

**COMMITTEE REPORT 2014 Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida**

Date 2/10/2014

Committee Name GLCI Committee

Committee Chair(s) Johanna Pate, Chair – Chad Ellis, Chair Elect

Committee members Jeff Goodwin, Johanna Pate, Chad Ellis, Kim Stine, Chuck Stanley, Dennis Thompson, Brian Hays, Jim Thorpe, Kristy Maczko, Gene Fults, Keith Bartholomew, BOD representative Ken Fulgham

I. Progress Report – 2013

1. During the 2013 Annual Meeting, the GLCI Committee hosted the GLCI Forum – Ranch Stewardship: Successful Strategies and Lessons Learned. Seventy people attended the forum.

2. The GLCI Committee reviewed the PPAC and Wildlife Habitat Committee feral hog SRM position statement and recommended that “private grazing lands” be added to the position statement.

II. Planned Activities 2014

1. During the 2014 Annual Meeting, the GLCI Committee hosted the GLCI Forum – Healing the Land and Building Soil Health. The forum provided technical information about the science of healthy soils. Speakers discussed soil health building conservation principles and practices. Sixty people attended the forum. I received numerous positive responses from participants after the forum.

2. The committee is prepared to address any policy, resolution or position statement regarding private grazing land that the BOD deems necessary.

3. The committee is planning on hosting a forum at the 2015 annual meeting.

III. Action items for BOD consideration including critical dates

1. Funding – At this time, the GLCI Committee requests no funding. Sponsorship for future forums will be solicited elsewhere by the committee.

2. The GLCI Committee is very concerned with NRCS’s decision to limit staff attendance to annual SRM meetings and training. The committee will be presenting a letter of concern for Board approval.

IV. Submission Procedure – Electronically submitted by Johanna Pate, Chair