



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, June 3, 2022

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:03 a.m. by Katie Droscha, President-elect

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Katie Droscha	President-elect
	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Glenn O'Neil	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Steve Schaub	At Large Director
	(7 Officers present – quorum achieved)	

Others Present: None

Officers Absent:	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Shelby Burlew	President

Agenda: Katie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Dan Kesselring asked for an addition concerning the Nominations Committee be added to New Business. Hearing no other additions, Katie declared the agenda approved.

04/01/2022 Minutes: The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Steve Schaub moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gerald Miller supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances were: General Fund \$6006.89; and Scholarship Fund \$17,106.33. Moved by Glenn O'Neil, supported by Steve Schaub, to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None

New Business:

SWCS Outstanding Chapter Award: It has been announced that the Michigan Chapter will be receiving the International Society Outstanding Chapter Award at the 77th SWCS International Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, this summer. Dan K. asked if anyone is planning to attend the Conference. *Glenn said that Jerimiah Asher, Institute of Water Research, Michigan State University is planning to attend, so he would check with him to see if he could represent the Chapter to receive the award. Glenn said he would also see if he could get Jerimiah to become a member.*

Jerry added that if Jerimiah isn't available to receive the award, *then an email should be sent to the membership to see if anyone else will be attending.*

Chapter Nominations Committee appointments: Dan K. reported that appointment of members to the Nominations Committee was on the Work Plan for May. He has sent that notice to Chapter President Shelby. He pointed out that last year Regional Directors had helped by suggesting committee member candidates in their Regions. Dan Busby suggested Heather Varboncoeur at the NRCS State Office. *Dan K will send an updated membership list sorted by Region to all officers.*

Old Business:

Membership Flier update: Kelly reported that she had not received any additional suggestions for the flier except for Glenn being the contact person. *Kelly Goward will finish the update on the flier.*

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc: Glenn reported that the committee is continuing to work on updates to the Plan before submission to the Executive Council for approval.

Professional Development:

MACD Summer Conference MiSWCS Breakout Session: Katie reported on final plans.

Systems Based Planning: Katie reported that individual spring workloads had limited meetings.

Membership and Outreach: Glenn O'Neil, Chair

Newsletter: Glenn and Kelly reported that the next issue will probably be this fall.

Membership Status: Currently 53 members.

SWCS Power Hour Chapter Leader Zoom Meeting: Dan reported that he had attended the Society HQ "Power Hour" on-line event. He said the main focus was on member recruitment, retention and communications, and that he learned about more resources on their website.

Legislative: Gerald Miller discussed a Farm Bill listening session, and also the EPA Waters of the United States proposed rule.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was updated 5/31/22 and is available on our Michigan Chapter SWCS website at <https://www.miglswcs.org/about-us/> and on our Google drive at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KpAGoFKZe8trhgzy8k4tmdJFOPaiCeaf>.

Work Plan Update: Items for May and June were appended to the agenda.

Next EC Conference: Next EC conference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2022.

Moved by Dan Busby, supported by Gerald Miller, to adjourn this meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary