



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Virtual Meeting

Thursday, December 11, 2025

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

12:00 p.m. call to order by Sarah Zeiler, Chapter President

Roll Call:

Officers Present:

Sarah Zeiler	President
Zachary Curtis	President-elect
Katie Droscha	Vice President
Steve Schaub	Past President
Daniel Kesselring	Secretary
Mila Resetar	Region 2 Director

6 Officers present – quorum achieved)

Others Present: Gerald Miller, Chair, Professional Development Committee

Officers Absent:

Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
Kelly Goward	Treasurer
Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
Heather Varboncoeur	State-wide At Large Director

Agenda: President Zeiler asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Dan Kesselring suggested that the New Business item on Officer training be postponed to Open Discussion. Moved by Katie Droscha, supported by Zachary Curtis, to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed by voice vote.

11/13/2025 Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the previous Executive Council meeting were appended to the agenda. Moved by Katie Droscha, supported by Steve Schaub, 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, Treasurer, was unable to attend or provide a report.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None

New Business: None.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Agenda: The draft agenda was reviewed. Zachary Curtis said that both the 2024 and 2025 Scholarship winners are planning to attend. Dan Kesselring will update the agenda and get it on the website.

Work Plan Reminders: Work Plan items were appended to the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Gerald Miller reported the committee will meet again tomorrow, December 12, and that event planning is progressing rapidly with many speakers contacted and committed. Also, based on comments from last year, the Committee is recommending that the third room available in the three room conference hall at the AgriLiquid Conference facility be rented for sponsor and exhibitor display and that the luncheon service table also be located there.

Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Katie Droscha, to approve the additional \$275 fee for the added room. Motion passed by voice vote.

Scholarship: Zachary Curtis reported that \$240 in donations to the Scholarship Fund had been received during Giving Tuesday, less than last year or hoped for. He also reported that the 2025/2026 Scholarship winner, Emma Thompson, had been contacted.

Membership and Outreach:

Membership: Membership currently stands at 47.

Newsletter: Zach Curtis reported that his goal for 2026 is to get 4 newsletters published, and one after the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Legislative: Gerald Miller reported that MACD has started advocacy with State legislators and with Michigan Manure Management updates.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was **updated 9/13/25** and is available on our Website at

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

Open Discussion: Dan Kesselring introduced a discussion about new officer orientation, and that he had contacted the International Office and received some information that other Chapters have used. Sarah Zeiler said that some additional discussion would be needed on this and would like Steve Schaub and Zach Curtis involved. Steve Schaub suggested this might be an item for the Policy Committee and that Sarah would be chair of the Policy Committee in 2026. Dan Kesselring suggested that a newer Officer, like Mila Resetar, might be an important addition to any discussion.

Next Executive Council Meeting: To be determined.

Adjournment: Having no further business to be discussed, President Zeiler adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary