



California-Nevada

Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING Friday, March 18th, 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 10:10 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011. The following Executive Council Members were present: President, Andrea Casey; President-Elect, Bill Daily, Treasurer, Tom Esgate; Secretary, Rebecca Hale, Past-President Erik Beardsley, Directors Phil Hogan and Tina VanderHoek. Also participating were Walt Bunter and Pat Grover. A quorum was present.

Esgate made the Motion and Daily seconded to approve the Minutes from the February 2011 teleconference. All approved, non opposed. The Motion was passed.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Esgate just prior to the teleconference via email, on March 18th. He reports that the financial statement/ Treasurer's Report has not changed since the last call. Hogan made the Motion and Daily seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved, non opposed. The Motion was passed.

Esgate made a further Treasurer's Report: Everbank Signature Card is en-route. However they added another requirement and Secretary of the Non-Profit is required to sign a form. Casey and Esgate will remain the signers. Esgate will mail the documents to Hale for the first Signature, Hale will forward to Casey for her Signatures and Casey will forward final package to Everbank. The check for amount of minimum deposit of \$5000 for a no-fee account is still in the Chase account until all the paperwork is finished at Everbank Next item in Treasurer's Report: Esgate will be in South Africa participating in a conference about "fire" therefore will not be able to attend the CA-NV SWCS Chapter Annual Meeting at the Hyatt in Reno, **Hyatt Place Reno-Tahoe Airport**. 1790 East Plumb Lane Reno, NV 89502

May 12th 1PM - 8PM and 13th 8AM-1PM. However he already stopped by and gave his credit card number to the Meeting Coordinator at the Hyatt. The Chapter will reimburse him after the event.

Correspondence:

No new correspondence.

Unfinished Business:

2011 Plan of Work – Casey suggests update schedule / timing: Daily made the Motion and Esgate seconded that Fall Planning Session and Annual By-Laws review will be moved to October from November. All approved, non opposed, Motion passed.

Website photos – Walt asked if NRCS photos could be used for the revolving photos. It was advised that the Public Affairs Specialists should be consulted first. Andrea advised that Phil

Hogan takes pictures at a lot of the field days and such and maybe if he was willing, he could post some of his photos. She will contact Phil and ask him.

Committee Reports:

Nominations – Erik Beardsley, Chair

Three Director seats available 2011- 2013 will be filled by: Ladi Asgill, Tina Vander Hoek, and Wendy Rash. If there is no President-Elect nominee the Chapter Executive Council will have the responsibility to appoint a President-Elect....." (Article XI, Section 4, May 3, 2007 Chapter Bylaws), after the election is over. Ballots will be mailed by Bunter in the near future and should be returned no later than April 18th. Beardsley will coordinate with Bunter and Grover regarding counting the ballots, during the week of April 18th.

Scholarship Committee - Tina VanderHoek, Chair

VanderHoek reports she received ten applications for the CA-NV Chapter SWCS Scholarship. The applicants represent a wide-range of colleges and universities, "from Riverside to Humboldt State", however none received from anywhere in State of Nevada. She will request help from her Committee Members to read and make the decision before the Annual Conference. We wish her lots of luck and if she needs more help, let President Casey know. Beardlsey notes that we should be strongly encouraging Scholarship Recipients to become Student Members of CA-NV Chapter SWCS, perhaps serving as Student Representative to the Executive Council, a position which is now vacant.

2011 SWCS International Conference Delegate -

SWCS Annual Conference (this year held in July in Washington DC) : Ladi Asgill and Michael Hogan showed interes tin this opportunity and requested more discussion. The Chapter President-Elect is also encouraged to attend. There is the possibility that the Chapter can offer a stipend of approximately \$1000.00 for an individual to attend. Our Regional Director may also wish to attend and report back to the Chapter. Daily will contact both Asgill and Michael Hogan and we will await outcome of SWCS Regional and Chapter Elections.

2011 Chapter Annual Conference, Reno –

With input from Gayle Norman, Deputy State Conservationist for CA , topic for Annual Conference 2011 is set as follows: **Global Climate Change and Alternative Cropping Systems** . The conference time and dates are: May 12 and 13, starting at 1 pm on Thursday the 12th, finishing at 1 pm on Friday the 13th.

Conference will be held at: The Hyatt in Reno, **Hyatt Place Reno-Tahoe** Airport. 1790 East Plumb Lane Reno, NV 89502, phone #1 775 826 2500.

Our Chapter has reserved 10 rooms and a conference room with food and drink service for breaks. We will be responsible for less than \$1000 total, depending on how many rooms are rented which will affect the bottom-line cost of the conference room and food service for the breaks. Chapter Treasurer Esgate has left his credit card on file with the Meeting Coordinator so all expenses will be covered. After the Executive Council approves the final expenses the Council will vote to reimburse Esgate for the appropriate amount.

We have 2 confirmed speakers which could 'fit' on the first day, Dr. Justin Huntington from Desert Research Institute in Reno, NV, and a Specialist from Agricultural Extension in Fallon, NV, who will talk about drought-tolerant crops which may be cultivated and used for bio-fuels. Daily would like two more speakers and asks for input / assistance.

Walt brought up the idea of having a Poster session on the first evening. Bill wasn't opposed to it and is willing to include it on the agenda but asked to have someone else take the lead on it. He is busy putting the rest of the agenda and arrangements together.

Pat suggested light hors d'oeuvres during the poster session as has been done in the past. Bill will look into the additional costs for this.

Scholarship raffle – Bill will check into whether a permit is required but a raffle is something to be considered to go with the poster session.

New Business (for next meeting) -

Announce scholarship winner

Confirm House of Delegates representative, determine if some expenses will be paid and how much.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested members encouraged to participate, is scheduled for TUESDAY, April 12, 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 approximately 11:25 am.

s/REBECCA HALE, SECRETARY

s/ANDREA CASEY, PRESIDENT

* REMINDER: CA-NV Chapter SWCS has been selected to host the 2013 International Conference to be held in RENO, NEVADA. National requests / requires that a group of 2-4 individuals from our Chapter attend the 2012 conference in Dallas, for networking and to solidify plans