



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, August 6, 2021

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:03 a.m. by Glenn O’Neil, President

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Glenn O’Neil	President
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Tim Harrigan	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director

(6 Officers present – quorum achieved)

Others Present: Jon Bartholic

Officers Absent:	Shelby Burlew	President-elect
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director

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

7/16/2021 Minutes: The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Kelly Goward 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 are: General Fund \$5556.14; and Scholarship Fund \$17,275.48. Moved by Miller, supported by Katie, 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:

International Conference: Glenn reported that he and Dan K. had attended the State of the Union and House of Delegates sessions on Monday, and some other sessions during the Conference. He said that he thought the virtual process worked much better this year than it had last year. Glenn stated that the International Society headquarters has published job openings for three positions, for which links were included in the agenda. *He requested officers to look at*

the Chapter and Community Builder position and think about how the Michigan Chapter might be able to benefit from this position.

MiSWCS Annual Meeting: Following discussion, consensus was to hold the Chapter Annual Meeting in virtual format again this year. *Concerning a date, Katie will follow-up with alternatives.*

Old Business:

Maple River RCPP Deliverables: Katie Droscha reported on an interview with NRCS on progress. She said there had been significant progress primarily focused on Cover Crops and Grassed Waterways. Currently evaluating remaining funds for the project. She said we will focus on a workshop next year. *Concerning the newsletter commitment, Katie will write up the interview and provide photos. Glenn will assist with the newsletter.*

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc: Glenn has sent an email to committee chairs asking them to consider inviting newer members to their committees.

Professional Development: Jerry Miller, Chair

Systems Based Planning: Jon Bartholic and Katie reported

Future Events questions: Jerry reported that he had submitted a brief article, asking for Chapter members suggestions, in the last newsletter, but has had no responses to date.

MACD Fall Convention and MiSWCS participation: Katie reported that planning is continuing, but the primary question at this time is whether to be on site or virtual.

2022 ANR Seminar: Tim reported that the planning committee had not yet met. Again, a question is whether it will be on site or virtual. *Kelly will check with the St. Johns facility concerning possible scheduling for an on site event.*

Membership and Outreach:

Newsletter: Next issue to be September or Summer. Article deadline August 15.

Membership Status: Currently 55 members.

Legislative: Jerry reported briefly.

Committee Assignments Review if needed: The Committee listing has been updated and is available on our Michigan Chapter SWCS website and Google Drive.

Work Plan Update: Items for August were appended to the agenda.

Next EC Conference: Next EC conference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 3, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary