



California-Nevada Chapter SWCS

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE/MEETING Friday, August 13th, 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 Andrea Casey at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, August 13, 2010. The following Executive Council Members were present for the first Roll Call: President, Andrea Casey; Past-President, Erik Beardsley, President-Elect, Bill Daily, Treasurer, Tom Esgate; Secretary, Rebecca Hale. Directors participating were Michael Hogan, Tina Vander Hoek, Ladi Asgill, and Eric Berntsen. Also participating were Pat Grover and Walt Bunter. Directors unable to participate were Phil Hogan and Dan Martynn. The position of Student Representative is vacant at this time. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Bill Daily, seconded by Michael Hogan, and passed to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2010, Executive Council teleconference as distributed and corrected. The minutes from the June 24th Annual Business Meeting will be approved at the 2011 Annual Business Meeting.

Treasurer Esgate emailed the Treasurer's Report on August 11th. Additional comments by Esgate: The checking account has not yet been moved, Esgate and Casey will continue to work on getting the paperwork/forms in order; several transactions still pending from F/S for small amounts; tally from conference in Susanville for SWCS: income \$6100.00 / expenses \$5633.00. It was moved by Daily, seconded by Hogan, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Committee reports made during the meeting were as follows:

➤ Annual Conference – Andrea Casey, Chair

Approximately 70 people total attendance in Susanville, about 15 representing SWCS. Income from conference in Susanville for SWCS: \$6100.00 / expenses \$5633.00.

➤ Awards – Ladi Asgill, Chair

No report.

Bylaws – Mike Simmons, Chair

No report. **Note:** *we must include the following language in the Bylaws for approval:*

ARTICLE VIII - Officers

Sec. 1 Add the following sentence at the end of the section:

At least one officer shall reside in the State of Nevada.

*Sec. 2 Delete the following sentence at the end of the paragraph regarding Council Director:
At least one Council Director shall reside in the State of Nevada.*

➤ Communications – Bill Daily, Chair

No report.

➤ Financial Oversight – Mark Steffek, Chair No report.

➤ Leadership Development – OPEN

No report. Possibilities for further collaboration with NRCS were discussed.

➤ Membership – Dan Martynn, Chair

No report.

➤ Nominations – Erik Beardsley, Chair

➤ No report.

➤ Policy – Ladi Asgill, Chair

➤ No report.

➤ Professional Development – Phil Hogan, Chair

No report. Fall Technical Tour is coming up!!

➤ Scholarship – Tina Vander Hoek, Chair

No report.

➤ Strategic Plan committee - OPEN

➤ No report.

➤ Student Chapters – OPEN

➤ No report. More outreach to University of Nevada, Reno, was discussed.

➤ Newsletter - Walt Bunter and Wendy Rash

➤ Reminder: Friday August 20th deadline for photos and articles; Daily sent contact sheet with photos from the conference – will send CD on request. Esgate will write submit something for newsletter.

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

- Include language in our Bylaws regarding Officers and Directors in State of Nevada. Casey will work with Hale and Simmons, on this.
- House of Delegates report from recent International SWCS conference in St. Louis: Steffek was not present on the teleconference but he did attend in St. Louis.
- Review Annual Plan of Work and Five-Year Strategic Plan to be sure we are “on track”; discuss later this year (by November).
- Website updates – we have a service contract for the website which includes a fair number of updates and changes. We will have the online rosters updated, as well as the “Slogan Text” area on the Header. Casey has language for the “slogan” area ready. Hogan suggests rotating banners with photos and images, to make the site more dynamic. Hale suggests updating the URL to include NV (currently is CASWCS.org) - look into costs and complexity to do this?
- President Casey will notify us as to her final decisions on Appointments for Committee Chairs.

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

➤ Fall Technical Tour, 2010 –

Time again for the Fall Technical Tour. Ideas presented: tour of Sierra Nevada Brewery in Chico, CA (sustainable practices / famous place!); high tunnel agriculture pilot-site. More discussion on next call.

➤ Annual International SWCS Conference – We had indicated interest in hosting an Annual National / International SWCS conference. Asgill made a motion and Hogan seconded, requesting Daily to follow up with National SWCS to ascertain more about our Chapter’s costs and responsibilities, should we be “chosen”. Consensus right now is that RENO, NEVADA will be the best place for our

Chapter to host the conference, due to the abundant number of affordable hotel rooms available, proximity to excursion/ day-trip sites, convenience to Reno/ Tahoe airport. It was mentioned that volunteers travelling in to help could possibly be compensated for their travel expenses.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Council, with Committee Chairs and interested members encouraged to participate, will be at 10AM on Friday September 17th, 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 11:25 a.m.

s/ REBECCA HALE, SECRETARY

s/ ANDREA CASEY, PRESIDENT