



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, September 08, 2023

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: At 10:00 a.m. by Katie Droscha, President.

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Katie Droscha	President
	Steve Schaub	President-elect
	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Daniel Kesselring	Secretary
	Tess Van Gorder	At Large Director
	(6 Officers present – quorum achieved)	

Others Present: None

Officers Absent:	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Shelby Burlew	Past President
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director

Agenda: Katie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Moved by Gerald Miller, supported by Steve Schaub, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

08/11/2023 Minutes: Minutes from the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Gerald Miller, to approved the minutes as presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward had submitted the August Treasurer's Report by email. The balances were: General Fund \$6,358.59; and Scholarship Fund \$15,955.78. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Gerald Miller, to approve the August Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None presented.

New Business:

Priority From Work Plan:

Workshop with Annual Meeting?: *Discussion concluded that the Professional Development Committee will consider options.* One suggestion was that we invite some members and/or non-members to make brief presentations on their work and accomplishments over the past year.

Old Business:

Meeting Time for Our Monthly Conferences: Katie reported that the recent poll concluded that the best time for our conferences was the 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. time frame on the Fridays previously agreed to for October, November and December.

Annual Meeting: Consensus was to have the Annual Meeting on December 15 at 10:00 a.m. In addition, consensus was to schedule the meeting for 90 minutes to include the Workshop previously agreed to.

Nominations Committee appointments: Katie reported that the Nominations Committee now consists of Laura Campbell, Heather Varbencouer and Glenn O'Neil, and that they are ready to start recruiting officer candidates.

Determine the amount of funds available for the Fall 2023-Spring 2024 Academic Year

Scholarship: Kelly reported that it appeared the Scholarship Funds could support another \$750 Scholarship this year. Moved by Kelly Goward, supported by Dan Kesselring, to offer a \$750 Scholarship again this year. *Kelly and Dan will inform the Scholarship Committee of this decision.*

SWCS Emerging Leaders Program Update: Steve reported that he knew of several Conservation District employees he had encouraged had applied. He did not know anything about final acceptance.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

Summer Tour: Jerry reported that everything was pretty well set and that the planning committee had agreed to a task list for the event day. He said that about 30 people had registered.

Membership and Outreach: The Summer newsletter has been published and is on our website. Membership Status is currently 49 members, up 2 from last month.

Legislative: Gerald Miller and Tess Van Gorder reported briefly on status of the Federal Farm Bill and the Waters of the United States amendments.

Policy Committee: Shelby Burlew, Chair, was unable to be present, so no report.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was updated 07/21/23 and is available on our Michigan Chapter SWCS Google Drive at

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

and on our Website at

<https://www.miglswcs.org/app/download/7124127463/2022+Executive+Council+and+Committees.pdf>

Next Executive Council Conference: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 13, 2023.

Moved by Steve Schaub to adjourn this Conference. Supported by Gerald Miller. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary