

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting  
SD Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 11:00 a.m.  
Ramkota Hotel, Watertown, SD

Members Present: Arlene Brandt-Jenson, Andy Oxford, Tyler Tran; present via speakerphone: Sandeep Kumar

The meeting was called to order by Arlene Brandt-Jenson at 11:06 a.m.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Introductions were conducted.

Andy Oxford presented the Treasurer's Report. \$100 was lent and returned for the silent auction. \$206 profit in December with \$72 expended. Money market is at about 4.5% growth. Scholarship fund was also reviewed. SD SWCS past budget was accepted.

Follow-up actions from Annual Meeting were discussed. Planning on sponsoring Eastern SD Water conference and Western SD Hydrology Conference at \$250 level each. For Western SD Hydrology Conference, reach out to Carrie Werkmeister-Karki to take lead.

Goals for membership recruitment were discussed. Ask active members to recruit 1-2 people to join. Internship committee is meeting and will present findings at next general meeting.

Sponsorship for international conference was discussed. Sandeep Kumar suggested splitting the sponsorship money between all students that apply. Sandeep will get numbers on interested students and provide a proposal at the next Exec Comm mtg.

Arlene Brandt-Jenson suggested activities to benefit members such as networking and a quarterly newsletter. Tyler Tran will try to make a quarterly newsletter. Arlene Brandt-Jenson suggested a trash cleanup for members as a group activity that might double for publicity. Social media accounts need to be established for exposure, and a social media coordinator maybe needed.

Arlene Brandt-Jenson would like to price a tablecloth and/or tabletop display for SD SWCS, trivia night for exposure, and sponsoring a stop on the RASDAK Bike Ride. SD SWCS could also sponsor a speed networking evening for NRCS employees as a recruitment/exposure to potential members.

Potential budget for the International Conference was discussed. Possibly send two delegates. Up to \$1500 budget for non-governmental employees discussed. NRCS and SDSU employees may have budgets available for travel and lodging.

Exec Comm will plan to meet again the week of Feb. 3. Sandeep is available any afternoon except Wednesday. We will continue discussion on budget items. Meeting adjourned at 12:52.

Submitted by Tyler Tran, Secretary