



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, February 7, 2020

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m. by President Tim Harrigan

Roll Call:

Present:	Tim Harrigan	President
	Glenn O'Neil	President-elect
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	(8 present – quorum achieved)	

Excused: John Freeland Past President

Absent: Dan Busby At Large Director

Others: Jon Bartholic

Agenda: Tim asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Jerry asked that a report by Katie on Summer Conference planning be added. Tim declared the agenda approved as amended.

1/10/20 Minutes: The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Jerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Katie supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances are: General Fund \$3,591.97; and Scholarship Fund \$16,558.64. Moved by Dan K., supported by Glenn, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: 1/7/20 Moved by Katie Droscha to approve the Awards Committee recommendation to award the 2020 Chapter Commendation Award to Dan Busby. Supported by Tim Harrigan. Votes: Dan Kesselring – aye; Katie Droscha – aye; Tim Harrigan – aye; Gerald Miller – aye; John Freeland – aye; Zachary Curtis – aye; Rebecca Bender – aye; Kelly – aye; Glenn O'Neil. Motion passed.

New Business:

Post Seminar meet & greet: Rebecca presented an idea from the Ad Hoc Mentorship Committee's recent teleconference. She and others would like to promote a meet and greet after the Seminar for anyone from the seminar to attend voluntarily. They would like also invite the speakers. *Since it would be voluntary, and would not incur any cost to the Chapter, the consensus was to let Rebecca run with it.*

Old Business: None.

Committee Reports:

Membership Survey Ad Hoc: Rebecca reported on other parts of the Committee's recent teleconference.

Professional Development:

ANR Seminar Committee: Tim reported that one of the committed speakers has had to withdraw due to pending surgery. Discussion concerning alternatives included Jeff Andresen, Michigan State University; Zouheir Massri, SWCS member and Michigan State University; and Dr. Chris Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant. One concern with Jeff Andresen is that he has been speaking at many events across the State and his talk might be a rerun for many of the Seminar registrants.

Zouheir's presentation would be about soil conservation in Syria, which would be unique for our audience, but not necessarily relevant to the rest of the Seminar. Dan K. asked if, since Tim could also talk on soil conservation in Africa, could Zouheir and Tim each do 20 minute presentations to cover the 55 minute open slot in the program. Zouheir has already volunteered. *Consensus was to contact Dr. Winslow first. If not available, then we will discuss which option to try next.*

Maple River Watershed RCPP and MACD Summer Conference: Katie reported that the RCPP is part of the material being considered for the MACD Conference.

Membership and Outreach: Rebecca reported.

Newsletter: *Rebecca appealed for officer articles for the newsletter. The deadline for this month is February 15.*

Membership Status: Currently 55 members.

Communications Intern Exit Review: Kelly and Rebecca reported that they had been in contact with Anna, and *Rebecca will be sharing the results of their exit review.*

Scholarship: Zach reported that 5 scholarship applications had been received, and that the committee members will be reviewing them next week and getting the results to the Executive Council by February 15.

Legislative: Jerry reported that one of the committee members, Tim Catron, has had to resign from the committee due to health issues. *Also, he recommended that Rebecca be assigned to the committee because she has been researching and posting relevant State legislative issues in the newsletter.*

Committee Assignments Review: *Dan K. had placed the draft Committee list on the website and recommended officers to go there to see what committees they might serve on.*

Work Plan Update: The Work Plan Items for February and the remainders from previous months were appended to the agenda.

Member Comments:

Next Teleconference: *Next teleconference is February 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.*

Katie moved to adjourn and Dan K. supported. Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted as amended 4/3/20,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary