



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING May 10, 2012

A 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 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012, at the Asilomar Conference Facility in Pacific Grove, where the Chapter was holding its Annual Conference. The following Executive Council Members were present: Treasurer Tom Esgate, Acting Secretary Pat Grover, Directors Ladi Asgill, Wendy Rash and Tina Vander Hoek. Unable to participate were Directors Eric Berntsen, Michael Hogan, and Phil Hogan. A quorum was present.

Minutes

It was moved by Rash, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012, meeting. Following the April 24th meeting, an electronic vote was taken on a motion by Asgill to have the Council authorize a maximum budget of \$300 for (2012) awards. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Chapter financial report as of May 8, 2012, were distributed by Treasurer Esgate for review. The only entry since the April 24th meeting was the receipt of \$500.00 from the Pit Resource Conservation District for a conference sponsorship. The business checking account balance as of May 8, 2012, is \$25,284.18. The following bills were presented by the Treasurer for payment: Christina Urbanczyk, 2012 Scholarship, \$1,000; Walt Bunter, Conference Expenses, \$57.72; and Ladi Asgill, Award Plaques, \$171.30. It was moved by Vander Hoek, seconded, and passed to approve these expenditures and accept the Treasurer's Report, which will be placed on file.

Unfinished Business

Report of Ballot Counting Committee

Thirty-eight ballots were received of which 37 were valid and counted on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, by Walt Bunter and Pat Grover, the 2012 Ballot Counting Committee, with the following results: President-Elect – Rob Roy, 36 votes; Executive Council Director (three positions) – Phil Hogan, Tony Sunseri, Zahangir Kabir with 35 votes each. As there was no nominee for the position of Secretary, the following received one write-in vote each: Dwane Coffey, Pat Grover, Terry Huff, Wendy Rash, and Tony Sunseri.

Bylaws Amendment

An amendment regarding the president's term of office introduced at the May 27, 2011, Annual Business Meeting will be submitted for adoption at the 2012 Annual Business Meeting to follow. Other action taken by Chapter members at the 2011 Annual Business Meeting regarding items covered in the Bylaws (Annual Conference Committee, Bylaws updating, and electronic voting) need to be prepared as amendments to the Bylaws and submitted to members with the notice of the 2013 Annual Business Meeting for a vote to amend the Chapter Bylaws.

Annual Work Plan

No action was taken at this meeting. Horvath will finalize the most recent copy of the draft 2012 Annual Work Plan and send to the Executive Council for review before its next meeting.

68th International SWCS Annual Conference, July 21-33, 2013, Reno, NV

Attendees from the host Chapter (CA-NV) will be given a discounted registration fee and the Chapter will receive a percentage of the net proceeds. Host Chapter is requested to send a delegation to the 67th Conference to learn more about its future responsibilities by "shadowing" members of the current host Chapter.

New Business

2012 International SWCS Annual Conference Delegate and Alternate

President-Elect is designated in Bylaws as delegate, but Horvath is unable to attend. It was moved by Esgate, seconded and passed to appoint Asgill as delegate and Mark Steffek as alternate. President Horvath will notify the parent organization.

2012 International SWCS Annual Conference Silent Auction Donation

It was moved by Esgate, seconded, and passed to have Chapter members attending the Conference to select appropriate item at a cost not to exceed \$100. Additional items will be solicited from Chapter members.

Appointment of Chapter Secretary

As no member willing to serve in the office of Chapter Secretary was identified prior to the recent election, a vacancy in this office exists. According to the Bylaws, such a vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Chapter Executive Council. It was moved by Grover, seconded, and passed to appoint Mary (Cathy) Dirden, who has indicated a willingness to serve, as Secretary of the California-Nevada Chapter.

Selection of Additional Attendee at 2012 International SWCS Annual Conference

To honor the request of the parent organization to send several members to the 67th Conference to learn more about the Chapter's future responsibilities by "shadowing" members of the current host Chapter, it was moved by Grover, seconded, and passed for the Chapter to cover the expenses of Chapter Secretary Cathy Dirden to attend the 2012 International SWCS Annual Conference. Chapter funds to do so are available as the Chapter's delegate's expenses are otherwise covered as are those of Treasurer Esgate, who will also be attending.

Minutes, 5/10/12 Meeting, SWCS CA-NV Chapter Executive Council

The next meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested Members encouraged to participate, will be a teleconference, the date and time of which to be determined. 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 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

PATRICIA GROVER, ACTING SECRETARY 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
