



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING June 13, 2008

A meeting of the Executive Council of the California-Nevada Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society was called to order by President Lisa Hokholt at 2:40 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2008, at the USDA Lyng Service Center in Davis, immediately following the Chapter's Annual Business Meeting. The following Executive Council Members were present: Erik Beardsley, President-Elect; Dave Rose, Past President; Pat Grover, Secretary; Walt Bunter, Treasurer; and Ladi Asgill, Andrea Casey, Bill Daily, Ken Trott, and Tina Vander Hoek, Council Directors. Unable to participate was Council Director Eric Berntsen. The Student Representative position is vacant as this time. A quorum was present. Also participating was Mark Steffek, a past president and committee member of the Chapter.

It was moved by Trott, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2008, Executive Council meeting. Notes from the May 12, 2008, meeting at which there was not a quorum present had also been distributed for information.

Treasurer Bunter had emailed to Council Members a Fiscal Year 2008 report as of June 11, 2008 (copy attached). Total income received since 1/01/08 is \$1,357.56, which includes new income of \$34.03 in interest since his last report on May 8, 2008. The total of expenses since January 1, 2008, is \$4,470.27, of which \$1,410.08 are new including \$225 for the last few hours of the 2008 Conference Coordinator's time; \$185.08 to print and mail the Spring issue of *Runoff*; and the \$1,000 scholarship awarded to Rosemary M. Records. The balance of funds on June 13, 2008, was \$33,288.13, a decrease of \$1,376.05 from the May report. Bunter added that one of the CDs will mature in July and he hopes to be able to renew it at a 3.5% interest rate. It was moved by Grover, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

The Chapter's 2007-2008 Committee Chairs made their final reports at the Annual Business Meeting. With the exception of Annual Conference (President-Elect Beardsley) and Nominations (Past President Rose) which are specified in the bylaws, Committee Chairs are appointed by the president. President Hokholt made the following appointments for 2008-2009 (names with an asterisk are unconfirmed): Awards – Nancy Stein*; Bylaws – Mike Simmons*; Communications – Anita Brown*; Financial Oversight – Ken Trott; Leadership Development – Erik Beardsley; Membership – Andrea Casey; Policy – Ladi Asgill; Scholarship – Tina Vander Hoek; Student Chapters – Corinne Brooks*; Newsletter – Wendy Rash*; Professional Development – Phil Hogan*; Strategic Plan – Kay Joy*. In addition, the following have already volunteered to serve on committees: Hogan, Trott – Policy; Steffek, Daily – Student Chapters; Rose, Daily – Strategic Plan; Trott – Awards, and Wyman, Rose – Leadership Development. Hokholt will follow-up on the appointments which are unconfirmed.

Unfinished Business items discussed and/or transacted during the meeting were as follows:

- Chapter Membership Survey –
Asgill will confer with Beardsley regarding surveying the Chapter membership. Discussion and action regarding a new Chapter Membership Survey was tabled.
- Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation –
As reported by Bunter at the Annual Business Meeting, the Certificate for the California-Nevada Chapter SWCS was certified by the Secretary of State on May 30, 2008, which is the final official step in changing the name of the Chapter.

- Website Service Agreement –
Bunter reported that the Website Service Agreement for next year at the same amount (\$385) was approved by the members of the Executive Council by an email vote.

The following New Business was brought before the Executive Council during the meeting.

- Reimbursement of 2008 SWCS International Meeting Delegate and Alternate –
As Chapter Delegate Steffek has not yet been approved by NRCS to attend the meeting at government expense, action on this item was tabled to the next meeting of the Executive Council. Corinne Brooks is the Chapter's Alternate.

- Fall Technical Meeting –
A tour of the Lawrence Livermore Lab was suggested for a Fall Technical Meeting. Hokholt will obtain more details for discussion at the next Executive Council meeting. According to the 2008 Plan of Work, Professional Development Chair Phil Hogan and his committee are responsible for this meeting.
- Silent Auction Donation at 2008 SWCS International Meeting
It was moved by Bunter, seconded, and passed to authorize Chapter Delegate Steffek to spend up to \$100 for item(s) to be donated to the Arizona Chapter's Silent Auction at the International Meeting.
- Water Users Forum
On behalf of Liz Warner, NRCS Public Affairs Specialist in Nevada, Daily announced that the Department of Agriculture and NRCS are planning a Water Users Forum this Fall in Northern Nevada to clear out rumors regarding the Southern Nevada Water Authority's alleged "Las Vegas Water Grab."

The next regular meeting/teleconference of the Executive Council was scheduled for **1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2008**. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p. m.

PATRICIA GROVER, SECRETARY

LISA HOKHOLT, PRESIDENT