



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Virtual Meeting

Friday, December 08, 2023

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: At 10:05 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
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Tess Van Gorder	At Large Director
	(8 Officers present – quorum achieved)	

Others Present: None

Officers Absent:	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Shelby Burlew	Past President

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

11/10/2023 Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the previous Executive Council meeting were appended to the agenda. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Tess Van Gorder, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motions approved by email prior to this meeting: None.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward had submitted the November Treasurer's Report by email. The November balances were: General Fund \$5,505.08; and Scholarship Fund \$16,174.78. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Gary Boersen, to approve the November Treasurer's Report as submitted and explained. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None presented.

New Business:

Grand Valley State University SWCS Student Chapter Funding Question: Dan K. explained that the GVSU Student Chapter does not have any actual SWCS Student Members in it. It only has members of the Student Chapter, with fees paid to the Chapter, not to SWCS. This has been an issue for several years and, as a result, the Michigan Chapter had authorized sending \$100 to the Student Chapter each year to be used to “cost-share” with a few GVSU Student Chapter members the cost of student membership in the parent society. We're not sure if that has ever been accomplished. The donation check has been cashed, but sometimes there's a long delay before it's cashed. So, Dan is suggesting that maybe we should provide

2 or 3 student memberships to officers of the GVSU Student Chapter instead of donating cash to the student chapter.

After some discussion, Tess Van Gorder moved, due to time limits, to table this discussion for now. Supported by Gerald Miller. No vote was taken, but motion assumed passed by lack of descent.

Strategic Plan Draft Review: Katie explained that the draft plan has been shared with all officers, and that she had asked officers to send comments to Glenn O'Neil. After some discussion about lingering concerns, *Katie then again requested each officer to review the Strategic Plan and send their comments to Glenn. Katie will ask Glenn how he would like to receive the comments.*

Old Business: None presented.

Work Plan Reminders – Priority Work Plan Items for December were highlighted and appended to the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

Workshop with Annual Meeting: Jerry reported that the following people had committed for these presentations.

Dan Busby – MAEAP

Steve Schaub – Envirothon

Katie Droscha – life of a CTAI Technician

Zachary Curtis – life of a Conservation Consultant

Heather Varboncoeur – life in NRCS

Kelly Goward (alternate)– life of a non-profit organization conservationist

Seminar: Jerry reported that the Seminar Committee is getting commitments from speakers, and is pursuing invitations to potential sponsors.

Membership and Outreach: Membership currently stands at 49.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was updated 10/07/23 and 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 Meeting: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 12, 2024.

Moved by Gerald Miller to adjourn this meeting. Supported by Tess Van Gorder. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary