



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING June 14, 2013

A teleconference meeting of the Executive Council of the California-Nevada Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society was called to order by Chapter President Tibor Horvath at 10:03 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013. Present were Executive Council Members President Tibor Horvath, President-Elect Rob Roy, Treasurer Tom Esgate, and Directors: Tina Vander Hoek, Wendy Rash, Ladi Asgill, Kabir Zahangir and Walter Bunter. A quorum was present. Mark Steffek Regional SWCS director also called in to discuss the proceedings on the 2013 International Conference held in Reno, NV.

I. Welcome

Chapter President Horvath welcomed all.

II. Approval of Minutes

Rob Roy moved to make certain changes to the last teleconference minutes according to Tom Esgate request, the changes were reviewed by the council and made to the minutes, seconded by Tom and carried to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2013 meeting.

III. Financial Report

Tom Esgate Treasurer reported on the finances of the chapter outlining the checking account balance of \$31,256.17. Tom also reported about his work on the organization of the Social Event for the International Conference and his efforts to raise funds for the Chapter through donations. Tom secured \$7,000 in private donations and asking the council members and chapter members to take advantage of this International Conference being in Reno to ask for more donations.

Wendy moved to accept the treasurer's report, Kabir seconded, and it carried without objections.

A motion was also approved granting Treasurer Esgate authorization to issue payments for the reception expenses (confirmed with me by Tibor). This will allow him to pay our bills for the reception, some of which have been paid, and will need to be paid or secured, by one of his credit cards.

IV. Preparation for the 68th International Conference in Reno, NV

Tibor Horvath reported the final plans for the three different tours:

Tour #1: – Perrazzo Watershed and US Forest Service Aspen/Forest Restoration Projects

Assigned volunteer Kabir Zahangir.

Tour #2: Mount Rose Summit Snow Survey and Nevada Tahoe Conservation District Tour and Lake Tahoe Forestry Restoration Tour with Michael Hogan

Assigned volunteer: Rob Roy

Tour #3 – Eagles and Agriculture Program organized by the Carson Valley Resource Conservation District/Michael Hayes

Assigned volunteer: Tibor Horvath

Volunteers -

Wendy Rash reported that she received 15 volunteer registrations so far, but she is optimistic about getting student volunteers because the SWCS HQ is offering free registration for student volunteers. Wendy recommended waiting until our last teleconference before the event to see if we need to make such drastic measures to offer reimbursement for volunteers paid by our chapter.

Silent Auction -

Rob Roy reported through an email on the Silent Auction organization:

Rob contacted all Chapter Presidents and President-Elects asking for material or financial donation for the silent auction and for the international conference. Rob also contacting private organizations and state agencies to promote the conference and to collect more donations. Rob received some commitments for various donations from RC&Ds, the Nature Conservancy and from Sustainable Agriculture.

V. Chapter Officers Election

Walt Bunter reported that 41 ballots have returned and Walt and Pat Grower counted the ballots on May 21st and the election results are as follows:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNT FOR
CA-NV CHAPTER SWCS
2013 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Secretary - VOTE FOR ONE

37	Joe Williams - Visalia
	No write-ins

Treasurer - VOTE FOR ONE

37	Tom Esgate – Penn Valley
	No write-ins

Executive Council Director-VOTE FOR FOUR

21	Robert Anderson - Oxnard
31	Ladi Asgill – Modesto
26	Austin Avwunudiogba - Turlock
30	Tina Vander Hoek - Templeton
33	Wendy Rash - Winters
	No write-ins

Secretary - a two year position (Joe was elected.)

Treasurer - a two year position (Tom was re-elected.)

Executive Council Director - total of four

Three two year positions now filled by Ladi Asgill, Tina Vander Hoek, and Wendy Rash (Wendy, Ladi, and Tina were re-elected based on the three highest vote counts of 33,31, and 30.) plus a one year position to replace Tony Sunseri who transferred out of state (This should be filled by Austin who has the fourth highest vote count of 26.)

Robert Anderson had the lowest vote count of 21 and was not elected.

VI. Scholarship Committee Report

Tina Vander Hoek reported that from four applications from different colleges with soil and water related majors and Kabir Zahangir and Tina selected [Lillian Adams, a sophomore from UC Berkeley majoring in Society and Environment as a recipient](#) for the 2013scholarship program. Lillian indicated that she would like to attend our conference, and Tina will work out the details to get her student registration arranged. Tina made a motion to reimburse Lillian Adams for her travel and lodging costs, Kabir seconded the motion and was voted and carried without objections. Tine will get the final cost for Tom Esgate.

VII. Newsletter and Outreach

Walt Bunter reported that the next RUNOFF Newsletter will cover the 68th International Conference and our annual Chapter Business Meeting. Phil Hogan will take photos from the conference for the newsletter.

WIII. Unfinished business –

The council decided to set the time for our 2013 Business Meeting for July 22nd, 2013 for 3:00 pm at the Reno International Conference. The Awards presentations will be in conjunction with the business meeting.

Ladi will send out an email asking the chapter members for award nominations. Ladi was asking a cost estimate for the plaques given to award recipients and Tom thought it was around 300 dollars total.

Tibor signed the website agreement document and emailed it to Tom Esgate to pay the \$388 annual fee.

IX. Adjourn

Kabir made a motion to adjourn the teleconference and Rob seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
s/Tibor Horvath, President

SWCS Annual Conference Dates to Remember

July 21 – 24, 2013 Reno, Nevada

July 27 – 30, 2014 Chicago, Illinois