



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING July 12, 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, July 12, 2013. Present were Executive Council Members President Tibor Horvath, President-Elect Rob Roy and Directors: Tina Vander Hoek, Wendy Rash, Kabir Zahangir, Joe Williams, Walter Bunter and Austin Avwunudiogba. A quorum was present. Bill Elder from Reno, NV also joined the teleconference and Corie Dacus conference organizer 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 Kabir and carried to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2013 meeting.

Changes made to the June 14, 2013 council teleconference minutes as follows:

Motion made to reimburse Rob Roy and Wendy Rash for their registration fees plus hotel accommodation costs for attending and organizing the 2013 SWCS International Conference in Reno, NV.

Authorize Tom Esgate to pay for the social event reception admission fees to sponsors donated more than \$500 at the conference by a chapter check.

III. Financial Report

Tom Esgate Treasurer reported in a previous email message on the finances of the chapter outlining the checking account balance of \$31,880.42. 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 \$6,750 in private donations to cover the Sunday night social event's performance that includes a band and the total cost of the band is \$6,360.80.

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

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

Tibor Horvath reported the tours #2 and #3 are filled, and tour #1 has 16 registrations so far.

Corie reported that 286 registrations are received so far. 85 registrations came in for the NIFA conference.

Rob Roy asked about the details for the Tour box lunches. Rob will put together an estimate for the cost to cover the box lunches, ice chests and ice for all three tours and Jody Ogg could give cash to Rob the day before to purchase the box lunches, drinks and ice.

Volunteers -

Wendy Rash reported that she received 20 volunteer registrations so far, but she is optimistic about getting student volunteers because the SWCS HQ is offering free registration for student volunteers.

Tibor asked Corie Dacus to send us the email list of all presenters so we could request their PowerPoint slides to be sent to Wendy prior to the conference through email, and this way the volunteers could load all presentations to the laptops at the conference the day before the event.

Silent Auction -

Rob Roy reported many donations for the silent auction and a lot more promises to bring items to the table during the conference. Rob prepared the auction sheets for each table.

Corie announced that the silent auction ends on Monday night – according to the printed program, but we have the option to continue on until Tuesday night.

V. Scholarship Committee Report

Tina Vander Hoek reported that Lillian Adams our 2013 scholarship recipient will attend our International Conference and will be a volunteer. As we agreed during our last council meeting we will reimburse Lillian for her travel, lodging and registration fees.

VI. 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. This edition will be released in August, 2013.

WIII. Unfinished business –

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

Corie reported that our business meeting will be held at room Tuscany 10.

Ladi reported through an email message that the nominations for chapter awards are all in, but there is still a window to submit additional nominations.

Rob Roy reported that he submitted an abstract for the CA RC&D Annual Meeting in the topic of “Building capacity between the SWCS and CA RC&D”.

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