



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, February 5, 2021

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m. by President Glenn O'Neil

Roll Call:

Present:	Glenn O'Neil	President
	Shelby Burlew	President-elect
	Tim Harrigan	Past President
	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
	(9 present – quorum achieved)	

Absent:	Dan Busby	At Large Director
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Others:	John Freeland, 2 nd Past President and Newsletter Editor
	Jon Bartholic, 4 th Past President

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

01/08/2021 Minutes: The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Jerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Shelby 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 \$4,161.18; and Scholarship Fund \$16,870.66. Moved by Jerry, supported by Tim, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: 01/14/21 Moved by Shelby Burlew to accept the Awards Committee recommendation to present the Chapter Outstanding Service Award to Kelly Goward. Motion supported by Dan Busby. Votes: Glenn O'Neil – aye; Shelby Burlew – aye; Katie Droscha – aye; Dan Busby – aye; Dan Kesselring – aye; Gerald Miller – aye; Zachary Curtis – aye; Tim Harrigan – aye. Motion passed by email vote.

New Business: None presented.

Old Business: None brought forward.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee: Glenn reported on the committee's first meeting. A printed report is available for viewing on the Chapter's Google Drive. The 2014 Strategic Plan is also posted there. In addition, Kelly had compiled the questions from the Chapter survey conducted in 2013 and posted them on the Google Drive for reference. Dan K. mentioned that he had received a notice that the parent Society was planning a survey in the spring. Glenn asked if that survey would have information available on a Chapter basis. *Dan K. will ask National.* The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 19.

Professional Development:

ANR Seminar Committee: Kelly asked for another Planning Committee meeting to discuss the individual roles and responsibilities and to have a Zoom practice session with the presenters. *Kelly asked for the speaker's mailing addresses from those who had contacts with the speakers. She needs them for mailing the presenter appreciation gifts. Kelly will draft a "to do" list for the webinar.*

Jerry said that he had contacted the USDA-NRCS Michigan State Conservationist about NRCS being a sponsor. NRCS had responded, but was requesting 6 registrations to cover the \$150 Gold sponsorship cost. Moved by Katie, supported by Jerry, to grant NRCS's specific request. Motion passed by voice vote. *Kelly will contact NRCS to make the arrangements.* Jerry mentioned several other sponsorships pending.

Professional Development Strategy: Katie presented some thoughts that she and Kelly had discussed concerning functions of the Professional Development Committee. Some of this will be discussed during the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Systems based planning: Zach reported on continuing discussions. He said the group is considering publishing a newsletter and is working on long term goals.

Membership and Outreach: John Freeland reported.

Newsletter: *The deadline for items for the Winter Newsletter edition is February 19.*

Membership Status: Currently 51 members. Dan K. reported that he had sent follow-up emails to 4 lapsed members, and a welcome email to a new member.

Legislative: Jerry reported that Michigan's Senator Stabenow will Co-chair the Senate Ag Committee and is already working on the 2023 Farm Bill.

Scholarship: Zach reported that only one application had been received. He asked if the deadline should be extended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Moved by Zach, supported by Katie, to extend the deadline to February 19. Motion passed by voice vote. *Zach will notify his Academic contacts.*

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

Member Comments:

Next Teleconference: *The next conference will be March 5 unless it is decided in the meantime that we need to meet before the ANR Webinar.*

Meeting Adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary