



# California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2012

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-Elect Tibor Horvath at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2012. Present were Executive Council Members President-Elect Robert Roy, Treasurer Tom Esgate, and Secretary Cathy Dirden and Directors Ladi Asgill, Wendy Rash, Tina Vander Hoek, Phil Hogan, Kabir Zahangir, Tony Sunseri; Members Walter Bunter and Pat Grover. A quorum was present.

### Minutes

It was moved by Roy, seconded by Rash and carried to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012 meeting.

### Evaluation of 2012 Annual Conference

The Conference was well attended with great speakers and location which may have accounted for the increase in attendance; double the last 2 conferences. At this point it appears that the net conference proceeds will be about \$3,000. Treasurer Esgate presented invoice for the conference noting payment for several NRCS participants has been approved.

### Attendance for 2012 International Conference

Attendees will be Asgill as House of Delegates, Steffek as Alternate, and Dirden to shadow for 2013 conference prep. It was noted Steffek is also a National Delegate. Asgill's and Esgate's expenses are covered; approval for Dirden's was authorized at the May meeting. Invoices for Dirden were presented for reimbursement of \$495.64 for airfare and \$430 for registration. Approval for payment was received on the motion by Esgate, second by Vander Hoek; Dirden abstains. Asgill suggests future expenses have a budget amount with not to exceed so each item would not require a vote.

### Treasurer's Report and Audit

Council received electronic copies of the Chapter Financial Report as of June 20, 2012. It was moved by Dirden, seconded by Vander Hoek and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report, which will be placed on file. Esgate is preparing for the audit and he has now instituted a policy that all invoices for payment are to be sent electronically for ease of access.

### Committee reports

Scholarship – Vander Hoek will be sending out the next scholarship announcement 7 – 9 applications for scholarship were received. A total of \$305 was collected on the raffle at the annual conference.

Student Chapters – Vander Hoek reported the Cal Poly department is being rearranged. Humboldt has some participation. Chico is being contacted and Vander Hoek will forward contact info to Kibir for UC Davis.

Communication/Newsletter/Website – Bunter is working on home page changes, including next conference info, new Council members and current activities. The Summer Newsletter will be out in July.

Membership – Horvath reported the Council gained 4 new members; none were lost. National sends a report which includes membership expiration dates. He will ask Past President Andrea Casey if she will continue to chair the Membership Committee.

**Unfinished business**

2012 Annual Conference and Business Meeting – NRCS expense issues were resolved; 25 rooms were obligated at Asilomar which wrote off a couple rooms that were not filled.

2012 Annual Work Plan – Horvath will send out a draft for review and to will be presented for adoption at the next Council meeting.

2012-2016 Chapter Strategic Plan – Horvath will send out a draft for review and will be presented for adoption at the next Council meeting.

Fall Technical Tour/Meeting – A one day field trip or workshop is scheduled in the fall. Typically a sponsor provides eating expenses and a landowner and a specialist are involved. It's usually done in mid to late October before the rainy season. The Council discussed themes e.g. extending the growing season and reducing imports; soil and water conservation. It should be of interest to those concerned about farming and open to all. Suggestions were hoop houses in the Chico area with lunch at the Sierra Nevada Brewery; wetlands before and after development. Roy will look into the hoop houses and bring back information to the next meeting.

**New Business**

Horvath advised the Council he is accepting a position in Lexington, Kentucky. As a member of the CA-NV Chapter he would like to stay on as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Cathy Dirden, Secretary

s/Tibor Horvath, President

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**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