



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Zoom Conference

Tuesday, November 22, 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
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Steve Schaub	At Large Director
	<b>(8 Officers present – quorum achieved)</b>	

<b>Others Present:</b>	Laura Campbell	Nominations Committee Chair
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<b>Officers Absent:</b>	Glenn O'Neil	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer

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

**10/14/2022 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Katie Droscha moved to approve the minutes as presented. Steve Schaub 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 \$5399.09; and Scholarship Fund \$16,279.01. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Katie Droscha, 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:** None.

#### New Business:

**Scholarship Recipient Recommendation:** Zachary Curtis reported that the Scholarship Committee has chosen Isabelle Hammond, Grand Valley State University Senior, to recommend for the Michigan Scholarships in Conservation Program 2022-2023 Academic Year Scholarship. He noted that the two highest ranking applicants were both from Grand Valley State University. One of the differences between the two was that Isabelle is a dues paying member of SWCS, whereas the other applicants were not. Membership adds 2 points to the score. Moved by Dan

Kesselring, supported by Steve Schaub, to grant the \$750 Scholarship to Isabelle Hammond. Motion passed by voice vote. *Kelly Goward and Dan Kesselring will get the cashiers check submitted to Grand Valley State University.*

**Nominations Committee Report:** Laura Campbell, Committee Chair, reported that she and Committee Member Heather Varboncoeur had first contacted existing officers in positions on the ballot to get their wishes, and then recruited a new member to serve in the At Large State Wide Director position. Laura also reported that she had sent two emails to the Chapter membership, but had not received any additional volunteers. Steve Schaub agreed to run for the President-elect position, Gerald Miller agreed to run for second term in the Vice Presidents position and Zachary Curtis agreed to run for a second full term on the Region 2 Director position. Tess Van Gorder is the new Chapter member who agreed to run for the At-Large Director position.

### **Old Business:**

**Annual Meeting Agenda:** A copy of the 2021 Annual Meeting was appended to the agenda for review. *Shelby asked officers to review that agenda for parts that involved them and get to her by email for questions and discussion.* Dan Kesselring pointed out that if Committee Reports are printed and sent to him, he would get them on the website for membership access.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning Ad Hoc:** Glenn O'Neil reported by email that "I believe all of the edits/updates to the goals and objectives have been made by the subcommittee. I've shared an initial draft of the implementation plan, and hope to share a more refined draft with the EC before our November call. *The main goal will be to share and review the final version with membership at our annual meeting in December.*"

### **Professional Development:**

**Virtual Technical Session:** Katie reported that the session titled "Edge-of-field monitoring for tillage management impacts on water quality and quantity in St. Johns, Michigan" is scheduled for 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 16, and will be presented by Jeremiah Asher, Assistant Director, Institute of Water Research, Michigan State University. Katie said a fee structure still needs to be determined. After discussion, Steve moved to set the fee at \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Gerald Miller supported. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Spring ANR Seminar:** Jerry reported that Tim Harrigan had called two committee meetings since the last EC Conference, and that 3 speakers have been lined up so far. Kelly reported that she is researching options for the liability insurance coverage that is requested by the AgroLiquid Conference Center, and has contacted the agency suggested by SWCS HQ and a Michigan agency suggested by Gerald Miller. Another option discussed is whether to go back to the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Michigan State University, and Dan K. has made some initial contacts on that. Jerry said he will update us at our December 9 Executive Council conference.

**Systems Based Planning:** Zachary Curtis reported on the recent activities of this group, including work on a Michigan Water Use Survey targeting large quantity water withdrawal users. They anticipate learning the results soon and will provide more information at the January Executive Council conference.

**Membership and Outreach:** Glenn O'Neil, Chair

**Newsletter:** Glenn also reported by email that he has a draft of a fall newsletter, and he's just waiting on a response for a member profile request. It should be ready to go before our next meeting.

**Membership Status:** Currently 49 members.

**Legislative:** Jerry reported that we know the results of the election at the State and National levels. Now to see what happens next.

**Committee Assignments Review:** The Committee listing was updated 9/5/22 and is available on our Michigan Chapter SWCS website at <https://www.migswcs.org/about-us/> and on our Google drive at

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

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

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

With no further items on the agenda, President Burlew adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary