



Michigan Chapter

Annual Business Meeting Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Virtual Conference

MINUTES

Call to Order: 10:05 a.m. by President Dr. Tim Harrigan

Roll Call: President Harrigan asked Secretary Dan Kesselring to do the roll call. Dan reported that there were 10 officers and 5 members who were not officers present. Since the Bylaws call for at least 5 officers and at least 5 members who are not officers be present to represent a quorum, Dan stated that a quorum was present. Those Chapter Officers and members attending were as follows.

Officers Attending: Dr. John Freeland, Past President; Dr. Tim Harrigan, President; Glenn O'Neil, President-elect; Katie Droscha, Vice President; Dan Kesselring, Secretary; Kelly Goward, Treasurer; Dan Busby, At-large Director; Rebecca Bender, Region 1 Director; Dr. Zachary Curtis, Region 2 Director; and Dr. Gerald Miller, Region 3 Director.

Members who were not Officers attending: Sarah Ehinger, Dr. Zouheir Massri, Steven Schaub, Dr. James Rasmussen and Dr. Jon Bartholic.

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

10/28/19 Annual Meeting Minutes: President Harrigan asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting. Gerald Miller moved that the minutes be approved. Katie Droscha supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward, Treasurer, provided and explained 2 documents for her Treasurer's Report on her shared screen. The 2 documents were also posted on the Chapter website. The documents were: a 2020 Monthly Budget Statement covering January through September, and a Statement for all Accounts as of September 30th. Moved by Glenn O'Neil and supported by Katie Droscha to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion passed by voice vote. A year-end Treasurer's Report will be provided to all Chapter members after December 31st.

Committee Reports:

Membership and Outreach: John Freeland provided a printed report, which he read and was shared on screen. The report was also available on the Chapter website.

Professional Development: Committee Chair Gerald Miller provided a printed report covering Committee activities since the last Annual Meeting; the Workshop Webinar planned for later today, the Technical Sessions planned for the MACD Virtual Convention to be held in December, and the preliminary plans being developed for the ANR Seminar being planned for next March.

Scholarship: Zachary Curtis provided a printed report on the status of the Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program Fall 2020-Spring 2021 Academic Year Scholarship availability. An announcement has been sent to Academic institution contacts.

Other Committee Reports: Dan Kesselring announced the Chapter Awards Program and directed anyone interested to our website migswcs.org.

Outgoing President's Report: Dr. Tim Harrigan provided a printed outgoing report, and discussed some of the details in the report.

Election Results: Sarah Ehinger, Elections Committee Chair, reported that Twenty-one ballots were cast: Shelby Burlew was elected President elect; Katie Droscha was re-elected Vice President; Zachary Curtis was elected Region 2 Director (Zachary was currently in that position, but had been appointed instead of elected); and Dan Busby was reelected State-wide at Large Director.

Tim Harrigan, outgoing Chapter President, then called on Glenn O'Neil, incoming Chapter President, for his comments for year 2021.

Open Discussion: Chapter member Zouheir Massri asked about the possibility of getting any members to review papers or articles he may be preparing or has prepared. Discussion included possible abstract publication in the Chapter newsletter, possible internal review for grammar, punctuation and readability since English is not Zouheir's primary language. Dr. John Freeland mentioned that such review should not be considered peer review such as the Society involves for publication in the Journal. Suggestions were that Zouheir's suggestion should be discussed by the Professional Development Committee.

Dan Kesselring asked about the use of social media by the Chapter. He wondered if the Chapter should have something like a Twitter account. He said the Chapter has a Facebook page. Glenn O'Neil said the Chapter does have a YouTube account, but it's not used for much and he wasn't sure that meets the concept of social media. Kelly mentioned that last years Intern had set up an Instagram account, but, again, it's not active. Rebecca said the Intern had also set up a Linked In account, but that's also not active. John Freeland said that's something the Membership and Outreach Committee should be looking into.

Then Tim Harrigan adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary