



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING May 12, 2008

A teleconference/meeting of the Executive Council of the California-Nevada Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society was called to order by President-Elect Lisa Hokholt on Monday, May 12, 2008. The following Executive Council Members were present: Mark Steffek, Past President and Pat Grover, Secretary. Unable to participate were President Dave Rose, Treasurer Walt Bunter, and Council Directors Ladi Asgill, Andrea Casey, Steve Perkins, Ken Trott, Tina Vander Hoek, and Bruce Williams. The Student Representative position is vacant as this time. As a quorum was not present, no official action could be taken. Also participating were Mike Simmons, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, and Bill Daily, Council Director-Elect.

Although Treasurer Bunter was unable to participate, he had emailed to Council Members a Fiscal Year 2008 report as of May 8, 2008 (copy attached). Total income received since 1/01/08 is \$1,323.53, which includes new income of \$246.43 as result of interest on the Chapter's Certificates of Deposit (CD) and a refund of \$20.00 from the California Secretary of State. The total of expenses since January 1, 2008, is \$3,060.19, of which \$385.00 to renew our services agreement with the webmaster for another year was the only new expense. The balance of funds on May 8, 2008, was \$34,664, down \$138.58 from the April report. Bunter also reported one CD, which had matured, was renewed for seven months at 2.25% APY after transferring \$2,500 to the checking account in anticipation of future expenses. The Scholarship CD was also renewed, but for 10 months at 2.32% APY after transferring \$1,000 to the checking account to award to the 2008 Scholarship recipient.

The results of email votes by the Council taken since the last teleconference were as follows:

➤ Website Service Agreement –

Bunter had reported at the April 18, 2008, meeting/teleconference that the current Website Service Agreement would expire on April 25, 2008, but he had not received a response to an email sent to the webmaster regarding the agreement, specifically the amount. After Bunter had received from the webmaster an agreement for the coming year in the amount of \$385, Rose emailed it to members of the Executive Council, who approved the new agreement.

➤ Chapter's Official Delegate and Alternate to the Parent Society's House of Delegates –

According to the Chapter's Bylaws, the Chapter's official delegate to the House of Delegates shall be the President-Elect. As newly-elected President-Elect is unable attend, it was necessary for the Council to elect a delegate and alternate. It was moved via email by Grover, seconded, and passed to designate Mark Steffek as the California-Nevada Chapter's delegate and Corinne Brooks as the alternate.

In the absence of most of the committee chairs, committee reports, as such, were not made. Although Simmons had no report on the Bylaws Committee, he stated he was still interested in participating on the Leadership Development Committee. In other committee updates, Awards Committee Member Steffek reported he had emailed his recommendations for Awards to Acting Chair Phil Hogan; and Trott, Financial Oversight Chair, had acknowledged via email receipt of the information, for which he had been waiting, from Committee Member Hank Wyman, and Trott will now prepare and distribute the audit report for 2007. In addition, Trott reported that Asgill, Hogan, and he were setting up a meeting for later this month to kick off the Policy Committee. Regarding the later, Hokholt mentioned the Rangeland Coalition, a group of partners working together on the benefits of proper grazing management. Steffek pointed out that the Chapter is a member of the Coalition.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the 2008 Annual Business Meeting. While a meeting on Friday, June 6, 2008, in either the Sacramento/Davis or Livermore area had initially been proposed, Friday, June 13th is now being considered in order to allow more preparation and notification time, and in the Sacramento/Davis area as, even for the later date, there would not be enough time to make the necessary arrangements for a customized tour of the Lawrence Livermore Lab. Trott has volunteered to assist.

In addition to the Annual Business Meeting itself, installation of officers, presentation of awards, including the 2008 Scholarship, and a speaker would be on the program along with lunch, although at this late date, it probably will have to be optional. In order to inform all members about the meeting, Hokholt will contact *RUNOFF* editor, Wendy Rash, regarding extending the deadline for the next issue to allow more time to make the necessary arrangements. Hokholt also agreed to request NRCS State Conservationist Ed Burton to support the event.

The next regular meeting/teleconference of the Executive Council was not scheduled at this time. Although a **teleconference** may be scheduled prior to the Annual Business Meeting, traditionally, a **meeting** of the new Executive Council is scheduled in conjunction with the Annual Business Meeting and installation of officers.

PATRICIA GROVER, SECRETARY

LISA HOKHOLT, PRESIDENT-ELECT