



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING March 15, 2012

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-Elect Tibor Horvath at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2012. The following Executive Council Members were present: Past-President Andrea Casey, Treasurer Tom Esgate, Acting Secretary Pat Grover, Directors Wendy Rash and Tina Vander Hoek. Unable to participate were Directors Ladi Asgill, Eric Berntsen, Michael Hogan, and Phil Hogan. Also joining the teleconference later in the meeting was Walt Bunter, *Runoff* Editor and Publisher. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Esgate had submitted the Chapter financial report by email on Wednesday, March 14th, for review. He pointed out that dues in the amount of \$778.50 from the parent organization had been received and deposited while a check in the amount of \$277.69 had been issued to Walt Bunter for *Runoff* and conference expenses. Interest credit in the amount of \$12.24 had also been deposited on February 29th for a business checking account balance of \$25,760.17. It was moved by Casey and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved, none opposed, motion passed.

Committee Reports

Annual Spring Conference – Tibor Horvath

2012 Annual Spring Conference date: May 9th and 10th. Location: Asilomar Conference Center, Monterey, CA. NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Jim Kocsis has alerted Horvath regarding a possible problem with the \$42.30 out-of-pocket expenses incurred by NRCS employees approved to attend the Conference. It was moved by Esgate, seconded, and passed to reimburse NRCS employees who attend the conference their out-of-pocket expenses. A new registration form will be sent to NRCS employees.

Esgate suggested sending a letter regarding the Conference with a registration package to registered Technical Service Providers in California and Nevada. He will prepare a letter and send to members of the Executive Council for approval.

Bunter has posted information regarding the Annual Conference and Business Meeting on the Chapter website and will mail hard copies to members this coming weekend. Questions were raised regarding preparation of the folders, including copies of the program, agendas, and biographies, and of the Awards Program. It was pointed out that in the past Bunter has prepared two folders (one general Conference folder and one for Annual Business Meeting) and that Ladi Asgill, the Awards Program last year.

Nominations – Andrea Casey

Casey announced the following nominees for the three open Director positions: Phil Hogan, Tony Sunseri, and Kebir Zahanger. As of today, there are no nominees for the positions of President-elect and Secretary.

Scholarship – Tina Vander Hoek

Vander Hoek reported that she has received scholarship applications from seven eligible applicants. She is in need of additional evaluators of the applications to select the 2012 recipient. Esgate, and possibly Casey, volunteered.

Unfinished Business

Baseball Caps

Walt reported that the 150 hats which were approved to be purchased will be ready to be picked up at the end of next week. A check in the amount of \$1250.00 will be sent by Esgate to Bunter for payment when he picks the caps up to bring to the Spring Conference.

Annual Work Plan

No action taken at this meeting.

Approval of January 11, 2012, Meeting Minutes

Due to a lack of a quorum at the February 9, 2012, teleconference/meeting of the Executive Council, no action could be taken on the minutes of the January 11, 2012, teleconference/meeting. As it was necessary for Esgate to leave the current meeting early, there was no longer a quorum and no action could be taken.

New Business

None introduced.

The next meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested members encouraged to participate, was not scheduled at this time. As it will be the last meeting before the Annual Conference, President-Elect Horvath suggested it be scheduled toward the end of the week of April 8th. He will poll the members of the Executive Council using his *Doodle* account. Any member with an item of New Business to be included on the agenda is requested to submit it to the Chapter President-Elect prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/PAT GROVER, ACTING SECRETARY

s/TIBOR HORVATH, PRESIDENT-ELECT

SWCS Annual Conference Dates to Remember:

July 22 - 25 2012 Fort Worth, Texas
July 21 - 24 2013 Reno, Nevada
July 27 - 30 2014 Chicago, Illinois
