



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING June 17, 2014

A teleconference/VTC meeting of the Executive Council of the California-Nevada Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society was called to order by Chapter President Rob Roy at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Present were Executive Council Members President Rob Roy, Directors: Ladi Asgill, Tina Vander Hoek, Kabir Zahangir, Joe Williams, Wendy Rash and Austin Avwunudiogba. A quorum was present.

I. Welcome

Chapter President Roy welcomed all.

II. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Wendy motioned to approve minutes. Kabir seconded the motion which was carried without objections.

III. Financial Report

Tom Esgate Treasurer sent out the report balance sheet prior to meeting but was absent for the meeting. Rob reported that the Chapter currently has over \$24,000 in the account. Tom submitted several expenditures for Walt for the Runoff newsletter. Rob pointed out the deposit for new members from national. Joe motioned to accept the report and was seconded by Austin. Motion passed. No further discussion. Rob motioned to accept the report. Austin seconded the motion with all in favor.

IV. Annual Conference Planning Report

Rob talked about possibly partnering with Jeff Mitchell and his UCCE group for a joint meeting which is usually held in September. Wendy commented that the VTC meeting this year seemed to be a success and that she received positive feedback. Rob discussed the possibility of a silent auction but questioned how to do it via VTC.

V. Financial Oversight Committee Report

Tabled report, however do need to do an audit but Rob is waiting to hear from Mark Steffek to see if he is willing to participate. Rob will set up for the next meeting.

VI. Scholarship Committee Report

Tina Vander Hoek reported that Armando Guzman from Fresno State University was the chapter scholarship winner. Armando was able to attend the site in Fresno to receive recognition.

VII. Strategic Planning Committee

Ladi discussed the plan current 2008-2012 plan. It's time to update this plan. Ladi and Austin volunteered to work on and update for 2013-2017. The current plan has 4 main issues including action plans. Several recommendations were to 1) have a membership committee in place and 2) set up a survey to be sent to out to members identifying training opportunities they would like to see as part of the Chapter. Ladi will make revisions and will send around for review and approval of the Executive Council.

VIII. Newsletter and Website

Walt was unable to attend the meeting. Ladi recommended that an article about the annual conference and meeting be written for the newsletter. Rob volunteered to write the article and submit to Walt. Ladi asked if the morning session of the annual conference could be put onto the chapter website. A discussion ensued about putting additional classes on the website such as the American Society of Agronomy does and charge a fee for the CEU's. Austin volunteered to do some of the classes. Ladi also volunteered to assist.

IX. Unfinished business –

Norm Widman, NRCS National Agronomist, has allocated \$40,000 for NRCS to attend the SWCS International Meeting. Kabir will be the CA/NV Chapter House of Delegate nominee and Tibor will be the alternate and will be attending the award ceremony to accept the SWCS President Award. Ladi and Tom will be attending as well representing the Chapter.

X. New Business

Installation of new Chapter Officers- Members installed were **Joe Williams** President-Elect, Secretary **Erika Boyland**, Directors **Austin Avwunudiogba**, **Phil Hogan**, **Zahangir Kabir**.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Rob to adjourn the meeting at 4:55. Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
s/Joe Williams, Secretary
