

**Executive Committee Meeting
February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Northfield Inn Breakfast Room 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
Steve Stierwalt, Area IV VP
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD
Sondra Baker, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Guests:
Gerard Fabrizio, LUC 16 Rep
Keith Livesay, Union County RC

Absent

David McCormick, Area II VP
Carlyn Light, Area IV VP
Marie Bunting, President of Auxiliary
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist

Call to order:

President Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Roll Call:

Secretary Van Bitner took roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Kenny Vosholler made the motions to approve agenda; seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV.

Committee/Taskforce Updates:

Communications: Steve Stierwalt-No updates

Education: Jerry Snodgrass reported Envirothon Coordinators had been contracted-DeWitt County SWCD Staff, and the dates for the IL Envirothon were scheduled for April 30 & May 1, 2014 at the U of I campground in Monticello, IL.

Financials: Kenny Vosholler reported that the budget had \$1200 for Legislative Day; Sherry Finn reported there was a hand out with information on the new van and also a hand out for the updated 2014 AISWCD Budget.

Legislative: Tom Beyers reported on the Legislative Bills.

Planning: Van Bitner reported that the 2014 AISWCD Annual Meeting was coming along nicely.

Urban Community & Conservation: Jerry Snodgrass and Gerard Fabrizio reported seminars are going well; Kelly Thompson and Megan Andrews presented the IUM Field Manual at the NACD Annual Meeting Share Fair and did a great job; Legislative Tour in North East Illinois late summer or early fall (like September) is planned for this year.

Auxiliary: No one present to report.

Forestry: No one present to report.

Area Vice President Reports:

Area I: Jerry Snodgrass reported he had attended LUC 16 meeting and they will have three (3) Resolutions-IL Certainty Program, Nutrient Reduction, and Soil Health

Area II: David McCormick-absent

Area III: Steve Stierwalt-Nothing to report.

Area IV: Carlyn Light-absent

Old Business:

SWCD Dues Update-FY 2014: Sherry Finn reported there are 15 Districts that have not paid their first installment of dues for the FY 2014.

CREP 319 Grant and Staffing Update: Sherry Finn reported there are now six (6) full time CREP Resource Specialists housed in Brown, LaSalle, McDonough, Peoria, Sangamon, & Schuyler Districts serving LUCs 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, & 9 in the IL River Basin; the AISWCD Administration Fee for the FY 2013 was almost \$26,000 on the CREP grant.

IUM: Kelly Thompson's report was handed out

MOU/Outreach Update: The MOU is complete and Ivan Dozier, NRCS is happy with content, but may need to insert a few lines for legality purposes.

Affiliate Membership: Gina Bean reported there are 7 paid members – 1 District, 4 Individuals, 1 Corporate and 1 Lifetime (Balance = \$570.96); there are no pins ordered yet.

FY 2014 State Budget: Rich Nichols reported projected 900 million dollar loss-just short of a billion; Governor's decision on budget not scheduled until middle of March; Budget Hearing at 3:00 p.m. today

Resolutions/Varian/Policy Book Update: Tom Beyers reported that this is still being worked on and a Policy Manual is being drafted.

NACD North Central Region Mtg-Chicago: Lonnie Wilson & Gerard Fabrizio attended; Lonnie Wilson reported about Resolutions to be presented; Gerard Fabrizio reported that he is getting to know the system so he has a leg up on issues; Lonnie Wilson is the current President of the NC Region.

NACD Annual Meeting-Anaheim, CA: Lonnie Wilson reported that Ray McCormick from Indiana was given the lifetime achievement award for Cover Crops; Kelly Thompson and Megan Andrews gave a presentation; Kelly and Lonnie attended a resolution hearing; Lonnie reported that Canon is pulling all funding for the National Envirothon; NACD Foundation is taking over the event; dissolving the 501C3; Georgia cancelled having the 2014 event in their state; Tom Beyers and Lonnie Wilson are trying to restore the event and are moving forward on funding and location and are working with the AISWCD Executive Board Members; a secondary backup is to have a regional event and Kelly Thompson has been appointed by President Wilson to work on this with an appointed taskforce; the taskforce has a call scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. CST; National Event will go back to Georgia if funding and a sponsor are secured; discussion followed about the NCF and the relationship to NACD.

Envirothon Bridge Fund Update: \$2,540 check was mailed to Clay Burns, Treasurer from Mississippi and check was never received and cashed; funds are still with AISWCD.

New Van Status: already discussed as part of the financials update.

New Business:

IL Envirothon Coordinators Contract: DeWitt County Staff was represented by Sondra Baker and she reported the Registration Packets and Volunteer Packets with the 5th category have been completed and posted on the AISWCD website; T-Shirt Design is complete and the cost will be about \$4.75 each-cheaper than last year; 16 judges have been secured along with 3 presenters; 2 other presenters have been contacted and backups will be contacted also.; cost of trophies will be \$283.12; and Sherry Finn sent them a copy of the U of I Campground contract, which has been finalized; Brown Bag Company, the lunches for the first day, have increased their prices and two (2) new items have been added to the selections. For the oral presentation, they have ordered new batteries for the calculators and stop watches; they have sent the presenters the tests to look over; they have secured Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever for support and Prairie Farms will donate the ice cream for the social; Rich Nichols reported Lauren Lurkins had contacted him to say the Farm Bureau will donate \$900; Sondra Baker is very excited about a new idea for the Evening gam event after the ice cream social-it is glow in the dark kick ball.

National Envirothon and North Central Region Event: This was previously discussed.

Legislator of the Year: US Congressman Rodney Davis is being presented to the Legislative FAC.

Friend of Conservation: No one recommended; assigning responsibility to Legislative FAC.

Approve Reports: Motion made by Van Bitner and seconded by Jerry Snodgrass to approve reports; MCVV.

Approve Financials: Motion made by Kenny Vosholler and seconded by Jerry Snodgrass to accept Financials; MCVV.

Approve Executive Meeting Minutes: Tom Beyers made the motion to approve the December 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and any electronic action taken with the amendment of Rodney Davis name correction and the motion was seconded by Van Bitner; MCVV.

Jerry Snodgrass made the motion to go into Executive Conference at 9:05 p.m. and was seconded by Kenny Vosholler; MCVV.

Tom Beyers made the motion to come out of the Executive Conference at 9:45 p.m. and was seconded by Steve Stierwalt, MCVV.

Action Taken:

Title Change: Motion was made by Tom Beyers and seconded by Kenny Vosholler to promote Sherry Finn to Administrative Specialist; MCVV (unanimous vote).

Executive Director: Motion was made by Jerry Snodgrass and seconded by Tom Beyers to promote Kelly Thompson to Executive Director; MCVV (unanimous vote).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Stierwalt and was seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Sherry Finn, AISWCD Administrative Assistant