

SRM ADVISORY COUNCIL
2016 Biannual Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday January 5th 10:00 Mountain Time

10:00 (MST) Call was convened

Attending Sections: Doug Cram (MN), Julie Elliot (CO), Randy Reichert (CO), Jessica Rose Crowder (WY), Mae Smith (WY), Windy Kelley (WY), Jill Burkhardt (IM), Ryan Shane (NV), Nakaya Rife (NGP), Morgan Doran (CA)

Others: Vicky Trujillo (SRM Executive Assistant), Jess Peterson (SRM Executive Vice-President), Kelly Fogarty (Washington D.C. Liaison)

- Roll call taken via email to Lisa (See above)
- Reciprocal membership was added to agenda;

1. Comments and overview of BOD activities-(Jess Peterson for President Pat Shaver) and EVP Update:

- Jess reported for President Shaver as he is out for PT for knee surgery; appreciation of hearing from the Sections; Board has been very active, emphasis on the Sections feedback; Making progress on AC action items;
- Vicky attended 6NCGL for SRM; Sandy Wyman and other SRM Members were also in attendance; good meeting, mixed feedback regarding SRM;
- Kelly will report on AM and other activities; length of AM16 time shortened by one day with most activities complete on Wednesday of the meeting; **see section 3 below**;
- Approaching 1 year anniversary with Elsevier as publisher; December issue of *Rangelands* is very good; some comments from 6NCGL were negative towards *Rangelands* but this issue is very producer/practitioner friendly; online journal access problems should now be resolved; please share this information with your Sections;
- SRM membership display has been updated with input from OCW committee; will be in use at the Californian Rangeland Summit; then shipped to AM16 in Corpus; requests for use should be sent to Vicky;
- Website RFP has been concluded and vendor to create new website has been selected by Website Redesign Task Force; Funds from successful AM15 were put towards website redesign project; a long process but worthwhile;
- Membership Service challenges continue to be addressed; RFP was sent out by Membership Services Task Force; continuing to review and determine what will be best for SRM; focused and concentrated effort;
- Board is looking at current investment policy to determine best practices for SRM; received donation from Pendleton Estate (TX) for Endowment;
- Barry Irving and Jess attended SAF Board Meeting early December;
- Wild Horse and Burro Roundtable taking place in Reno this week with SRM members, including VP Val Anderson, in attendance;
- Trainings, coordinated agreements, and lots of activities ongoing;
- **Lisa RE On the Spot: will there be a list of job postings?;** only have USFS info so far; has been posted on Social Media; do not have a complete info yet; will also send out info in a RangeFlash; New coordinator for Job Fair this year, Dan Fletcher-USFS;

2. **2019 annual meeting and location options/host sections (Kelly):**

- AM17 will be in St. George UT, AM18 will be in Reno NV;
- 2019 location still not determined; some interest from Sections including Canada, Kansas and NGP; will be discussed at AM2016 AC meeting; Kristin House will be on hand to address questions, make recommendations for most feasible locations, etc.; Contact Kelly if you have questions;
 - Randy (CO): CO is discussing feasibility of hosting 2020 AM, with possible joint Section hosts;
 - Jessica (WY): Exploring similar option;

3. **2016 Corpus Christi annual meeting update (Kelly Fogarty):**

- Pre-reg will end on January 11, not January 7th as originally planned;
- Kings Ranch Tour is full; will be a waiting list at the AM16;
- Attendee numbers will be lower at AM16 than at AM15; agency attendance will be good; awaiting numbers;
- AM16 AMPC cut meeting by one day, as has AM17 AMPC; most activities at the Convention Center will be done on Wednesday; any additional functions will be at hotel;
- Precon has been posted to the AM16 website;
- **R Reichert (CO)** Are demographics for meeting reviewed to see who is/who isn't attending meetings?; some demographics are available using registration lists and are used for reach out particularly to agencies to promote attendance; also reaching out to students and young professionals; 2015 graduating seniors were awarded a 1 year complimentary membership in order to promote retention;
 - Meeting location itself also has an effect on attendance; should be considered as a factor for future meeting planning;
 - Local Sections integral to promotion of local/joint organizations and interests to increase attendance;
- Shuttle from San Antonio to Corpus was not a viable option; shuttles will be going back and forth between hotels and Convention Center;
- Forest Service is hosting the Recruitment and On the Spot Hiring event at the AM16; a number of positions available, 95% for recent graduates; great opportunities for hiring as well as internships; contact Kelly for information;
 - NRCS will be attending job fair/recruitment but full participant details not finalized yet;

4. **Capital update-DC fly in overview (Kelly):**

- BoD members and YPC President Miranda Meehan attended several meetings; one of the most successful DC Fly-ins in recent memory;
- USFS, NRCS, meetings – have joint agreements with both which are in effect, exploring options for new and improved;
 - Also met with BLM;
 - Looking at Conflict Resolution training for USFS; will meet at A16 to discuss;
 - Met with USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment Butch Blazer (speaking at Plenary) and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie;
 - Native American Range Management workshop series in development and will be discussed at AM16; pre-planning to begin soon;

Also met with NGO's including Dow and Nat Fish Wildlife on pollinators, habit & species management; will

be pollinator discussion at AM16; partnering on range soil health;

- Very productive; outcome of Fly-in efforts will be realized at AM16 and beyond; agreements have been established through past efforts with agencies; now working to expand on these agreements and efforts;

5. **AC resolution and recommendation updates:**

- ***Proposal from NV Section regarding reciprocal membership between SRM and State or Regional Organizations was received;*** Lisa will email full proposal details to AC for review prior to AM16 meeting; includes justifications, methods for addressing, and scenarios are included in proposal; will be discussed addressed at 2016 AC meeting;
- ***Nikki? (NGP) Board Info shared at previous AM AC meeting is essentially the same information as that shared at the SRM Business Meeting and Luncheon so was redundant;*** looking for options to make better use of time and still ensure that all information from Board is shared with AC; suggest that all AC members attend the SRM Business Meeting and Luncheon for the general information but since Committee Feedback still needs to be obtained will need to continue with old meeting format for now ; can adjust for future meetings once a process is determined; **you must be registered for Business Meeting in order to attend so either register or send Kelly a list to make sure that all get on the registration list;**
- ***Morgan (CA) Switch to same Annual Membership Renewal date for all members:*** CalPac voted and passed this but is still concern regarding proration for process so that members don't lose out; timing of the change to annual membership renewal should recognize difficulties of taking place during the holiday season;
 - (Jess) Cashflow is now consistent so no longer a problem for annual renewal; proration is being integrated; further questions should be addressed to Leonard Jolley and Ken Fulgham for most complete information; Will require a vote to make change to bylaws;
- ***Morgan (CA) Section Use of Parent Society Website Platform:***
 - (Jess) still may be an option but would require Section interest and cost sharing; current efforts are towards parent society website redesign and improvement only; depending on how that turns out there may be opportunities for Sections; new website should offer time and cost savings to current processes;

6. **Section issues:**

- a. Updating Section officers to the Parent Society – **Please if you have not done this yet. Get it to Vicky asap.**

7. **Other:**

- List of current committee chairs can be found at <http://www.rangelands.org/committees.shtml>; new chairs take effect after the AM and will be updated after that time;
- AC will inform Board regarding time and subject matter on which to brief AC at AM16 meeting for best use of time; tentatively scheduled for end of day Sunday;
- Lisa will send out update from today's call and resulting actions by the end of the week;
- (Jess) Please continue to promote #RespectOnTheRange and getting the word out on the good works that are happening on the range;

10:23 meeting adjourned