



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, April 2, 2021

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:05 a.m. by President Glenn O'Neil

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Glenn O'Neil	President
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director

(6 Officers present – quorum achieved)

Others Present: Jon Bartholic, Systems Based Planning Committee member
John Freeland, Newsletter Editor

Officers Absent:	Shelby Burlew	President-elect
	Tim Harrigan	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	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.

3/5/2021 Minutes: The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Katie Droscha moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rebecca Bender 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 \$5353.24; and Scholarship Fund \$16,799.63. Moved by Dan Kesselring, supported by Zachary Curtis, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements: None presented for approval.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None.

New Business: Appointment of Chapter Delegate and Alternate. President O'Neil appointed Zach Curtis to be Chapter Delegate, and Glenn O'Neil to be Alternate Delegate as both plan to attend the House of Delegates meeting in July.

Old Business: None brought forward.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc: Glenn reported that the committee is still considering a survey of the Chapter leaders, and is still considering who would be included in the definition of “Chapter Leaders” and what we hope to learn from a survey. The Committee will meet again mid-April.

Professional Development: Jerry Miller, Chair

ANR Webinar Feedback: Jerry asked that this be postponed to the next conference since Kelly was not available to report on any responses to the feedback survey she had emailed to participants.

MACD Summer Conference MiSWCS sponsored breakouts: Katie reported that she had proposed a virtual session on Climate Change for the June 7–8 MACD Conference , and the MACD Training Committee supported that. Jerry thanked Katie for her efforts and recommended Executive Council approval. Glenn asked if there were any concerns or objections. Hearing none he declared Council approval.

Systems Based Planning: Zach reported that the Committee is soliciting feedback from organizations they have been working with. He pointed out Ottawa County had created a Groundwater Board which was a positive development. Jon Bartholic complemented the MiSWCS Chapter newsletter with the feature story on Systems Based Planning.

Future Events questions: Jerry opened a discussion on what the Professional Development Committee should be considering for future events. Katie suggested something could be done relative to the Chapter's responsibility to the Maple River Watershed RCPP. Dan K asked if this could be a Summer event. *Glenn suggested further discussion on this topic at the next Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee meeting.*

Membership and Outreach:

Newsletter: John Freeland *requested articles by mid-May for the newsletter to be published at the end of May.*

Membership Status: Currently 50 members.

Legislative: Jerry briefly reported on Federal Legislative Affairs and provided a link to a detailed NACD report.

Work Plan Update: Items for April were appended to the agenda. Dan K. highlighted three items: Michigan State FFA Land Conservation Contest; Determine if a summer event is to be held; and Submit Issue Papers and Resolutions to SWCS Headquarters.

Next EC Conference: Next EC conference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 7, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary