



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, May 12, 2023

### MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

**Call to Order:** At 3:03 p.m. by Katie Droscha, President.

#### Roll Call:

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Katie Droscha	President
	Steve Schaub	President-elect
	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary (Logged in at 3:20 p.m.)
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Tess Van Gorder	At Large Director (Acting Recording Secretary)
	<b>(9 Officers present – quorum achieved)</b>	

**Others Present:** None

**Officers Absent:** Shelby Burlew Past President

**Agenda:** Katie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Katie proceeded with the published agenda.

**04/14/2023 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda.

- Moved: Steve Schaub
- Second: Zach
- Passed, no dissent

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly Goward had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email.

- Budget report, will resend account balance
  - Vanguard balance increased, date of initial investment included
- Speakers gift and mileage reimbursed, Krista's Catering check still waiting to be cashed
- Will wait until next meeting to approve April Treasurers report to have updated information
- Under budget for March Seminar
- Motion to table April 2023 Treasurer report until June 2023 Meeting:
  - Moved: Jerry Miller
  - Seconded: Steve Schaub

- Motion passed by voice vote

- Will need motion to remove from the table in June meeting

**Disbursements Needing Approval:** None presented.

**New Business:**

**SWCS Representative for the Nature Conservancy Awards Committee:**

- Katie will be out of the country. Steve Schaub agreed to be the Michigan Chapter SWCS representative to Michigan Nature Conservancy Soil Health Hero Selection Committee.

**Old Business:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

**Professional Development:** Gerald Miller, Chair

- **MACD Summer Conference SWCS Program:** Dr. Rowntree presenting during kick-off lunch, MACD covering overnight Sunday
  - Does SWCS have budget to cover mileage for Dr. Rowntree if needed?
    - Katie will check with MACD if they will cover mileage and send out update to the group
- **Summer Workshop & Tour:**
  - Township Hall for location, Friday in September - no charge, but may need to set-up chairs & tables
    - Afternoon session, James/Jerry will work on refreshments.
  - James DeYoung will be one of speakers, working on Dana Kirk at MSU and Brightmark speaker
  - Next planning meeting is on June 2nd at 9am.
  - Plan promotion 6-8 weeks out
- **Systems-Based Planning Update** - Zachary Curtis. Chatted with Jon Bartholic to re-engage on this Committee Postpone: Strategic Planning & Newsletter updates postponed until June
- **Policy Committee:** Postponed until June
- **Membership Status:** 47 members
- **Legislative Update:** Jerry
  - House members holding Farm Bill hearings in their districts
  - Discussion around budget
    - Increase in EGLE & DNR budgets
    - Working out where Conservation District funding falls
  - MACD Legislative Day next Thursday
- **Committee Assignment Review:** Make sure to double check you have access to the Google Drive
  - Dan: committee reports
    - Committee Reports "As Available" to list active committees and their committee chairs listed on the agenda even if they don't have reports
    - Need to inform committee chairs of Executive Council agenda if they're on the agenda
- **Work Plan:**
  - Appoint Nominations Committee 180 days before annual meeting:

- Had two members last year
- Used to have 4
- Katie will reach out to some active members to see if they would be willing to serve on the nominating committee
- Newsletter deadline is now June 30th
  - Projects partners are working on: MFB, CDs, IWR, etc.
  - Up and coming problems
  - Soil & water conservation related/adjacent
  - Glen can send out ask to members for contributions
- Highway Clean-Up: June 6
  - Longest running organization?
  - Potential newsletter article?
- Determine if making donation to annual conference silent auction:
  - If no one attending, may forgo donation - will wait to hear more from National
  - Kelly confirmed that silent auction is in the preliminary program
    - No call for donations at this point
    - Event is August 6-9, silent auction 6-7
- Already covered summer tour
- April 2023:
  - National hasn't asked for House of Delegates Rep and alternate
  - Issue papers & resolutions to headquarters: haven't done in a while, opportunity for professional development
- Motion to Adjourn:
  - Motion: Jerry
  - Second: Dan K.
    - Adjourned 4:10 pm, 5/12/23

**Next Executive Council Conference:** 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 12 , 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorded by: Tess Van Gorder, Acting Secretary

Edited by: Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary