



# Michigan Chapter

## Annual Business Meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2021

Held by Remote Video Conference

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 10:00 a.m. by President Glenn O'Neil

**Roll Call:** Chapter Secretary Daniel Kesselring reported that there were 10 officers present and 7 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.

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

**Chapter Members who were not Officers attending:** Zouheir Massri, Steven Schaub, James Rasmussen, Gaylynn Kinter, Max Dunn, Gary Boersen and Jon Bartholic.

**Others present:** Renee Bouldin, Chapter and Community Builder, SWCS International Headquarters.

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

**10/27/20 Annual Meeting Minutes:** President O'Neil asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting. Dan Busby moved that the minutes be approved as printed. James Rasmussen 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 2021 Monthly Budget Statement covering January through November, and a Statement for all Accounts as of November 30<sup>th</sup>. The current fund balances shown were: General Fund - \$5,390.53 and Scholarship Funds - \$17,041.01. Moved by Katie Droscha and supported by Dan Busby 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership and Outreach:** President O'Neil, reporting for Committee Chair John Freeland, noted that the Chapter membership currently stands at 56 members, and has been stable through this pandemic stressed year. He said that John Freeland prepared and published 4 quarterly newsletters; Dan Kesselring had maintained the Chapter website; and Kelly Goward had managed the Chapter's Facebook page and YouTube site. Glenn reported that we also have a Linked-In page and a Instagram account, but that those are mostly unused currently.

**Professional Development:** Committee Chair Gerald Miller provided a printed report of Committee activities. These activities include:

1. Concurrent sessions during the virtual 2020 and 2021 Michigan Association of Conservation Districts annual conferences coordinated by Katie Droscha and Jon Bartholic.
2. 2021 ANR Week seminar chaired by Tim Harrigan.
3. Concurrent sessions during the virtual 2021 Michigan Association of Conservation Districts summer conference coordinated by Katie Droscha.
4. The committee served as the Chapter representative to the Maple River Regional Conservation Partnership Program led by the Institute of Water Research, Michigan State University. The chapter has committed \$200 of in-kind support.

The entire Professional Development Committee report was made available on the Chapter website.

**Scholarship:** Zachary Curtis provided a printed report on the status of the Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program Fall 2021-Spring 2022 Academic Year Scholarship. The report was made available on the Chapter website.

**Chapter Awards:** President O'Neil reported that the Chapter had presented an Outstanding Service Award to Kelly Goward during our ANR Webinar last March, and that the Chapter had received two awards: an Outstanding Chapter Award, and a Chapter Achievement Award, at the Society International Conference in July.

**Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee:** President O'Neil reported that a group of Chapter officers have been working on an update of the Michigan Chapter Strategic Plan and will continue working to complete the update in 2022.

**Outgoing President's Report:** President O'Neil thanked all officers for their work over the past year, especially outgoing Region 3 Director Rebecca Bender.

**Election Results:** President O'Neil reported that twenty-three ballots were cast: Katie Droscha was elected President elect; Gerald Miller was elected Vice President; Dan Busby was elected Region 1 Director; Gary Boersen was elected Region 3 Director; and Steve Schaub was elected State-wide At Large Director.

Outgoing Chapter President O'Neil then called on incoming Chapter President Shelby Burlew for her comments going forward to year 2022. Shelby then shared her screen to present a brief PowerPoint introducing herself and her thoughts on the past and future of the Chapter.

**Open Discussion:** Chapter member Zouheir Massri offered some suggestions for Chapter outreach including these two links: WOCAT "World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technology" <https://www.wocat.net/en/> and a Michigan Department of Agriculture "Fresh From the Field" podcast titled "All About Michigan Soil" at <https://anchor.fm/mdard>.

Then Past President O'Neil adjourned the 2021 Michigan Chapter SWCS Annual Meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary