

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024
Video Conference**

I. Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:01 AM by Daniel Johnson, SCMA President.

Attending:

Daniel Johnson, President	Monica Folk
Ross Nelson, Treasurer	Sydni Redmond
Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary	Chris Ryan
Adrienne Graham	Ryan Smith

II. Antitrust Statement

Mr. Johnson stated that the Executive Committee will abide by the approved antitrust statement at this meeting and all meetings in the future.

III. Approval of Minutes

Ross Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November Executive Committee meeting. Chris Ryan seconded the motion, which carried.

IV. Financial Report

Mr. Nelson reviewed the November financial statement noting the SCMA will end the year in the red. This is due to the added expense of lobbying. SCMA does have a surplus but this will dwindle if we are negative for a few years. The SCMA needs to preserve a nest egg for any major lobbying or legal efforts in the future.

Mr. Nelson reviewed several scenarios of increasing membership dues. The SCMA currently has 19 voting members and 15 nonvoting members. The scenarios are attached to these minutes for historical reference. The Board tabled the vote until the January meeting. The Board discussed the value of the SustainSC membership. All agreed that the ERBA mission is in line with the SCMA and that membership should continue. Mr. Nelson will email the Board to ask for more input.

V. Quarterly Meeting

Brad Carey, USACE, will speak in person at the meeting. Representatives Cal Forrest and Gary Brewer have confirmed and Mr. Nelson will moderate their panel. Sean Connolly and Jeff Sicheloff, SCDOT, will provide and update.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Johnson will finalize the survey tool.

VII. Committee Reports

Partnership: The clay shoot was a success. NAEP-SC and both organizations netted nearly \$8000. The Committee is open to new ideas and new active members.

Technical: Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee received the draft of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed SQT Guidance. This committee will review this documentation and provide feedback and comments to the USACE in January.

SCDOT/USACE Committee: Mr. Johnson continues to try to set up a meeting with the SCDOT.

Government Affairs: Mr. Nelson reported that the committee is now meeting bi-weekly. There is not a specific agenda but they are still waiting on pre-files.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary

Approved by: Executive Committee, 1.14.2025

Dues Proposal

2025 (total) expense forecast: \$74.905k

The SustainSC membership is \$5,000 and ERBA is \$3,000.

19 voting members; 15 nonvoting members

Scenario A:

Raise dues: \$1500 voting; \$750 non-voting

Scenario B:

Remove the non-voting membership tier and raise membership dues to \$1,200

Scenario C:

Reserve non-voting only for nonprofits and all other companies must be voting members at \$1400.

Scenario D:

Convert non-voting to non-profits, maintain dues (voting at \$1k, non-voting at \$400), and realize annual deficit for 2025. Maintain the fee to encourage conversion. Fee increase in 2026 (Tory's problem).

Scenario E:

Daniel: Go through the membership list. Identify who we'd maintain with a drastic increase. Build (voting) fee based on that list (e.g., \$2,500) to balance the budget. See C for non-voting proposal. Welcome all members, albeit at a higher fee. Generate an excess to support legislation in 2026.

Scenario F:

Ross: Similar to E - We could have a 3 tiered membership - Bankers, consultants, and non-profit. \$3000, \$1000, and \$400. Eight bankers (WES, Wildlands, Weyerhaeuser, WLS, Sandy Creek, Davey, RES, Norfolk Southern). I think the rest of the voting members are consultants?

2025 Budget Scenarios

	No Change	Raise Dues; Maintain tiers	One membership tier	Raise Dues; Non- profit tier	No Due Increase; Non-profit tier	Maintain x members (Lose members)
	Baseline	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C	Scenario D	Scenario E
Voting Members	19	19	34	27	27	15
Non-voting Members	15	15	-	6	6	6
Voting Membership Fee \$	1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
Non-voting Membership Fee \$	400	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Membership Dues \$	25,000	\$ 39,750	\$ 40,800	\$ 40,200	\$ 29,400	\$ 47,400
Expenses \$	(74,905)	\$ (74,905)	\$ (74,905)	\$ (74,905)	\$ (74,905)	\$ (74,905)
Other Income & Interest \$	30,200	\$ 30,200	\$ 30,200	\$ 30,200	\$ 30,200	\$ 30,200
Net \$	(19,705)	\$ (4,955)	\$ (3,905)	\$ (4,505)	\$ (15,305)	\$ 2,695
Less Sustain \$	(14,705)	\$ 45	\$ 1,095	\$ 495	\$ (10,305)	\$ 7,695

Three membership Tiers

Scenario F

Voting Members (Bankers)	8
Non-voting Members (Non-profit)	6
New Tier Membership Fee (Consultants)	20
Voting Membership Fee \$	3,000
Non-voting Membership Fee \$	1,200
New Tier Membership Fee \$	400
Membership Dues \$	39,200
Expenses \$	(74,905)
Other Income & Interest \$	30,200
Net \$	(5,505)
Less Sustain \$	(505)