



Colorado Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society

Executive Council Teleconference Minutes
January 12, 2009

Members of the Executive Council and Committee Chairpersons Present:

Ardell Halvorson – President	Kristi Gay – Membership & Webmaster
Reneé Koch – Secretary Treasurer	Dawn Jackson – Director-At-Large
Beth Fortman – East Slope Director	Cindy Crist – West Slope Director
Jorge Delgado – Past President	Charlie Pannebaker – President Elect
Sherri Brandt – Newsletter Editor	

Members of the Executive Council and Committee Chairpersons Absent:

Sammie Molinaro – Science Fair Chair

Colorado Chapter Members and other guests present:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Ardell. Additions to the agenda were added. Additional items included the chapter report and national award nominations. The minutes were then reviewed. Beth moved to approve the minutes. Dawn seconded the motion, the motion passed. After the financial statement was reviewed Dawn moved to approve it. It was seconded, the motion passed.

Old Business

The first item of discussion was the status of the TIAA CREF account. Renee has not received any notification that the resolution to update offices and signatories went through and cannot get through to talk to anyone at TIAA CREF. Beth volunteered to work with some of the original offers who set up the account to see if we can get any information. Jorge moved to put the funds in a savings account. Dawn seconded the motion, motion passed.

Next item of discussion was the Northern Plains Technical Conference to be held in Rapid City, SD in February. Tentative attendees are Ardell, Beth, Rich Rhoades, Dawn, Charlie, Mary Miller, Reneé, Cindy, Kristi, Tony Arnhold, Dave Miller, Calvin Melcher, Gary Peterson, and Lorenz Sutherland. Most attendees are waiting for approval from their employers. Dawn asked the board to contact any potential sponsors and attendees for the conference.

New Business

The first item of new business was travel support for members wanting to attend the Northern Plains conference. The chapter does have 2 free registrations for being a sponsor. After discussion about the topic Dawn moved to support up to 5 members at an amount not to exceed \$500/person for travel, registration, lodging, and meals based on receipts to attend the conference. Jorge seconded the motion, motion passed.

The next item was funding for the science fairs. Sammie requested funds for the science fair awards this year. Sammie also got a letter from one of the regional science fairs wanting to



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charge the chapter \$60 to be a sponsor. Dawn moved to approve funding for all the science fairs, but not to accept the bill for participation. Beth seconded the motion, motion passed.

Next Sherri reported that she had not received any articles yet and asked when the newsletter should go out. Anyone with an article should submit it to Sherri by February 13th to be able to get the newsletter out in March.

Ardell then asked about having a leadership presentation for the National SWCS meeting in Dearborn, MI in July 2009. Since Charlie will be going to the meeting as an incoming President he volunteered to put together a presentation and work with Mary Miller on it.

The next item was the Activity Plan for the Colorado Chapter. Ardell will be putting it together. Items mentioned were a summer tour, awards, Science Fairs, technical conference, annual meeting, and the newsletter schedule.

Kristi then talked about the website. She posted information about the Northern Plains Technical Conference. Kristi will also post information about the chapter awards.

The last item of new business scheduled was the chapter display board. The chapter has one but it is rather dated so Ardell asked for volunteers to help update it. Charlie said he would talk to Mary concerning it.

Beth encouraged anyone going to the Northern Plains conference to consider bringing silent auction items as proceeds will go to the chapter that contributes the item.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Six members are expiring or have lapsed.

Webmaster –Kristi discussed earlier.

Science Fair – No report.

Awards- Jorge submitted the packets nomination Jessica Davis for the Fellow Award and Ron Follett for the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award. Jorge also submitted four chapter award nominations along with the chapter report.

Newsletter – Was discussed earlier.

Next Meeting

The next teleconference will February 10, 2009 at 9:00 AM



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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

On January 22, 2009 the Board voted by email to approved approximately \$400 for updating the display board as proposed by Mary Miller and Charlie.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reneé Koch
Secretary Treasurer

Minutes approved February 10, 2009.