipated, the self imposed deadline of May will probably not be met.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was **updated 1/30/25** and is available on our Website at

<https://www.miglswcs.org/app/download/7124127463/2025+Executive+Council+and+Committees.pdf>

Open Discussion: Past President Steve Schaub reported that he has been having discussions with President Sarah Zeiler concerning Chapter Committees. No recommendations have been decided on yet.

Next Executive Council Meeting: 12:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Adjournment: Being no further business to discuss, President-elect Zachary Curtis adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary