



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Virtual Meeting

Friday, February 8, 2024

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: At 12:00 p.m. by Steve Schaub, President.

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Steve Schaub	President
	Heather Varboncoeur	Vice President
	Katie Droscha	Past President
	Daniel Kesselring	Secretary
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	(7 Officers present – quorum achieved)	

Others Present: Gerald Miller, Chair, Professional Development Committee
Glenn O'Neil, Chair, Outreach Committee

Officers Absent:	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Sarah Fronczak	President-elect
	Tess Van Gorder	At Large Director

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

01/12/2024 Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the previous Executive Council meeting were appended to the agenda. Moved by Zachary Curtis, supported by Heather Varboncoeur, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motions approved by email prior to this meeting: 01/25/24 Moved by Heather Varboncoeur to set the schedule for Executive Council meetings to the second Thursday of the month, from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Supported by Dan Busby. Votes: Zachary Curtis – aye; Dan Kesselring – aye; Tess Van Gorder – aye; Gary Boersen – aye; Sarah Fronczak – aye; Katie Droscha – aye. 01/26/24 Motion declared passed by Steve Schaub, Chapter President.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward had submitted the January Treasurer's Report by email. The January balances were: General Fund \$5,353.11; and Scholarship Fund \$15,884.23. Moved by Zachary Curtis, supported by Katie Droscha, to approve the January Treasurer's Report as submitted and explained. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None presented.

New Business:

2024 General Fund Budget: Kelly had emailed a preliminary draft of the 2024 Budget. After discussion it was moved by Dan Kesselring, supported by Katie Droscha, to approve the 2024 Budget after deleting

the line titled “GVSU Student Chapter Support”, and direct the GVSU Student Chapter question to the Student Chapter Relations Committee. Motion passed by voice vote.

Draft 2024 Annual Work Plan: As there had been some discussion and concerns about items in the Annual Work Plan, Dan Kesselring had forwarded a copy of the 2024 Annual Work Plan to the Council. Dan explained that this document had been developed some years ago for housekeeping. For example, checking the status of authorized signatories with financial accounts, some years ago it was learned that one individual with such status was no longer a member of SWCS. Dan also explained that the plan has not previously required approval of the Executive Council.

President Schaub asked if there was any concerns or questions. Hearing none, the 2024 Michigan Chapter Annual Work Plan is considered accepted.

Priority from Work Plan: Dan Kesselring pointed out that the primary priority was to get any proposed news letter articles to the Glenn O'Neil by February 15.

Old Business: None presented.

Work Plan Reminders – Other Work Plan Items for February, and remaining items from prior months, were highlighted and appended to the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Gerald Miller, Chair

ANR Seminar: Gerald Miller had emailed a written report on the status of planning. A fillable task list form has been placed on the Chapter Google Drive where officers can enter their name as volunteering to help with various tasks.

Jerry also pointed out that a representative of MIFarmLink had asked if there would be a table available for brochures. Jerry said the committee is recommending that non-profit organizations be allowed to place multiple copies of a single brochure on the registration table, but must register at either the non-member or the member rate, regardless whether they attend or don't attend in person. Moved by Dan Kesselring, supported by Kelly Goward to approve this recommendation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Legislative: Gerald Miller reported that not much is happening with the Federal Farm Bill right now because of other legislative priorities.

Membership and Outreach: Membership currently stands at 55. Glenn O'Neil reported that he receives the regular membership status reports from Ankeny, and will be following up with lapsed and about to lapse members.

Policy: Katie Droscha, new Chair, questioned the need for convening the Policy Committee, or for the Committee to exist. Dan K. explained that the Policy Committee is in the Bylaws, and that a question had been considered by the Committee last year, but had not yet been answered. He suggested Katie contact last year's chair, Shelby Burlew, to learn about the topic discussed last year.

Committee Assignments Review: Heather Varboncoeur commented that she had looked at the Committee listing and found that she was not listed on any committees. Steve said that Heather can be on any committee she chooses. Heather then volunteered for the Student Chapter Relations Committee. The Committee listing was **updated 02/09/24** and is available on our Website at <https://www.miglswcs.org/app/download/7124127463/2024+Executive+Council+and+Committees.pdf>

Next Executive Council Meeting: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Adjournment: With no further business on the agenda, President Schaub declared the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary