



# Michigan Chapter

Executive Council video conference

Friday, December 4, 2020

## MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

**Call to Order:** At 10:02 a.m. President Glenn O'Neil called the video conference to order.

### Roll Call:

<b>Present:</b>	Glenn O'Neil	President
	Shelby Burlew	President-elect
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Tim Harrigan	Past President
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
	<b>(10 present – quorum achieved)</b>	

**Absent:** None

**Others:** Jon Bartholic, 2018 President

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

**11/6/20 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Gerald moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dan Busby supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly Goward had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances were: General Fund \$4,423.14; and Scholarship Fund \$16,087.71. Moved by Zachary, supported by Rebecca, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Disbursements:** None presented.

**Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference:** None.

### New Business:

**Aggregate Mining and Scientifically Based Ecosystem-Friendly Restoration Best Practices:** This concerned proposed State legislation regarding local unit of government control of gravel mining operations. A representative of another environmental group had asked for information concerning the effect of gravel mining on soil health. Katie Droscha and John Freeland had provided information to the representative regarding soil erosion and sediment control recommendations for such operations. Consensus of the Executive Council was that the Chapter would not take a position on this legislation beyond advocacy for erosion and sediment control.

**Seminar Sponsorship Options and Rewards:** Kelly reported that Dan K. had emailed suggested sponsorship levels of Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Supporter. Kelly suggested simplifying that to

Gold, Silver and Supporter. Consensus was to go with Kelly's suggestion. *Dan K. and Kelly will develop rewards for those levels and submit a draft form for approval.*

**Initiatives for 2021:** Kelly and Katie had prepared a list of ideas for action in 2021. Given that the list was quite extensive, *Kelly volunteered to develop a proposal for Executive Council action in subsequent conferences.*

#### **Old Business:**

**Executive Council Conference Schedule:** Dan K. reported that Shelby's poll had determined that the 2021 EC Conference Schedule would remain at 10:00 a.m. on the first Friday of each month, unless conflicting with Holidays. This schedule has been posted on the Chapter Google Drive.

**Secretary and Treasurer position appointments:** Glenn reported that both Kelly Goward and Dan Kesselring had agreed to continue in their respective Treasurer and Secretary positions.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Professional Development:**

**2021 ANR Seminar:** Tim reported that the agenda and speaker commitments are nearly complete, and that they will be meeting again soon. He asked Kelly if she had heard from Fred Yoder.

**MACD Annual Conference Coordination:** Katie reported that there will be three MiSWCS supported breakout sessions presented during the Conference.

**Systems Based Planning:** Zach reported that this Committee is continuing to meet weekly, and he will continue to report on progress.

##### **Membership and Outreach:**

**Newsletter:** Newsletter editor John Freeland was not available to report. The newsletter is to be published soon.

**Membership Status:** Currently 53 members.

**Legislative:** Gerald reported that information shared by the MACD legislative advocate stated that if the "Michigan Lame Duck" legislative session approves any supplemental funding the allocation will address COVID. The advocate stated that we shouldn't expect significant action by the incoming legislative until after the Governor presents her budget in later January/early February.

**Scholarship:** Zach reported that the number of applications remained at one. *He will send out a reminder to his contacts.*

**Committee Assignments Review:** The Committee structure is undergoing on-going discussion by email.

**President's Report:** Glenn thanked Shelby for acting for him during the November EC meeting. He added that the Chapter is making good progress and would like to explore options for the coming year.

**Work Plan Update:** The Work Plan items for December, and the remainders from previous months were appended to the agenda.

**Member Comments:** None.

**Next Teleconference:** *Next teleconference is January 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.*

Moved by Dan K., supported by Tim to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting Adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary