



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Virtual Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: At 12:01 p.m. by Sarah Zeiler, President

Roll Call:

Officers Present:	Sarah Zeiler	President
	Steve Schaub	Past President (later)
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Daniel Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Mila Resetar	Region 2 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director

8 Officers present – quorum achieved)

Others Present:	Gerald Miller	Professional Development Chair
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Officers Absent:	Heather Varboncoeur	State-wide At Large Director
	Zachary Curtis	President-elect

Agenda: President Zeiler asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Moved by Kelly Goward, supported by Dan Kesselring, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

12/12/2024 Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the previous Executive Council meeting were appended to the agenda. Moved by Dan Busby, supported by Mila Resetar, 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 submitted the December Treasurer's Report by email. The reported balances as of 12/13/24 were: General Fund \$7,854.11 (however, \$588.00 of that is to be transferred to the Scholarship Fund); and Scholarship Fund \$16,988.65 (however, \$290 of that has gone to a \$750 scholarship). Kelly explained that the reason the Scholarship Fund amounts are not up to date is because she had been unable to download the December 31 statement from the Marshall Community Credit Union because of login issues, *but will get that fixed and update the 2024 end of year report*. Moved by Steve Schaub, supported by Dan Busby, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements Needing Approval: None

New Business:

Strategic Plan Status: Katie Droscha reported that the reason for her request to have this on the agenda was that the current items planned have been accomplished, so some of the action items need to be updated. *Katie agreed to contact Glen O'Neil to see if he was interested in reactivating the Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee to do a review of the plan.*

Old Business:

State investment in Conservation District Operations Resolution: Steve Schaub reported that all he needed to add support for this resolution was approved minutes for our last Executive Council from today's meeting. Then he could submit the minutes along with the support resolution letter. *Dan Kesselring will get the minutes to Steve.*

Work Plan Reminders: Work Plan Items for January and February, and remaining items from prior months, were appended to the agenda. There was a discussion about when and how committees are activated, updated and appointed. *Dan Kesselring will consult with President Zeiler on this.*

Committee Reports:

Professional Development: Gerald Miller, Chair.

ANR Seminar: Miller reported on progress with sponsors, program updates and speaker bios and abstracts. He stated that the registration materials are now on the website and encouraged all to register. Kelly Goward reported on facility arrangements. *Dan Busby volunteered to handle speaker gifts.*

Hoosier Chapter Joint Workshop inquiry: Miller reported that he had contacted Scott Wagner, Hoosier Chapter, by email, but had not heard back yet.

Legislative:

Federal Farm Bill. Gerald Miller reported that Federal and State legislation is all pending.

Membership and Outreach:

Membership: Membership currently stands at 53.

Policy: No Report.

Scholarship: No report.

Committee Assignments Review: The Committee listing was **updated 11/14/24** and is available on our Website at

<https://www.miglswcs.org/app/download/7124127463/2024+Executive+Council+and+Committees.pdf>

Open Discussion: None.

Next Executive Council Meeting: 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Adjournment: Moved by Dan Busby, supported by Katie Droscha, to adjourn the meeting. President Sarah Zeiler adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary