



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, December 09, 2022

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m. by Katie Droscha, President-elect

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Katie Droscha	President-elect
	Glenn O'Neil	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Steve Schaub	At Large Director
	(7 Officers present – quorum achieved)	
Others Present:	Tess Van Gorder	At Large Director Candidate
Officers Absent:	Shelby Burlew	President
	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director

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

11/22/2022 Minutes: The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Glenn O'Neil 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 \$5302.11; and Scholarship Fund \$15,998.72. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Dan Busby, 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:

2023 Draft Budget: Kelly Goward presented a preliminary draft 2023 budget for review and discussion. The budget has not yet been approved by the Finance Committee for recommendation to the Executive Council. Kelly pointed out that the 2022 Fiscal Year is projected to end with a nearly \$200 loss. She said that the preliminary draft for the 2023 Budget includes several cuts in expenses in order to balance. One of the things that increases expenses is the apparent need for liability insurance for events. *There needs to be more discussion on cuts and ideas for increasing income. She said we need to have an approved budget by January 31.*

Executive Council 2023 Conference Schedule: *Glenn will send a poll to all officers to find an agreeable date for our conferences.*

Old Business:

Liability Insurance Question: Kelly discussed some of the questions still unanswered regarding Liability Insurance. She has one estimate from a company suggested by SWCS HQ, and another estimate from a Michigan based agent. The one used by National was for a single event. The other was for full year coverage. Both are needing more details concerning the size of events and the number of events. The Professional Development Committee has been discussing events other than the ANR Seminar in 2023. *Kelly said she would like to have a decision on 2023 events and which insurance to go with by January 31.*

Annual Meeting Final Details & Assignments: Katie asked if there were any questions or concerns for the Annual Meeting. Dan K. said the agenda was on the website, members have been notified, but reservations don't support a quorum yet. Kelly has set up a reservation or attendance form on Google Forms that generates a list, so it's easy to track, and a link is on the website and also in email notices. *Dan K. will send another notice to the membership.*

MACD Annual Convention Sponsorship feedback: Katie reported that the Chapter display was set up on a display table (she had provided a photo of it previously) along with copies of the SWCS membership brochure. She wasn't sure how many brochures may have been picked up.

Committee Reports:

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. Jeremiah will be sending a prerecorded presentation for our review this week, and we will have a test run of set-up, introduction and start of the recording in the morning before the event.

Spring ANR Seminar: Katie reported that Tim Harrigan held a third committee meeting yesterday, and that 2 more tentative speakers are being researched.

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc: Glenn O'Neil reported that he will be presenting highlights of the Plan during the Annual Meeting.

Membership and Outreach: Glenn O'Neil, Chair

Newsletter: Glenn reported by email that the fall newsletter is ready to go and he will work with Dan K. to get it published next week.

Membership Status: Currently 49 members.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was updated 12/08/22 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 December were appended to the agenda.

Next EC Conference: *Next EC conference is yet to be determined.*

With no further items on the agenda, Katie Droscha, President-elect, adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary