



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING

Friday, January 14th, 2011

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 Andrea Casey at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 14, 2011. The following Executive Council Members were present: President, Andrea Casey; President-Elect, Bill Daily, Treasurer, Tom Esgate; Secretary, Rebecca Hale, Directors Tina Vander Hoek, Eric Bernsten and Michael Hogan. Also participating was Pat Grover. A quorum (requiring six members of Executive Council) was present. Hale had a work-engagement and had to leave the call at 10:25. Hale completed the Minutes using Notes taken and shared by President Casey.

Esgate made the Motion and Hogan seconded to approve the corrected Minutes from the October 2010 teleconference. The Notes from the November 22nd teleconference were reviewed.

Treasurer Esgate emailed the Treasurer's Report on January 13th. The financial statement/ Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Casey and Esgate are in communication regarding the new online bank account and it should be functioning, soon. Daily made the Motion and Esgate seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence:

Discussed email from an interested student. He is a senior at UCLA and wants to know if he is eligible to apply for the CA/NV SWCS Chapter Scholarship, as he is a senior this semester. Council discussed and decided that since he is a current Undergraduate student he *is* eligible to apply.

Unfinished Business:

Website updates –

Website Picture Update: the deadline for submission was extended to January 31, 2011. To date, no pictures have been received.

2011 Annual Conference –

* Bill has talked with Bruce Peterson, NRCS State Conservationist for NV. Bruce indicated he would be willing to send his State Executive Staff to the Conference if there were political representatives there willing to discuss the new Farm Bill. He also sent an email to Gayle Norman, Deputy State Conservationist for CA requesting her input on workshop topics that would bring NRCS employees to the conference. She has not responded yet.

* Bill sent a summary of some ideas for the 2011 conference via email to the Executive Council prior to the January 14th teleconference. Once he knows the topics it will be easier to determine speakers and coordinate a conference date and location.

* Michael Hogan briefly discussed ideas relating to soil quality based on his work in the Tahoe Basin. He is working on soil building projects and how reducing soil erosion is helping reduce the TMDL's. He will send Bill more information.

2010 Plan of Work -

The 2010 Plan of Work was reviewed at the last Annual Conference in Susanville. An annual report has been requested by the National Office and is due February 15th. Andrea Casey advised that she should be able to go through the report requirements and get it completed.

New Business -

2011 Plan of Work -

Initiated discussion on the 2011 Plan of Work. The Council members present did not have any recommendations or changes at this time. It was discussed to have a council member meet with University instructors to discuss student chapters at Fresno State and Davis. Michael Hogan indicated he could speak to someone with UC Davis. Ladi Asgill may be appropriate to meet with someone at Fresno given his proximity. Andrea Casey indicated she would contact him and make the request.

2011 SWCS International Conference Delegate -

Pat Grover provided a reminder that it typically is the President Elect who attends the International Conference as the CA-NV delegate. The last couple of years the President Elect has been unable to attend and an alternative has gone.

Committee Reports -

Nominations – Erik Beardsley, Chair

Nominations for this year's Executive Council are being accepted. This year there will be 3 Executive Council director seats held by Ladi Asgill, Tina Vander Hoek, and Dan Martynn are available to fill plus: Secretary, Treasurer and President Elect.

Andrea Casey advised she will contact Erik Beardsley with a reminder.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested members encouraged to participate, is scheduled for February 18, 2011th at 10 am . Any member with an item of New Business to be included on the agenda is requested to submit it to the Chapter President prior to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20

s/REBECCA HALE, SECRETARY

s/ ANDREA CASEY, PRESIDENT