

**Rangeland Invasive Species Committee (RISC)**  
**SRM/WSSA Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**7 Feb 2010 (1 pm MST)**  
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**Rick Orr's Report from the SRM BOD**

1. Web Updates need to be submitted to Ann Tanaka
  - a. cc Rick Orr on changes
2. SRM Financial Committee
  - a. Need to get funding sources secured
  - b. Any Committee ideas that require SRM funding must be submitted for approval to BOD
3. SRM BOD will develop
  - a. Strategic Plan – John Tanaka will be the lead
  - b. Financial Plan – May require some re-organization
4. New Editor of Rangelands
  - a. Lori Hidingen Editor in Chief

- b. Looking into a new concept for sliding scale peer-review
      - i. Extension peers
      - ii. Rancher peers for applied articles from ranchers
      - iii. Geared toward the theme and scope of the individual papers
- 5. Action Alert Calls
  - a. Will begin holding teleconferences in March
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month
  - c. Call In number and pass code (517) 417-5000; code 012010
  - d. Exact times will be announced
- 6. CPED programs
  - a. SRM will donate \$2500 for each approved project/meeting
  - b. There will be 3 this year (thus far)
    - i. All BLM/FS funded
    - ii. \$30,000 funded by agencies for these programs
    - iii. All ESD applications and implementation by federal agencies
- 7. The Strategic Plan Task force Needs (from committees): **\*\*ACTION ITEM (Cummings/Monaco)\*\***
  - a. Policy Change Information
  - b. Financial Support Needs
  - c. Website Changes and Updates

**Rita Beard/Chad Cummings Update from the Invasive Species Symposium Comm.**

- 1. Discussed symposium date (Tues.), mixer to follow at the poster session
- 2. Discussed NIWAW being changed to NISAW – to incorporate all taxa
- 3. Announced Weeds Across Borders Meeting in June 2010
  - a. NCTC Washington, DC
  - b. Will include US, CA, MX
  - c. Open to all (??)

**Communications Sub-committee (Ed Vasquez)**

- 1. Discussed newsletter possibility **\*\*ACTION ITEM (Vasquez/Cummings)\*\***
  - a. pdf based newsletter – cut down on costs
  - b. Solicit ideas/information from membership in March/Apr
  - c. Publish in June/July
- 2. (Merilynn H.) Discussed the possibility of a poster/booth at the upcoming SRM Meetings (Billings, Spokane) **\*\*ACTION ITEM (Hirsch, Nafus, Leffler, Vasquez)\*\***
  - a. Will need funding approval for booth space
  - b. Ideas to include
    - i. State Invasive Spp. fact sheets
    - ii. Info about the RISC
    - iii. New/Innovative Weed Mapping and EDRR info.
    - iv. etc.

Agency Invasives Attendees we need to be involved with 2011 SRM Meeting (RISC)

**\*\*ACTION ITEM (Cummings) \*\***

- Mike Ielmini (Sp.?) – USFS
- Gina Ramos – BLM
- Al Tasker – APHIS
- Doug Cauly (Sp.?) – NRCS
- Rita Beard – NPS – in attendance this, and past years

**Guest - Quinton Barr – Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring Committee**

1. Discussed working on a joint symposium with the RISC in an upcoming meeting (Group decided to target 2012 meeting in Spokane, WA)
2. Barr and R. Beard Discussed Reasons
  - a. We need a way to gather, assimilate, integrate, and communicate information about invasive plants to a greater audience
  - b. EDRR database is currently a nightmare and difficult to get information out of
  - c. NAWMA Standards need to be updated (How can we do this?)
  - d. Data integration
  - e. USDA plants use of invasive species data streamlined
  - f. State Work regarding invasives monitoring
  - g. Take combined strengths to solve problem (join fed agencies to get accomplished)
  - h. Bugwood UGA ED Maps – site to look at for current status and mapping

**\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\* Symposium Sub-committee Volunteers**

1. Josh Leffler
2. Brian Mealor
3. Rachel Mealor
4. Mark Hatkenschiel
5. John Gaskin
6. D. Chad Cummings

Symposium sub-committee ideas

1. We need to get support of federal agencies
2. Could we get CPED funds to assist??
3. Quinton to check on RAM committee volunteers
4. DC Cummings to set up meeting this week at the SRM/WSSA to discuss

**\*\*ACTION ITEM (Cummings)\*\***

**New Business**

1. Dale Weisbrot discussed Saskatchewan Invasive Species Council
  - a. Noxious Weed Act Renewal
2. Ed Vasquez discussed Area Wide Invasive Plants Grant – Annual Grass Invasion in the Great Basin (OR, UT, CA, NV, ID?)
  - a. 5 year project – they are in the third year

- b. EBIPM.org - website discussing progress so far
- c. In December 2010, they will have a 4 day symposia (mornings) and tours (afternoons)
- d. Focus on annual grass invasions (medusahead, cheatgrass)
- 3. Brian Meador
  - a. Call for judges for the 2010 SRM Rangeland Cup – Student Competition (Tues. 3-5 pm)
  - b. Everyone welcome to attend and check out the student posters
- 4. Jorge L. (not able to attend meeting)
  - a. Still need pictures (invasive species, control, management, etc.) for the website
- 5. Ideas
  - a. 2-3 weeks in advance of 2011 SRM meeting, RISC should send out nominations/volunteers request for Vice Chair **\*\*ACTION ITEM (Cummings)\*\***
  - b. Elected Vice Chair for 2010
    - i. Byron Sleugh, Dow AgroSciences, IA accepted nomination

**Meeting Adjourned (3:20 pm MST)**