



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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NOTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING

Friday, May 13th, 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 Friday, May 13, 2011. The following Executive Council Members were present: President, Andrea Casey; President-Elect, Bill Daily, Secretary, Rebecca Hale, Directors Phil Hogan and Tina Vander Hoek. Also participating was Pat Grover. A quorum was not present.

Unfinished Business:

CHAPTER EMAIL BUSINESS, APRIL through MAY (motions were approved regarding Scholarship recipient and expenses for conference; also notes regarding Everbank account from Esgate):

April 15 Andrea Casey, sender:

We are seeking award nominees for our annual conference. Attached are the award categories and obviously a draft flyer. If you have anyone in mind who you believe should be recognized, please let Bill, Ladi or I know. I do have one nomination. Christian Davis was previously nominated for the Harold and Kay Scholl award but did not receive it. I think the Chapter should recognize him in some fashion.

April 21 Ladi Asgill, sender:

A reminder to send Bill or myself awards nominations for individuals you will like to recognize. The awards categories are attached. Do plan to send latest by May 15th, but sooner if possible.

April 29 Tina Vander Hoek, sender:

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee I would like to recommend Emily Schneider as the year 2011 California-Nevada Chapter SWCS Scholarship recipient. Emily is a Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Junior majoring in Soil Science.

May 4 Andrea Casey, sender

We need to approve Tina's selection before our next teleconference so she can notify the winner and any travel arrangements can be made. We will need a motion and a second to approve the selection and then I can resend for a vote.

Phil Hogan makes a motion to approve Tina Vander Hoek's nomination (Emily Schneider) for a student scholarship to the 2011 Conference. Michael Hogan seconds. All approve, Motion passed.

May 5 Walt Bunter, sender:

Motion to approve expenses- Attached are two files containing copies of my \$126.05 out-of-pocket expenses related to preparing and mailing out the Reno Conference agendas and registration form with a return envelope and \$4.27 for re-mailing two envelopes from Everbank to Chapter Treasurer Tom Esgate. Request reimbursement in the amount of \$ 130.32.

May 6 Andrea Casey, sender:

Here is a reimbursement request for Walter Bunter's expenses related to the conference which I approve. Please register your approval by "reply all" email. Motion approved.

May 1 Tom Esgate, sender:

Greetings, our EverBank account is now officially open and today I have issued a check for the balance of the Chase account funds, payable to EverBank, as authorized, to complete the transfer. Chase checks will no longer be used.

I currently have a \$300 deposit charged by Hyatt Place Reno to my credit card. I'll settle up with the Chapter at our annual conference. I'll be arriving about 6:00 PM on the 26th.

Attached is the financial report as of today for the next meeting, which I will miss.

May 6 Tom Esgate, sender:

Attached is an updated financial report. I discovered two errors in previous reports which I have highlighted in yellow. When I charged the checking account for the two items I forgot to charge the general account, which I have now corrected. Interest was prorated between the two accounts.

Since I am leaving for Africa today for two weeks I have gone ahead and prepared Walter Bunter's reimbursement request, which is shown in the report.

Committee Reports:

Nominations – Erik Beardsley, Chair

None.

Scholarship Committee - Tina Vander Hoek, Chair

Vander Hoek reports she has sent Ms. Schneider a letter regarding Scholarship Award. Schneider will receive up to \$250.00 travel stipend. As Vander Hoek is in close proximity to Ms. Schneider she will propose they travel together to Reno.

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. Our Chapter is not submitting any Resolutions to be discussed with National SWCS.

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.

Executive Council members are eligible to have their room fees reimbursed by the Chapter. Grover advises that this has been the official policy for many years. Executive Council Members are eligible for expenses up to \$500 to attend conferences.

Daily called Washoe County regarding the proposed raffle during the conference. We can hold a raffle - it is legal in Washoe County because the event is private and not open-to-the-public.

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. A third speaker for the 27th is expected. Hale will be there at 1PM on Thursday to help with Registration. Daily asks Casey to bring plastic badge holders with pins from the Davis office; he will also purchase some new ones.

New Business -

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM. The next business meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested members encouraged to participate, is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011th, 7PM – 9PM.

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