



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING

Tuesday, April 12th, 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 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 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, Dan Martynn and Tina VanderHoek. Also participating was Pat Grover. A quorum was present at 10:25.

Beardsley made the Motion and Daily seconded to approve the Minutes as corrected from the March 2011 teleconference. All approved, none opposed. The Motion was passed.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Esgate prior to the teleconference via email, on April 12th. Daily made the Motion and Martynn seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved, none opposed. The Motion was passed. Esgate points out that the \$5000.00 check to Everbank has not yet cleared but should clear soon. Also note dues received from SWCS HQ in amount \$531.50 which is appreciated

Correspondence:

* An individual from Coalinga, CA wrote in to the Davis office requesting to be added to the Runoff email list. This was forwarded by email to Walt and he took care of it.

President Casey let us know via email that Mark Steffek was elected our new Regional Director. She will send him a congratulatory message.

Unfinished Business:

Ballots will be counted the week of April 18th, in Davis. Pat and at least one other will be present.

Committee Reports:

Nominations – Erik Beardsley, Chair

None.

Scholarship Committee - Tina VanderHoek, Chair

VanderHoek reports she and her committee are still reviewing the ten applications for the CA-NV Chapter SWCS Scholarship. She has two committee members other than herself and requested another volunteer. Hale volunteered to help read and score the applications. The award will be presented at the conference in Reno May 26 -27. Remember we should strongly encourage 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. We will create an email Motion advising who is the Winner and allocating appropriate travel expenses, as soon as possible.

2011 SWCS International Conference Delegate -

SWCS Annual Conference (this year held in July in Washington DC) : Ladi Asgill will be the Chapter delegate. Esgate will be the alternate and states he will already be attending and will have no extra costs to report. House of Delegate funding proposal Motion was emailed and voted on by the Executive Council, submitted by Bill Daily 3-22-2011:

I propose that our Chapter provide up to, but not to exceed \$1,000, as needed to The Chapter's "primary" selected Delegate to the National SWCS meeting in Washington D.C. July 17-20th.

In addition, the Chapter agrees to provide up to, but not to exceed \$500 to the Alternate Delegate, if that person decides to attend in addition to the primary delegate. In the event that the primary delegate is unable to attend, then the \$1000 will be available to the Alternate, as needed. Both are to provide receipts for council review, for any costs reimbursed by the Chapter; not covered by their respective employers. The justification for this proposal is two-fold: To help membership with the high cost of providing representation of our Chapter at the National House of Delegates and to encourage participation by providing a small incentive for the Alternate to attend. Between now and 2013 it is very important that as many delegates as possible from our Chapter attend national meetings before the 2013 National meeting, in which our Chapter will be host.' The email Motion was seconded by Phil Hogan and approved. On the conference call the Motion was amended to reflect that: Ladi Asgill is the Chapter Delegate and will be reimbursed appropriate expenses up to \$1000.00; additionally Esgate will be the Alternate, being allocated no funds because his costs are already covered and he is not requesting anything from the Chapter. Martynn made the Motion to approve the Amended Motion and Daily seconded. All agreed, none opposed, the Motion passed. Our Chapter is not submitting any Resolutions to be discussed with National SWCS. Casey will advise National that we have decided upon our Delegate and Alternate before the deadline of April 28th.

2011 Chapter Annual Conference, Reno –

Global Climate Change and Alternative Cropping Systems , May 26 1PM - May 27th 1PM at **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 two confirmed speakers for the first day: Dr. Justin Huntington from Desert Research Institute in Reno, NV, and Jay Davison, NV Agricultural Extension Service, Fallon, NV. Daily is still making inquiries to book two more speakers for the following morning and is making progress, networking.

After discussion Daily will revise his Conference Agenda to reflect:

May 26th: 1PM - 2PM President Casey preceeds Bruce Petersen, and she will introduce him.
7PM - 9PM change order of events to:

CA-NV Chapter SWCD Business Meeting

Scholarship and Awards

Installation of SWCS Chapter Officers and Executive Council Directors

May 27th (In process, depending upon speakers availability) Possibly move Installation to Friday morning from Thursday evening.

If no one is available to volunteer to judge the Poster session it will not take place and be removed from the agenda. Let him know by Friday, April 15.

For future consider putting together a budget / timeline template and forming more sub-committees for the Annual Chapter Conference, in advance. Also, Beardsley notes in the future we may wish to pursue partnering with another organization, specifically SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education SARE.ORG) for grants and networking. Other groups have done this successfully, particularly in conjunction with University Cooperative Extensions.

Scholarship raffle – Bill will check into whether a permit is required and will contact appropriate departments within City of Reno and Washoe County.

Esgate will have returned from International Wildfire Conference in South Africa and due to our conference date change will be present for some of the conference in Reno.

Daily will tell the Hyatt we expect about 25 people at breakfast on the 27th.

New Business -

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM. The next meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested members encouraged to participate, is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2011th at 10 am. We will focus on confirmations and Motions related to the Reno Annual Conference May 26 & 27. 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.

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