



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING April 23, 2010

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 Erik Beardsley at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010. The following Executive Council Members were present for the first Roll Call: President, Erik Beardsley;; Secretary, Rebecca Hale; Treasurer, Tom Esgate; Directors, Bill Daily, and Tina Vander Hoek. President-Elect Andrea Casey joined the call at approximately 10:15, thereby making a quorum. Unable to participate were Past President, Lisa Hokholt, Directors Ladi Asgill, Eric Berntsen, Michael Hogan, Phil Hogan, Dan Martynn; Financial Oversight Chair, Mark Steffek, Michael Simmons, and Don Wysocki, Western Region Director SWCS, and Wendy Rash. Also participating were Pat Grover; and Newsletter Publisher, Walt Bunter. The position of Student Representative is vacant as this time. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Bill Daily, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2010, Executive Council Planning meeting as distributed and corrected.

Treasurer Esgate has no updated Treasurer's Report since our last meeting because he has not been home to receive the bank statement. He emailed last month's report on April 22 and there is no change this month, except for Walter Bunter's Runoff expense check and postage/ mailing expenses for the upcoming SWCS election.

There was some correspondence-related discussion regarding using the SWCS logo on the flyer for the upcoming Annual Conference.

Committee reports made during the meeting were as follows:

➤ Annual Conference – Andrea Casey, Chair

Andrea is working with Tom Esgate on this. It was moved by Esgate and seconded to create a "bifurcated" payment scale for the upcoming annual conference, at price points of \$25.00 and \$50.00.

➤ Awards – Ladi Asgill, Chair

No report.

➤ Scholarship – Tina Vander Hoek, Chair

Vander Hoek reports that she has a call in to scholarship winner Ariana Gerhrig and has mailed the Congratulatory Letter.

➤ Communications – Bill Daily, Chair

No report.

➤ Financial Oversight – Mark Steffek, Chair

No report.

➤ Membership – Dan Martynn, Chair

No report.

➤ Nominations – Lisa Hokholt, Chair

There was discussion noting there are enough nominees to fill the positions coming available. Walt has been working on mailing the ballots. Walt requests all ballots be returned by June 16th. Bunter and Grover will count ballots.

➤ Newsletter - Walt Bunter and Wendy Rash

➤ No report (Walt sent an email regarding May 20 deadline for photos and articles on April 4)

➤ Policy – Ladi Asgill, Chair

➤ No report.

➤ Student Chapters – Vacant

Unfinished Business items discussed and/or transacted during the meeting were as follows:

➤ Bank Accounts – It was moved by Beardsley and seconded to transfer the funds in the Chase account to Everbank. Some discussion as to whether the "vote/consensus by email" system had worked, but there were enough yes votes on the call to pass the Motion.

The following New Business was brought before the Executive Council at this meeting:

➤ Scholarships It was moved by Esgate and seconded to pay all conference-related expenses for the scholarship recipient, Ariana Gerhrig. It was moved by Bunter and seconded to amend this motion to say that SWCS will pay all conference-related expenses for the scholarship recipient, *up to* \$250.00.

➤ WebSite Related Contracts and Fees - It was moved by Beardsley and seconded to accept the contract and fees from RESOURCE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTING. Esgate sent the contract via email for review on April 22.

➤ Annual Conference, Training and Business Meeting –

Esgate is preparing a flyer about the event and will forward soon so we can gain consensus over email about final details. . The Annual Conference, Training Sessions, and Business Meeting will be held at the Susanville Indian Rancheria between June 23 and 25.

"The Susanville Indian Rancheria, although it is made up of various other tribes, is recognized as a distinct (political) entity from the other tribes who make up the Susanville membership. There is no dual membership allowed in the Susanville Constitution. The Washoe Tribe is formed and recognized by the Federal Government as the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. The eleven small bands' of the Pit River Indians have formed and is recognized by the Federal Government as the Pit River Nation. The Maidu Tribes are in the process of forming under the recognition process through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Susanville Indian Rancheria is acknowledged as the recognized tribe for the Rancheria although there are four anthropological tribes involved, each of which is recognized as political entities. Thus, the Federal Government recognizes only the Susanville Indian Rancheria as the political entity for the Rancheria."

<http://sir-nsn.gov/history.html> c. 2004

The meeting will be incorporated into a larger "Summer Technical Workshop and Tour with the primary partners being CSSRI (Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative) and California-Nevada Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, although other partners and sponsors are involved.

"...(the CSSRI) project is the implementation phase of the Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative, a planning project that was funded with a NRCS Conservation Partnership Initiative (CPI) grant. The primary work of the partnership is to assist Producers in restoring sagebrush steppe and related ecosystems through the removal of invasive western juniper (*Juniperus occidentalis*) and applying post treatment adaptive management techniques. Ancillary work includes the installation of structural practices that aid in the implementation of the adaptive management techniques. The ancillary practices are being funded, primarily, with leveraged funds from additional partners."

Esgate, Thomas. "Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative, Removing western juniper from rangelands through biomass utilization." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY, Saddlebrook Resort, Tampa, Florida, Jul 21, 2007 <Not Available>. 2010-01-24 <http://www.allacademic.com/meta/p202202_index.html

- Nominations - Motion made by Esgate was seconded and approved to reimburse Bunter's expenses of \$110.62 related to postage and mailing ballots.
- By-Laws - Grover made the observation that the language in the By-Laws should be amended in relation to the required home-states of Council Directors and Executive Board. A recommendation is made that Grover write the new language and have it reviewed prior to the Annual Meeting, where it can be voted on by Membership.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested members encouraged to participate, will be a teleconference/meeting at **10 a.m. on Friday, May 14, 2010.** . 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 11:10 a.m.

s/REBECCA HALE, SECRETARY

s/ERIK BEARDSLEY, PRESIDENT