



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, August 5, 2022

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:01 a.m. by Shelby Burlew, President

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Shelby Burlew	President
	Katie Droscha	President-elect
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director

(6 Officers present – quorum achieved)

Others Present: Jon Bartholic

Officers Absent:	Glenn O'Neil	Past President
	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Steve Schaub	At Large Director

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

06/03/2022 Minutes: The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Kelly Goward moved to approve the minutes as presented. Katie Droscha 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 \$5970.93; and Scholarship Fund \$16,577.61. Moved by Katie Droscha, supported by Zachary Curtis, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: 06/28/22 Moved by Dan Kesselring that the Executive Council appoint Zouhair Massri to serve as Chapter Delegate, pending his acceptance, and offer to support his travel and lodging expenses up to \$200 upon documentation of actual travel and lodging expenses; and to appoint Jeremiah Asher to serve as Alternate Delegate, pending his acceptance. If approved by vote of the Executive Council, then the contacts regarding these appointments shall come from the Chapter President. Supported by Gerald Miller. Votes: Steve Schaub – aye; Dan Kesselring – aye; Katie Droscha – aye; Kelly Goward – aye; Gary Boersen – aye; Zachary Curtis – aye; Glenn O'Neil – aye; Dan Busby – aye; Gerald Miller – aye. Motion passed. **Note: Due to unforeseen complications, the Michigan Chapter did not have a representative at the House of Delegates meeting.**

New Business:

Executive Council Zoom conference schedule for the remainder of 2022: Gary Boersen has been appointed to a County Government Committee that holds its meetings on the same date and time as our Executive Council conferences. After Discussion it was agreed to change our schedule to the second Friday of September, October and December, and keep the November Zoom conference schedule on the first Friday. All at 10:00 a.m. The schedule will be revisited after the Calendar Year 2023 officers are determined.

Annual Meeting Date and Format: Since the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts intends to hold an in-person Annual Convention December 5 through 7, we need to decide whether we will join them with our Annual Meeting, or stay with the virtual meeting we have held the past two years. Dan Busby raised the concern that another conference is being held at the same time and that is causing some scheduling issues for MEAP technicians who would be expected to attend both the MACD Convention and the other conference. Dan Kesselring asked if our normal Monday morning Annual Meeting time would conflict with any MACD planned sessions. *Katie is on the MACD Convention Planning Committee and will look into the Annual Meeting scheduling question. Once Katie reports back to us then Shelby will poll the Executive Council re: in-person or virtual and when.*

Do we offer a 2022-2023 Scholarship?: Zachary Curtis, as chair of the Scholarship Committee, asked the Executive Council if a scholarship should be offered this year. After discussion Katie Droscha moved to offer a \$750 Scholarship for the Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 Academic Year and to have the application period open up to November 1. Supported by Zachary Curtis. Motion carried by voice vote. *Zach will review and update the Scholarship application form and review the eligibility criteria with the Scholarship Committee.*

Old Business:

Chapter Nominations Committee appointments: Kelly Goward has recruited Heather Bartholomew Varboncoeur to serve on the Nominations Committee. We need 2 to 3 more members to serve. *Dan K. will email an appeal to all members with Shelby as the person contact to volunteer. President Shelby will email other Michigan Chapter Officers to request recommendations. President Shelby is responsible for the appointments.*

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc: Since Glenn O'Neil was unable to attend, this item was tabled.

Professional Development:

MACD Summer Conference MiSWCS Breakout Session results: Katie reported that 40 people attended the breakout session that MiSWCS sponsored at the MACD Summer Conference June 5 through 7. The Session Title was: Case Studies in 2-Stage Ditch Restoration - Bringing economics, land preservation and production, and the environment together for success. Speaker was Chad Kotke, Trout Unlimited.

Systems Based Planning: Jon Bartholic reported on the recent activities of this group, including work on a Michigan Water Use Survey targeting large quantity water withdrawal users.

Membership and Outreach: Glenn O'Neil, Chair, was unavailable. Kelly Goward reported.

Newsletter: Kelly reported that she has set up a space on our Google Drive for newsletter items to be submitted.

Membership Status: Currently 50 members.

Legislative: Due to his planned absence, Gerald Miller had sent two prior emails containing information about State and Federal legislation.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was updated 5/31/22 and is available on our Michigan Chapter SWCS website at <https://www.miglswcs.org/about-us/> and on our Google drive at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KpAGoFKZe8trhgzy8k4tmdJFOPaiCeaf>.

Work Plan Update: Items for July and August were appended to the agenda.

Next EC Conference: Next EC conference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 9, 2022.

Moved by Katie Droscha, supported by Dan Kesselring, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary