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SRM Watershed/Riparian Committee Meeting

2/9/2014

8:00 am to 11:00 pm

Meeting called by: Sarah Quistberg, Chair and Linda Spencer, Co-Chair
Misty Hays (current Board Rep)

NEW BOD rep: Joe Hicks, jhicks01@fs.fed.us meeteetsejoe@gmail.com

Attendees

Brittney Askew	
Derek Bailey	
Mike Borman	
Garry Brown	
Ken Crane	
Niki Cutler	
Jimmy Eisner	
Wayne Elmore	
Jeffrey T Sturla	
Erica Freese	
Gene Fults	
Molly Galbraith	
Mark Gonzalez	
Lou Hagener	X
Merilynn Hirsch	
Susan Holtzman	
Emily Lent	
Ryan Leary	
Sam Lossing	
Mary Manning	
Cindy McArthur	

Cindy Meays	
Paul Meiman	
Marcus Miller	
Jennifer Moffitt	
Sarah Noelle	
Matt Phillippi	
Sarah Quistberg, Chair	
Jeff Repp	
Dwayne Rice	
Quentin Skinner	
Erin Smith	
Steve Smith	
Linda Spencer, Co-Chair	X
Janice Staats	
Tamzen Stringham	X
Larry Strong	
Sherm Swanson	
Ken Tate	
Dave Weixelman	
Bob Welling	

Sandy Wyman	X
NEW Mitch Stevenson, mitschs@NMSU.edu	X
NEW Grace Ray, Grace.Ray@Oregonstate.edu	X
NEW Carlos Ochoa carlos.ochoa@oregonstate.edu	X
NEW Piedad Mayagoitia pemg110@nmsu.edu pemg110@gmail.com	X
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8:00 am-8:30 am

Introductions - What's New with You?

Update [mailing list](#)

Confirm officers - Sarah is Chair for 2014 and Linda Spencer is Chair Elect (Chair for 2015)

8:30-9:00 New Topics

WRC Purpose- Review the purpose each year during the meeting. Provide a way to project materials on the wall to eliminate paper copies. Also helps to have this tool when new members attend and are not familiar with orienting on the SRM site.

Webpage Feedback – Sarah and Linda discussed this during the year. No major changes.
Sandy: The current business page format is OK. Good for keeping past notes etc. If changes need to be made, Sandy suggests using BOD member to move things more effectively. Emily Lent received the handoff of web duties. Handbook updates have been about every 2 or 3 years under Suzan. This has also been handed to Emily. Continue to review the website every year at

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the meeting in addition to making regular necessary changes. Members were asked to continue to submit photos and ideas.

Action: Linda will send an email to the new members (see attendees above) with information about navigating to SRM and WRC sites.

USFS Springs Checklist –Linda shared the checklist via email in early January 2014 and thanked members for networking it-there were several helpful responses. Lou suggests that springs development should be a session in Sacramento. Sandy and Tamzen feel this is timely. Riparian Team just did the lotic Tech Ref update and Lentic is next. Carlos feels that adding soils and watershed aspects would increase interest and attendance.

Action: Committee to begin developing connections and presenters for 2015 workshop.

Action: Linda will send email on FS springs development checklist to new members.

9:00-10:30 Recurring Topics

High School Youth Forum - We weren't asked to do anything this year (Sandy)

2015 Symposia/Workshop Ideas - SPRINGS identification and development/restoration

Action: Committee to network and develop ideas on content. Begin reaching out to potential presenters.

BOD meeting with Committee chairs - Lou and Sandy reported a few items. Committee Report is due Monday at 5pm. Use the new format Jenny sent. Membership was also a topic. Committee's mission statements are sometimes contradicting. We should be looking at these closely. Misty is going off her term this meeting and Joe Hicks (USFS Wyoming jhicks01@fs.fed.us) is the replacement.

Action – Linda to write and submit Committee report to BOD by 5pm. DONE!

Membership -Sandy Wyman is working on this. Good discussion points below:

- New student attendees thought it would help if SRM had a stronger presence at the field/state level and did more with mentoring and activities. Some agencies have mentor programs but only reach out to employees. How does SRM apply mentoring?
- Tamzen has organized regional events that reach across schools and agencies. She noted it is important to also target non-4 yr colleges and that Federal agencies have to ask universities for assistance in organizing these events. We talked about increasing networks at the section level where events could focus on local interests. Sections need to do a better job of promoting the parent society SRM at their meetings
- Funding is always an issue. Grace asked if there was funding for attending functions. The Pac NW Section does provide some while in other areas students raise money. Carlos thinks the focus group for membership should be grad students who are more likely to come back as professionals. Lou talked about asking SRM to allow a "partial" membership to defray costs. Linda thinks the parent Society to gain a better understanding about attendance and membership by putting a poll on the SRM website and asking "Why do you attend?". This would be easy to do. Invite SRM members to participate and ask them to network the poll to those outside SRM.

Action – Committee members continue to network and actively reach out to peers and partners.

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Committee Purpose Statements- BOD notes that Committee statements need to be in line with each other and the parent Society. BOD also notes that development of position statements needs to be standardized.

Linda briefly stated the draft mission and vision statements that she and Sarah started working on in 2013.

Vision: An engaged group of members actively communicating on rangeland watershed and riparian systems.

Mission: Providing scientifically-backed information for the management of rangeland watershed and riparian issues.

Action – Sarah and Linda to develop a draft of committee purpose and then engage members.

Action – Linda will attend the PPAC Meeting on Tuesday on standardizing position statements.

Riparian emphasis - Tamzen and Sandy reported that there is still work being done on getting riparian plants on the Plant exam list and questions on the URME. Sandy is hoping to see the Riparian grass field guide finished this year.

SRM Glossary - Lou overviewed the Glossary work he has done to date. We reviewed the charter member list.

Jim O'Rourke-IRC/IGC

Linda Spencer-Watershed and Riparian Committee

Mark Freese-Wildlife Habitat Committee

Sarah Quistberg- Watershed and Riparian Committee

John Hendrickson-Targeted Grazing Committee

Keith Harmoney-Rangeland Invasive Species Committee

Robert Washington-Allen- GIS/Remote Sensing Committee

Ken Spaeth-Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring Committee

Work was to be done after Sacramento meetings, but this might be too soon. It was suggested that Outreach, Communications and Website is handling publications and they should be tied in. PPAC will use this glossary and the BOD will have to sign off. Linda asked if there was anyone on the OCW that could crawl sites for "top" terms. Misty will check on this.

Action – Glossary charter members to refresh networks and review available documentation. Include a citation for terms and definitions if taken from a citable source. WRC Committee members to also review, submit new terms, and network.

Action – Sandy will use the Riparian Team to review their Tech Refs Glossaries to provide more terms. Piedad offered a few new terms at the meeting: Anoxic, Reducing or oxidized, Eddy and Ecosystem Services.

ADJOURN about 1030 EST.

Board Rep Visit - Misty and Joe Hicks (incoming Rep) arrived shortly after adjournment. Misty explained to Linda about the new Committee report format. Linda asked about procuring web services from SRM to assist with: WRC website design; SRM membership poll; and SRM Glossary development. Linda also asked about virtual meeting capabilities (audio, video or both) for the next Committee meeting to permit other WRC members to participate.

Action - Misty will follow up on both issues.