



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Virtual Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

12:03 call to order by Zach Curtis, President Elect

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Sarah Zeiler	President (Dropped off 12:35 p.m.)
	Zachary Curtis	President-elect
	Katie Droscha	Vice President (Dropped off 12:35 p.m.)
	Steve Schaub	Past President
	Daniel Kesselring	Secretary (Intermittent due to network issues)
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Mila Resetar	Region 2 Director (Dropped off 12:35 p.m.)
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	8 Officers present – quorum achieved)	

Others Present: None

Officers Absent: Dan Busby Region 1 Director
Heather Varboncoeur State-wide At Large Director

Additions/corrections-none

Minutes from 7/10/25-motion to accept by Steve, second by Katie, motion carried

Email actions-none, Katie suggested we handle question of MACD conference session via email, group consensus approved

Treasurer’s report-Kelly, no major items, SARE grant check received from ANR Seminar and annual zoom account renewal paid, motion to accept report by Sarah, second by Katie, motion carried.

New Business-Chapter recognition-Zach relayed report from Jerry that Steve Schaub was recognized in the NACD/National Conservation Foundation annual report for his contribution to Michigan Envirothon. Hall of Fame award. *Zach will reprint or summarize in fall newsletter.*

Old Business-Nomination Committee, Pres. Zeiler relayed that she has two volunteers, Patty McNinch and Laura Campbell. Steve agreed to serve but is a current officer, so it is preferred that we find 1-2 more members who are not officers to join the committee. *Send names to Sarah.*

Work Plan reminders-

Committee Reports-

Scholarship committee-Zach recruiting members to serve this year. Zach and Steve confirmed, Dan and Heather possible. Kelly will help if needed but would prefer to avoid conflicts with students she knows competing for scholarship. Discussion of scholarship later under committee reports

Professional Development Committee-Jerry not available, no word on Hoosier Chapter, Pres. Zeiler offered a possible collaboration for a fall tour with a regen ag workshop sponsored by SARE held in northern Michigan September 17-18. Motion by Steve, second Kelly for *our chapter to partner and support the tour and promote on our website*, motion carried

Scholarship committee-early September call for applications, Zach was hoping to pay two scholarships this year, but after discussion it was decided to stay with one this year. \$1650 available in money market account, motion by Dan, second by Katie to spend \$750 on one scholarship, motion carried. Hope to move to two scholarships next year if funds are available. Kelly also suggested shortening the window for applications to trim down the workload of reviewing.

Newsletter-President Elect Zach Curtis shared that he hopes to have a newsletter out in early September. *Solicited suggestions*

Legislative-no report

Membership-Steve shared that Zach Bates from the ELP attended SWCS conference in Costa Mesa and made some contacts which will allow him to return to California in early September to enroll in grad school at Cal Poly Tech (Humbolt Univ) to study forestry, researching redwoods. He will be missed as a Michigan Chapter member. ELP is a great program and is actively being promoted to prospective Michigan early career individuals.

Policy-No report

Open Discussion-Kelly shared that the silent auction donation request has not been processed yet, no response from her inquiry, *she will follow up*.

No other discussion, meeting adjourned by PE Zach Curtis at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Steve Schaub, Past President