



Soil & Water Conservation Society

Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

September 25, 2009

MINUTES

("Action Required" Items are in red italics)

- Call to Order:** 9:04 a.m. by Aaron Lauster – Chapter President
- E. C. Members Attending:**
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| Aaron Lauster | President |
| Rebekah Dewind | President-Elect |
| Kelly Goward | Immediate Past President |
| Jay Blair | Treasurer |
| Dan Kesselring | Secretary |
| Kathy Ryan | Region 2 Director |
- Excused:**
- Absent:**
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| Perry Smeltzer | Vice President |
| Vacant | Region 1 Director |
| Vacant | Region 3 Director |
| Carrie Vollmer-Sanders | Region 4 Director |
- (6 of 10 present – quorum achieved)
- Others Attending:** None
- Agenda Changes:** None. Agenda accepted as presented.
- Minutes of 8/21/2009:** Moved and seconded to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- Treasures Report:** Moved and seconded to approved the Treasurer's report as presented by email. It was noted that the Chapter's share from the International Conference has not yet been received, but is estimated to be about \$3900 after expenses.

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Old Business:

Nominations Committee: Dan reported that each open position for election has been filled with one candidate. They are Jean Gagliardo for President-elect, Jason Kimbrough for Vice President, Mike LaPointe for Region 1 Director and Kelly Goward for Region 3 Director. *Dan said it would be good to try to get a second candidate for at least one position since at least one Chapter member has expressed disapproval of not having a choice of candidates. Note: All officers should be recruiting for officers and committee members.*

Student Chapter Development Committee: A report was not available from this committee.

New Business:

Annual Meeting Committee: The tentative date for the Annual Meeting is been changed to December 16.

Kelly said that Agren is available for the meeting. They have a contract that requires them to do another presentation in Michigan, so the Chapter Annual Meeting would fit their needs. Agren can do a presentation of any length required.

Kelly also suggested that we need to keep in mind the possible need for an alternative to the meeting, because of the possibility that MACD might have to cancel. However, MACD is required to have some kind of an Annual Meeting, so we might be able to help them with that.

In addition, the tradition of having an afternoon technical session and evening Annual Meeting was discussed. It was decided that the preference would be to hold the technical session from about 1:30 or 1:45 p.m. to about 5:00 p.m. with a break coinciding with MACD's break, then have the Annual Meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and then go to an "order on your own" dinner as a group.

ANR Week Committee: Dan had sent an email reporting on the ANR Week Kickoff meeting held on September 15th at the MSU Pavilion. He had inquired about the option of having a luncheon rather than going to the State Room restaurant. A luncheon could be served in the Spartan Pub which is near the Michigamme Room where the Seminar will be held. After discussion, it was decided to stick with the reserved lunch for members and presenters at the State Room, as a benefit of membership.

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A general program topic and description are due by October 25th, in order to be in the printed program. Additional details can be added to the ANR website, and the Chapter web site after October 25th.

After discussion of several program ideas, the Council selected the topic of “Peak Phosphorus” suggested by member Peter Bray. *The committee is to flesh out the program description and start searching for potential speakers.* Committee members are Dan, Kelly, Sarah and Rebekah.

Next Teleconference: The next teleconference will at **9:00 a.m. Monday, November 2, 2009**, because of scheduling conflicts with the normal date.

President Lauster adjourned the teleconference at 10:00 a.m.

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary

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