



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, January 7, 2022

### MINUTES

("Action" Items are in red *italics*)

**Call to Order:** 10:02 a.m. by Shelby Burlew, President

#### Roll Call:

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Shelby Burlew	President
	Katie Droscha	President-elect
	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Steve Schaub	At Large Director
	<b>(8 Officers present – quorum achieved)</b>	

**Others Present:** Jon Bartholic, Former Past President

<b>Officers Absent:</b>	Glenn O'Neil	Past President
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director

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

**12/03/2021 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Katie Droscha 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 are: General Fund \$5376.55; and Scholarship Fund \$16,952.88. Moved by Gerald Miller, supported by Katie Droscha, to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

**2022 Budget:** Kelly also discussed the proposed budget submitted by the Finance Committee. Moved by Dan Busby, supported by Steve Schaub, to approve the 2022 Chapter Budget as proposed. Motion passed with voice vote.

**Disbursements Needing Approval:** None presented.

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

#### New Business:

**Membership Report:** Shelby reviewed the membership report sent by International Headquarters and encouraged follow up by any officers familiar with any of the new, renewed, lapsed or about to lapse members to followup with them.

**2022 Executive Council Monthly Conference Schedule:** Dan K. had emailed a draft list of Executive Council conference dates that were the first Friday of each month except July and September which are the second Friday. After discussion Council members concurred with this schedule.

**Membership Committee Chair:** Shelby will be looking for a new committee chair.

**Chapter Secretary and Treasurer position appointments:** Shelby announced that Kelly Goward has agreed to continue as Treasurer, and Dan Kesselring has agreed to continue as Secretary.

**Chapter Activity Report:** Shelby discussed the required annual Chapter activity report to Society Headquarters. *Dan K. will prepare and submit the on-line report, but will need input from some officers about specific activities.*

**Old Business:**

**Chapter Membership Flier:** *Kelly will work on an update to the Michigan Chapter membership flier 2019 edition.* One update needed is the contact person.

**Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Student Chapter status:** Dan K. and Kelly reported they had not yet been able to schedule a meeting with the GVSU Chapter. The Michigan Chapter has been sending \$100 to the GVSU Chapter for several years, and that the original purpose of that \$100 was to support a share of the cost of four student memberships which would cover the officers of the GVSU Student Chapter. Dan K. gave a brief summary of the status of the Grand Valley Chapter and the past history of Student Chapters in Michigan.

**Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning Ad Hoc:** Committee Chair Glenn O'Neil was unable to be present, so Dan K. gave a brief update on the status of the Strategic Planning Committee activities.

**Professional Development:** Gerald Miller, Chair

**Systems Based Planning:** Jon Bartholic gave a brief update on the Committee activities.

**2022 ANR Seminar:** Gerald reported that the committee has received commitments from Chad Penn, ARS; Rebecca Power, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Extension; and Stephen Gasteyer, AgBioResearch, Michigan State University.

Gerald requested approval of registration fees of \$45 for SWCS members, \$60 for non-members and \$15 for students. Moved by Gerald, supported by Steve, to approve these fees. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Future Webinar Sessions:** Gerald reported that there are no new activities currently being planned.

**Membership and Outreach:**

**Newsletter:** The last newsletter prepared by John Freeland was issued this month. Since the one year term that John had committed to has ended, we need a new newsletter editor.

**Membership Status:** Currently 55 members, a loss of one member.

**Legislative:** Jerry Miller reported the Michigan Legislature is scheduled to reconvene during the week of January 10. MACD and Conservation Districts priorities for the FY23 state budget are: 1) to maintain the \$2.0 million on-going operational funds in MDARD budget and ensure the FY22 \$1.0 million of one time funding (American Rescue Funds) be instated as on-going funding in the FY23 MDARD budget, and 2) work with key legislators to introduce a Healthy Soils Act for Michigan.

**Work Plan Update:** Items for January were appended to the agenda.

**Next EC Conference:** Next EC conference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 4, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary