

**SWCS Council Meeting** (teleconference)  
9-9-10

Present were Don Kuhn, Lisa Miller, Peter Wright, Scott Fitscher, Josh Hornesky, Greg Albrecht, and Cherie Sage.

**1. Welcome** (Greg) thanks for being on am call-Suggest we get to votes due to short time availability today.

**2. Review of Minutes from the July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Email votes (point 4 and 6) were included in these minutes

- Cherie motion to accept minutes as they are
- Scott seconded
- No opposition-motion carried/accepted

**3. Treasurer's report** (Lisa)

- Review Chapter finances

Many orders via pay pal, but just received the paperwork to compile the books.

Transfer from pay pal has not been made to our account (papal checking \$1848.89)

There is \$808.71 in savings and \$9860.19 in checking.

Credit memos on collections report need to be written off as a loss. These are mainly \$.30 fees for Pay Pal transactions that were processed but we cancelled the orders.

There were two outstanding invoices that Lisa followed up on and we will be receiving checks for. These amounts are \$162 and \$300.

Fletcher and endowment funds- endowment fund June accrual is not showing. Just got statement after last meeting-Lisa will update.

\$3420.20 is actual cost of update to manuals vs. \$3419 that was approved. This is due to change of date on cover. No one objected to this expenditure.

- Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Greg
- Seconded by Don
- No opposition. Motion carried and treasurer's report is accepted

- Review orders and publication inventories

Copies for new manuals came in on Friday. We sold 45 updates for 45\$ because they ordered before the change/update (August 19). Also Lisa got a few in the mail. This does not incur a loss, however. At \$45 we still make a small profit. It was suggested that we find a date to help Lisa compile manuals at her location.

- Lisa Miller's invoice for Chapter services

Lisa's invoice # 10-05 from 9/06/10 in the amount of \$768.75 was emailed out with Treasurer's report

- Motion to pay by Don
- Seconded by Josh
- No opposition, pay \$768.75 invoice #10-05. Greg will email Brad to have him send a check to Lisa.

#### **4. Request for Support for 2010 Cover Crop Symposium (G. Albrecht)**

LAST YEAR there were ~125 people which showed a great deal of interest. The biggest expenses needing funding are lunch and speaker travel reimbursement. Five hundred to one thousand dollars are needed for lunch.

- Motion to pay \$400 by Don
- Seconded by Josh
- No opposition, motion carried. Greg will contact Paul and get him a check

#### **5. Scholarship Update (J. Hornesky)**

Josh will get it together- email out to contacts to obtain applicants. This is due for Nov 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **6. Empire Chapter Annual Meeting Logistics (P. Wright, G. Albrecht)**

Annual meeting is at the NYS Grange, Cortland, NY. Aaron will connect with Weight watchers to see if we can be there longer than 4:30. Hydrologists are on board. We have a speaker on climate change during lunch. Lunch will be catered. There is hope that snacks and apples will be supplied by the district for breaks. Internet will be hooked up for the event. Email went out to districts, some NRCS, & others with request to send it to reach others. Trying for professional engineering credits (PE credit). Greg will get CCAs. A registration packet needs to be put together after cost is figured out. Be sure there is a spot on registration sheet for email addresses so the Rainfall people will be on our email list. It should be easy to break even or make money on meeting because we have the grange building for free. In the past registration was ~\$45, but many agencies are

sensitive recently. We are thinking to charge ~15\$ per, check by mail only. Deadline for registration is suggested to be Nov 5. We are hoping the registration packet will be out within the next week. The registration template will also have places for people to purchase tables for display. Prices will be \$50 per table or 15\$ for nonprofits. There will be a Chapter update and scholarship awards during lunch-be short and encourage people to join! Perhaps give them a handout as they come in. This meeting will give hands on exposure to equipment needed for upcoming construction/implementation, which hopefully is of great interest to professionals as they gear up for it and will increase attendance.

#### **7. Begin work on 2011 budget and priorities (All)**

We will discuss this at the annual meeting and be followed more specifically in 2011. Greg will make a draft of 2010 budget with the items discussed since then and send it out to gain approval at annual meeting.

#### **8. Council Election Needs (G. Albrecht):**

- **President Elect (Vacant)**
- **VP (Vacant)**
- **Treasurer (Brad Schwab)**
- **Secretary (Cherie Sage)**
- **Region 1 (Don Kuhn)**
- Region 2 (Aaron Weiss): not until Nov. 2011
- Region 3 (Pat Barry): not until Nov. 2011
- **Region 4 (Scott Fitscher)**
- **At-Large (Josh Hornesky)**

The bold print highlights positions that are due to be voted on/vacated this year.

We will put this information on line and email membership and beyond. Greg suggested each member prepare to accept one more year in each position, if possible, in case there is not a great deal of nominations. Each council member should look over Greg's email list from the other day (Tuesday) and respond to Greg by Sept 24 with potential nominations for contacting. Greg will redistribute the names to council members to contact so that we do not overlap.

#### **9. Awards Update**

Greg will send out email about it with deadlines etc.

#### **10. Other**

Next meeting is the annual meeting in November, but it is likely that we will need to discuss/vote on issues via email beforehand.

#### **11. Adjournment**

- Greg moves to adjourn
- Don seconded
- Motion approved