



Soil & Water Conservation Society

Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

August 21, 2009

MINUTES

("Action Required" Items are in red italics)

- Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m. by Aaron Lauster – Chapter President
- E. C. Members Attending:**
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| Aaron Lauster | President |
| Perry Smeltzer | Vice President |
| Kelly Goward | Immediate Past President |
| Dan Kesselring | Secretary |
| Kathy Ryan | Region 2 Director |
| Jean Gagliardo | Region 3 Director |
| Carrie Vollmer-Sanders | Region 4 Director |
- Excused:** Rebekah Dewind President-Elect
- Absent:**
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| Vacant | Region 1 Director |
| Jay Blair | Treasurer |
- (7 of 10 present – quorum achieved)
- Others Attending:** None
- Agenda Changes:** None. Agenda accepted as presented.
- Minutes of 6/22/2009:** Moved by Ryan, seconded by Jean, to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- Treasures Report:** Moved by Dan, seconded by Kelly, to approved the Treasurer's report as presented by email. It was noted that the Chapter's share from the International Conference has not been received or reported yet.

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Old Business:

2009 Annual Conference wrap-up: Kelly Goward reported on the post-conference evaluation. She said she had received several responses and that the consensus was that everything went well with just a few minor glitches which were handled on site. The tours all went quite well. Aaron said that informal feedback that he has received was all good.

Any photos that anyone has should be sent to Ankeny through a Picassa account. Jean said she had some to send yet, and Kelly said that Rebekah has a lot to send. Dan asked Jean to send hers to him for use in the newsletter. Dan will also pick some up from the National website.

Nominations Committee: Dan reported that the request for nominations has been sent out. The Nominations Committee needs representatives for Regions 1, 2 and 4. Carrie volunteered to represent Region 4, and Kathy volunteered to represent Region 2. *Dan will seek a representative for Region 1. Kelly said that Jason Kimbrough had expressed an interest in getting involved in leadership and that she would contact him to see if he would be interested in the President-Elect position.*

Elections Committee: Kelly said that Tina Clemons had volunteered to serve on that Committee. Aaron appointed Tina and Sarah VanDelfzijl to this Committee. Tina will chair. *Kelly will notify Tina and Sarah.*

Student Chapter Development Committee: *Perry reported that the Committee will soon be contacting potential academic sponsors to get campus assistance for promoting a Student Chapter at MSU. Aaron said he would like the Chapter to sponsor a simple meal (pizza, etc.) and invite students from appropriate student organizations, majors and departments at MSU. The purpose would be to introduce students to SWCS. Kelly said that we gained some new members from MSU Academia who were presenters during the International Conference. These could be possible contacts and sponsors.*

Perry suggested inviting Abby Smith, a new member, to serve on this Committee. *Perry will contact her.*

Members of the Committee are: Perry, Kelly, Dan, Abby Smith and Rebekah.

New Business:

Annual Meeting Committee: Rebekah is Chairperson. Kelly, Jean and Aaron are members. The tentative date for the Annual Meeting is December 16.

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Alternatives for the afternoon technical program were discussed. Aaron suggested bringing in Agren for their presentation on working with absentee landowners. Agren had presented this program at the International Conference. Consensus of the Council was that this would be a good choice. Kelly said that this had been discussed with Lori Phalen, MACD Executive Director, and that she supported the idea. *The Committee will contact Agren to start making arrangements.*

Whether to have a dinner or just a dessert for the Annual Meeting was also discussed. *The Committee will research the alternatives and report back to the Council.*

ANR Week Committee: Dan reported that he had received notice of the ANR Week Kickoff meeting on September 15th, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion. *Dan will attend. Also, the program topic and description are due by October 25th.* Members are Dan, Kelly, Sarah and Rebekah.

Next Teleconference: 9:00 AM. Friday, September 25, 2009.

Moved by Perry, seconded by Dan, to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary

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