

Society for Range Management

SRM-GLCI (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative) Committee Handbook

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I. Background

A. The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) task force has been in existence since 1995. One of the strengths and benefits provided to SRM by this task force has been its direct connection to private grazingland owners and managers. Due to SRM's commitment to continuing its strong ties with private grazingland owners, the SRM in 2011 at the direction of the Board of Directors conferred its full committee status.

II. Introduction

A. The Society for Range Management (SRM) has the unique opportunity to promote rangeland education, technical assistance, and stewardship principals to rangeland managers and natural resource professionals across the globe. The SRM encourages the sound use and management of the world's rangeland resources in a sustainable and ecologically assenting manner. The SRM recognizes the importance of strengthening its bond with grazingland owners and operators. The Society for Range Management has been a founding partner with GLCI (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative) since its inception. The Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative's focus is to support efforts that protect and improve the health and productive capacity of America's private grazing lands. This partnership can be reinforced by providing grazingland education and rangeland technical outreach through grazingland forums, symposia, and technical outreach events.

III. Mission

A. The mission of the SRM-GLCI Committee is to promote the mission and objectives of the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative in keeping with the principles and policies of SRM. Additionally, the committee is charged with promoting grazingland education, technical assistance and technology transfer to grazingland owners, managers and professionals. Furthermore, to strengthen the Society for Range Management's tie to grazingland owners and to encourage more grazingland owners to become members of SRM.

IV. Committee Functions:

A. The SRM-GLCI committee serves as a liaison between SRM leadership and the National GLCI Steering Committee. As a partner organization on the national steering committee SRM has 2 voting positions and one alternate position. These representatives of SRM will meet with the National GLCI Steering Committee at least twice a year to coordinate and promote activities and issues of mutual interest and submit a report back to the SRM-GLCI committee. At the SRM annual winter conference, the SRM-GLCI committee will review actions taken for the year and provide a report of accomplishment to the SRM leadership.

B. In accordance, the SRM-GLCI Committee will:

- 1. Encourage more producer/land manager based activities.**
- 2. When feasible, provide leadership in the formation and organization of a GLCI producer forum and or symposia at the International level (e.g. SRM Annual Meeting).**
- 3. On request, provide review to SRM policy, position statements, and resolutions that involve grazingland issues.**
- 4. Serve as a liaison between and provide direction to the National GLCI Steering Committee by providing two SRM representatives**
- 5. Develop and recommend policy to the SRM Board of Directors related to rangeland technical assistance, education and research needed to improve the ability to manage rangeland resources.**

V. Leadership and Membership Structure:

A. Chair and Chair elect:

1. The leadership of the committee shall be provided by a Chair and Chair elect, both selected by the SRM-GLCI committee. Nominations will be accepted by verbal or written nomination. Each position will serve its capacity for a 2 year term. Every odd year the SRM-GLCI committee will select an incoming Chair elect and the current Chair elect will promote to Chair.

B. Membership:

1. Membership in the SRM-GLCI committee is open to any current SRM member that is interested in promoting sound grazingland principles. There are no membership term limits and all members in attendance at all planned meetings can vote. The committee at its discretion may encourage more membership recruitment depending on need.

C. Subcommittees

- 1. On occasion, subcommittees are needed to accomplish specific tasks related to committee sponsored events and functions. Membership in subcommittees will be voluntary or appointed by the chair. The subcommittee will report to the Chair and keep the committee apprised of their direction and actions.**

VI. Leadership and Membership Duties

A. Committee Chair

- 1. Provide overall leadership and direction of the committee.**
- 2. Provide a meeting agenda.**
- 3. Preside at meetings or appoint the chair elect or member to preside in his/her place.**
- 4. Provide minutes of all planned meetings during the SRM annual meeting to the assigned SRM Board of Directors liaison.**
- 5. Provide the SRM Board of Directors and SRM Headquarters assistance and committee action reports upon request throughout the year.**
- 6. When applicable, provide leadership in the development of SRM-GLCI grazingland forums at SRM annual meetings.**

B. Chair Elect

- 1. Upon request serve as proxy Chair at SRM annual meeting and function in the absence of the Chair.**
- 2. Assist the Chair by providing leadership in the development of SRM-GLCI grazingland educational outreach events. (i.e. assist with logistical planning, identifying speakers, assist with topic development and structure, etc.)**
- 3. Assist Chair in development of progressive events and outreach activities.**

C. Membership

- 1. Provide input to the Chairperson when the Board of Directors requests information or direction from the committee. (i.e. SRM policy review, resolution review, position statement review, etc.)**
- 2. Volunteer to assist with, provide insight, and support the development of SRM-GLCI grazingland educational outreach functions.**
- 3. When possible attend SRM-GLCI meetings and teleconferences.**

D. Subcommittees

- 1. The subcommittee chairs will report annually or upon request to the committee Chair, who will keep the overall committee and SRM BOD Liaison up to date on progress and accomplishments.**

VII. Meetings and Communication

- A. The SRM-GLCI committee will meet annually at the SRM annual meeting. Additionally, the committee will meet at other times as needed and scheduled by the chair or chair elect, by teleconference or electronic format to accomplish specific deadlines and functions related to sponsored grazingland outreach events.**

VIII. Committee Activities

- A. The SRM-GLCI Committee's primary function is to foster SRM's relationship with grazingland owners and operators. In support of this function this committee will designate two SRM member representatives and one alternate to sit on the National GLCI Steering Committee. In an effort to strengthen this partnership, when feasible, this committee will hold a SRM-GLCI sponsored grazingland themed forum at national SRM meetings. The SRM-GLCI committee will be responsible for developing the focus and theme of the forum, identifying the speakers, providing a moderator and A/V assistant, submitting the symposium requests, and all other tasks associated with the forum. Additionally, the committee will provide support to the Biannual National Grazing Land Conferences.**

- B. Additionally, this committee is a member of the SRM Policy Division. The SRM-GLCI committee will be responsible for (upon request by the Board of Directors) providing insight and review to SRM Policy decisions, resolutions, and position statements that involve grazing lands.**

IX. Reporting to the SRM Board of Directors

A. The SRM-GLCI committee will prepare an annual report of accomplishments for the SRM Annual Board of Directors meeting and additional reports upon request by the President or Board liaison. Reports will be provided to the Board of Directors committee liaison for presentation to the President and Board members. Each SRM-GLCI committee member will receive a copy of the annual report.

X. Relationship to other SRM Committees

A. The SRM-GLCI committee will work effectively with other committees. Specifically the committee will work closely with the SRM Annual meeting and planning committees to develop the annual grazing forum at the SRM annual meeting. The committee will also work closely with other SRM committees and task forces as need or by request of the Board of Directors.

XI. Handbook Revision

A. Additions and/or revisions to the SRM-GLCI Handbook shall be considered when identified and deemed necessary. Any additions and/or revisions of the Handbook shall be reviewed and approved by the SRM-GLCI Board of Directors liaison prior to implementation.