

**Executive Committee Meeting  
June 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
Northfield Inn Conference Center in Springfield, IL**

**Present**

Lonnie Wilson, President; NACD Delegate  
Tom Beyers, Vice President; NACD Alt Del.  
Van Bitner, Secretary  
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer  
James Todd, Past President  
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP  
David McCormick, Area II VP  
Glen Bowers, Area IV VP Alternate  
Rich Nichols, AISWCD  
Sherry Finn, AISWCD  
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD  
Gina Bean, AISWCD  
Betty Buckert, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair  
Guests:  
Barb Klinger, LUC I Rep  
Steve Hilberg-CoCoRaHS  
Tim Cravens-Audit Firm Rep

**Absent**

Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP  
Marie Bunting, President-Auxiliary  
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair  
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist

**Call to order:**

President Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Secretary Van Bitner took roll call and 8 Executive Board Members were present and 1 was absent; 4 AISWCD staff members and the ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair were present along with 2 guests.

**Agenda Approval:**

Lonnie Wilson noted he needed to amend the agenda to include Executive Director's Conference;  
**Tom Beyers made the motion to accept the amended agenda and Kenny Vosholler seconded the motion; MCVV.**

**Committee/Taskforce Updates:**

**Communications:** Steve Stierwalt was absent; no report given

**Education:** Jerry Snodgrass reported on the McKibben Scholarship, the Teacher of the Year Award, and the Envirothon along with an update on the Director Training at Annual Meeting.

**Financials:** Kenny Vosholler reported on the 2014 AISWCD Budget, which he has been working on with Lonnie Wilson and Sherry Finn, and the 2010 IRS Audit.

**Legislative:** Tom Beyers reported that we need to maintain funding; State Budget Line included an additional \$515,000 for SWCDs; Gaming Bill back on the table; Prevailing Wage-got to floor for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading but died; took position on several bills; fracking a concern-need to take position; need to take Legislative Actions pertinent to the AISWCD per Mike Hoffman.

**Planning:** Van Bitner and Sherry Finn reported on the progress of the 65<sup>th</sup> AISWCD Annual Meeting.

**Urban Community & Conservation:** Jerry Snodgrass and Kelly Thompson reported on NACD webinars sponsored by Miracle Grow and IDNR sponsored webinars.

**Nominations:** Terry Davis was not present; Lonnie Wilson reported he would only be serving one term; President's term is for 2 years. VP, Secretary, Treasurer terms are for one year.

**Area Vice President Reports:**

**Area I: Jerry Snodgrass-**reported he attended LUC I meeting; Carroll County withdrew their Resolution; also reported on LUC 1's active role in Soil Health and noted that the AISWCD need to take an initiative; also reported on the Area Guardians and District Burns; need Rich Nichols to look into Burns for Districts and Area Guardians.

**Area II: David McCormick-**No Report

**Area III: Steve Stierwalt-**absent

**Area IV: Glen Bowers-** no report

**Old Business:**

**SWCD Dues Update-FY 2012 & 2013:** Sherry Finn reported as of June 7, 2013 there were six (6) Districts that have not paid any dues for FY 2013: Adams, Gallatin, Jefferson, Pop-Hardin, Randolph & Scott; there are seven (7) Districts that owe the 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Partial 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: Boone, Greene, Hamilton, Kankakee, Macon, Ogle, and Pike. The total amount of dues outstanding is \$11, 820.27; Lonnie Wilson noted the Board should contact Districts and ask what the AISWCD Board can do to better serve their District and what is the problem; surveys sent by AISWCD-485 sent and only 62 returned (of which only 12 were fully completed) which is a 12.8% response.

**FY 2013 Grant Updates:** Rich Nichols reported there are three (3) grants still active at this time; IGIG will be wrapped up by the end of the year; IUM Grant will expire in March 2014 and will need to be applied for by August 1, 2013; and the CREP Grant will expire in July 2014 and will also need to be applied for by August 1, 2013. Rich also reported the CREP Resource Specialist position that has been vacated in LaSalle County (LUC 2 & 3) has been advertised and the deadline to apply is 6/14/2013 and interviews will be conducted in early July to replace Stefanie Fitzsimons.

**\*\*\*Executive Committee took a break for closed door discussion on Carroll County Resolution; Motion made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Jerry Snodgrass to support Lonnie Wilson in not taking any action on the Carroll County Resolution; MCVV.**

**State Budget Update:** Rich Nichols reported the State and House have both approved the State Budget with a \$515,000 increase to Districts; Rich reminded the Board to take time to thank Director Flider for his assistance in obtaining the additional funding.

**MOU/Outreach Update:** Lonnie Wilson noted this is an ongoing process with the Taskforce committee and NRCS working on a clearer understanding; further information will be sent out.

**Friends of AISWCD:** Rich Nichols reported about the affiliate memberships that had been approved and adopted by the Board in regards to Mass Mutual Insurance for Long Term Care insurance for Directors which will also include a discount package on selected items-a handout was given with items listing; Rich will present this to the Communication Focus Area Committee.

**Certainty Update:** Lonnie Wilson reported they had been working with partnerships; they are trying to put something together and do some feasibility studies; this is a slow moving plan.

**Farm Progress Show:** Rich Nichols reported the committee has had several meetings already and everything is on track; tent has been ordered (90 X 60); Coordinating with NRCS; Howard Buffet will have Cover Crop display; Rich encouraged everyone to attend this year's event in Decatur, IL in August.

**New Business:**

**NACD Legislative Conference-Washington, D.C.:** Request to have Lonnie Wilson and Tom Beyers attend for the AISWCD Board-Sherry handed out proposed Budget of \$2,750.00; **Jerry Snodgrass made the motion and Van Bitner seconded to move this decision to the Financial Focus Area Committee; MCVV.**

**NACD North Central Region:** Lonnie Wilson made note that there is a \$400 scholarship available for anyone interested in attending the NACD Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA; has to be someone that has never attended the meeting before; if anyone is interested let Lonnie know.

**CoCoRaHS:** Steve Hilberg from the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network presented to the Executive Committee about the program and asked if he could have a table at the Annual Meeting to hand out brochures and answer questions about the program. **Van Bitner made the motion and Kenny Vosholler seconded to have a table available for CoCoRaHS at the Annual Meeting; MCVV.**

**FY 2014 Quarterly Board Meeting Dates/Location/Expenses:** Sherry Finn handed out proposed dates-Monday, March 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the IDOA Conference Room 1 for the March Executive Committee Meeting and Tuesday, March 11, 2014 (one day meeting) for the FACs and the Foundation and Board Meeting at the Northfield Inn Conference Center starting at 9:00 a.m.; June QB dates to be Monday and Tuesday, June 9 and 10, 2014 at the Northfield Inn Conference Center with Monday starting at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday starting at 7:15 a.m.; September QB (only if needed)-Executive Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at IDOA Conference Room 1; Quarterly Board Meeting (only if needed-conference call) on following Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.; December QB dates to be Monday and Tuesday, December 9 and 10, 2014 at the Northfield Inn Conference Center with Monday starting at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday starting at 7:15 a.m.; **Tom Beyers made the motion and Jerry Snodgrass seconded to have the dates proposed, the location the Northfield Inn and Conference Center and leave the expenses the same as 2013 (which means the meals will be paid for by AISWCD and the rest of the expenses-travel and board- are the responsibility of the Directors); MCVV.**

**FY 2013 AISWCD Resolutions:** Tom Beyers asked everyone to look the Resolutions over that were in the handouts; **Kenny Vosholler made the motion to move the Resolutions (2) over to the Legislative Focus Area Committee and Van Bitner seconded; MCVV.**

**AISWCD FY 2012-2014 Auditor Bids:** Sherry Finn reported that she had contacted fifteen (15) auditors to submit bids for the FY 2012, 2013 & 2014 audits for the AISWCD & Foundation accounts. She only had three (3) companies submit bids. **Tom Beyer made the motion to accept the bid of Pelman & Dold, P.C. and Steve Stierwalt seconded; MCVV.**

**FY 2012 AISWCD/Foundation Audit Summary Approval:** Sherry Finn handed out the Financial Statement and Audit Summary provided by Pehlman & Dold, P.C., the CPA firm that completed the audit; Mr. Tim Cravens was on hand to go over the reports and summaries for both the Foundation and AISWCD. **Glen Bowers made the motion to accept the FY 2012 Audit reports and Jerry Snodgrass seconded; MCVV.**

**Amended Agenda New Business Items:**

**Executive Directors Conference:** Lonnie Wilson asked the Executive Committee to approve for Rich Nichols, AISWCD Executive Director, to attend the conference on September 8 through 11, 2013 in Flagstaff, AZ with a \$1200 budget; **Jerry Snodgrass made the motion to send Rich Nichols to the Executive Directors Conference with a budget of \$1200 and Glen Bowers seconded; MCVV.**

**Approve Executive Meeting Minutes:** Tom Beyers made the motion to approved the March 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and any electronic action taken and the motion was seconded by Kenny Vosholler; MCVV.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn made by Glen Bowers and was seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

**Minutes taken and submitted by:**

Sherry Finn, AISWCD Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

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Signature

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Date