



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, June 9, 2023

### MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

**Call to Order:** At 3:02 p.m. by Katie Droscha, President.

#### Roll Call:

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Katie Droscha	President
	Steve Schaub	President-elect
	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Tess Van Gorder	At Large Director
	<b>(8 Officers present – quorum achieved)</b>	

**Others Present:** None

<b>Officers Absent:</b>	Shelby Burlew	Past President
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director

**Agenda:** Katie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Tess Van Gorder, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

**05/12/2023 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Moved by Tess Van Gorder, supported by Gerald Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly Goward had submitted two Treasurer's Reports by email: the April report that was tabled at the May Executive Council conference, and the May report for this Conference. The balances for the April report were: General Fund \$7064.28; and Scholarship Fund \$15,959.11. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Gary Boersen, to bring from the table and approve the April Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

The balances for the May report were: General Fund \$7046.30; and Scholarship Fund \$15,689.01. Moved by Gerald Miller, supported by Gary Boersen, to approve the May Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Gerald asked about the Scholarship Funds held in the Credit Union Savings Account, and whether the funds needed to be invested in a Certificate of Deposit to earn more interest. Dan K. commented that previous action by the Council had approved moving \$5000 and \$3750 to the Vanguard Account, but difficulty in communicating with Vanguard to determine how to transfer funds caused this transfer not to be completed yet. Following discussion Gerald Miller moved to rescind the Executive Council's order to transfer these funds to Vanguard and ask Kelly and Dan K to research Marshall Community Credit Union Certificate of Deposit options and report back to the Council. Motion supported by Steve Schaub. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Disbursements Needing Approval:** None presented.

**New Business:**

**Sponsor Chapter Delegate to International Conference:** Dan Kesselring brought up that the current Chapter Budget includes a \$100 stipend to support a Chapter member to attend the House of Delegates meeting on August 7 at the Society International Conference. He pointed out the the stipend had been set at \$100 to balance the budget even though it had been \$200 in previous years, and even \$335 in 2019. Dan then offered to donate \$100 to the Chapter to increase the stipend to \$200. Dan then moved to increase the stipend to \$200 provided a member was found to attend. Motion supported by Steve Schaub. Motion passed by voice vote. *Dan will send an email message to the Chapter membership to see if any member will be attending.*

**Old Business:** None.

**Work Plan Reminders:** President Katie Droscha had requested that the Work Plan review be moved up on the agenda because placing it near the end often resulted in it not getting appropriate consideration. Katie then reviewed items suggested for June, as well as, items from previous months yet to be addressed. *Katie will communicate with Regional Directors later concerning recommendations for the Nominations Committee.*

**Committee Reports:**

**Professional Development:**

**MiSWCS Contribution to MACD Summer Conference:** Katie reported that expenses for Dr. Jason Rountree, Professor of Animal Science, Michigan State University, who was the luncheon speaker for the Conference, were covered by MACD. Dr. Rountree had been promoted by our Chapter as a recommended speaker for the Conference.

**Summer Workshop/Tour:** Jerry reported that the title for the event is “Anaerobic Digester Workshop: The future of manure and food waste management.” The event is planned to be held on September 15. The Workshop Planning Committee held a meeting on June 2 and has another meeting scheduled for June 16.

**Membership and Outreach:** The deadline for submission for the Spring newsletter is June 30. Membership Status is currently 44 members.

**Legislative:** Gerald briefly commented on some Farm Bill hearings. Tess Van Gorder added some comments about proposed State Septic Code legislation.

**Committee Assignments Review:** The Committee listing was updated 03/29/23 and is available on our Michigan Chapter SWCS Google Drive at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p8\\_v66bGocJ1X5GNtSVTTqV2ZtK5l\\_CX/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p8_v66bGocJ1X5GNtSVTTqV2ZtK5l_CX/view?usp=share_link) and on our Website at <https://www.miglswcs.org/app/download/7124127463/2022+Executive+Council+and+Committees.pdf>

**Next Executive Council Conference:** 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 14 , 2023.

Moved by Miller to adjourn this Conference. Supported by Goward. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary