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Committee Name: **International Affairs**

Date: **March 15, 2022**

Past Year Committee Chair(s): *Information Required*

Name: Layne Coppock **Start**(Mon-Yr): Feb 2021 **End**(Mon-Yr): Feb 2022
Email: Layne.Coppock@usu.edu **Affiliation:** Utah State University (Prof. Emeritus)

Second name if committee has co-chairs

Name: --- **Start**(Mon-Yr): --- **End**(Mon-Yr): ---
Email: --- **Affiliation:** ---

Current/Upcoming Year Committee Chair(s): *Information Required*

Name: Layne Coppock **Start** (Mon-Yr): Feb 2022 **End** (Mon-Yr): Feb 2023
Email: Layne.Coppock@usu.edu **Affiliation:** Utah State University (Prof. Emeritus)

Second name if committee has co-chairs

Name: --- **Start** (Mon-Yr): --- **End** (Mon-Yr): ---
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Current/Upcoming Year Committee Chair- Elect(s): *Information Required*

Name: Lauren Svejcar **Start**(Mon-Yr): Feb 2022 **End**(Mon-Yr): Feb 2023
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Second name if committee has co-chairs

Name: --- **Start**(Mon-Yr): --- **End**(Mon-Yr): ---
Email: --- **Affiliation:** ---

People attending Committee Meeting: (*"TAB" to add lines.*)

Name: Layne Coppock (member)	Name: Lia Biondo (guest)
Name: Kailie Pena (guest)	Name: Jim O'Rourke (member)
Name: Barry Irving (member)	Name: Dan Miller (member)
Name: Ray Smith (guest)	Name: Urs Kreuter (member)
Name: Humberto Perotto (member)	Name: Carlos Ortega Ochoa (IAC BOD rep)
Name: Poncho Ortega (guest)	Name: Val Anderson (guest)
Name: Ann Waters-Bayer (member)	Name: Ben Norton (member)

Name:	David Briske (member)	Name:	John Taylor (guest)
Name:	David Toledo (guest)	Name:	Maryam Niamir-Fuller (member)
Name:	Lauren Svejcar (member)	Name:	Robin Reid (guest)
Name:	Michael Benanev (guest)	Name:	
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Committee Report - Final deadline March 15

Progress Report for Current Report Year: *Please list your Committee's work/accomplishments to date Narrative/Bullet items. If your committee was funded this past year please provide a progress report on expenditure of funds. Enter below – box will expand as needed.*

1. We successfully held the first hybrid annual meeting for the International Affairs Committee (IAC) on February 06, 2022 at the Albuquerque convention center. The meeting combined virtual (Zoom) technology with an in-person gathering. We had 22 attendees overall. *A summary of this meeting has been uploaded along with this report.* Our attendance in 2022 was over four times the attendance achieved for 2021. **We asked SEM for \$300 in cash to provide a conference room enabled for remote engagement. These funds were thus successfully spent to this end via SRM Operations.** *In retrospect, however, while the Zoom technology worked well, there were many complaints about the inadequate in-person technology, both for audio and video. For next year we will stick with Zoom only (see below).*

2. We successfully held three virtual events in conjunction with the Albuquerque conference. These events were in support of a proposal to the United Nations concerning the *International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists for 2026 (IYRP)*. One event was a virtual symposium held on February 22 that was focused on international research and global support processes for the IYRP that hosted 12 presentations by over 20 authors. Virtual attendance at the symposium varied from 40 to 90 over 3.5 hours. The other two events were virtual, 2-hour workshops held on February 23 and 24 that were focused on participatory deliberations among members of the IYRP core leadership and chairs/co-chairs of 11 designated global rangeland regions. The deliberations concerned identification of priority issues and actions shared worldwide in the quest to improve global rangelands and enhance the lives those dependent on these resources. Virtual attendance for these workshops included people who submitted regional reports, were verbally engaged in discussions, and/or voted to rank key outcomes. We estimate that 80 people attended the workshops over both days. *A summary of findings for the symposium and workshops has been uploaded along with this report.* **We asked SRM for \$4,600 in cash for simultaneous translation at the virtual workshops from English to Spanish and English to French. These funds were also spent via SRM Operations. The final invoice from Cetra Language Solutions—the company providing the interpreters—is still pending, however.**

We also asked SRM to provide 320 complementary, non-member virtual registrations for symposium/workshop presenters and organizers, as well as members of a stakeholder audience provided by the IYRP global network. Preliminary estimates suggest that 115 of the 320 complementary registrations were utilized, and this boosted online conference attendance by 20%, and overall conference attendance (online plus in-person) by 9% (data supplied by Kelly Fogarty). The dollar value for the 115 complementary virtual registrations was thus \$125 x 115 = \$14,375.

We do feel that the 115 complementary virtual registrations is a good start for an SRM globalization process. Although only 36% of the requested 320 complementary registrations were used, in part this occurred because formal approval of the IYRP by the UN General Assembly was delayed, and this reduced the incentives for IYRP stakeholders to mobilize and contribute to IYRP events at SRM. It was originally expected that UN approval of the IYRP would occur in November, 2021. ***We are happy to report, however, that UN approval has occurred on March 15, 2022, and this bodes well for expanding the participation by IYRP stakeholders at Boise in 2023!***

3. We are in the process of implementing a short social survey of the global IYRP stakeholder network to identify who attended SRM ABQ, what attendees liked or disliked about the meeting, and what people want or need from an organization like SRM. The survey is being designed by the core IYRP/IAC leadership and will be implemented and

analyzed for free by SRM Operations via SurveyMonkey. **Thus, there are no budget implications for SRM concerning this component.** We expect this task to be completed by May.

4. Finally, in our IAC budget request for 2021-22, we estimated that IAC and IYRP members would donate the equivalent of \$20,000 (in-kind) from 200 hours of uncompensated time spent in support of these IAC activities. *Now that SRM ABQ has passed, our experience suggests that it is likely that the \$20,000 match is an underestimate.*

In summary, the total dollar value for the IAC budget from SRM for 2021-2022 is thus about \$4,600 + \$14,375 = \$18,975. Details will be confirmed in the annual IAC financial report due in July, 2022.

Planned Activities for Upcoming Year - Narrative/Bullet items: *Please list your Committee's planned work/accomplishments for the upcoming year-Narrative/Bullet items. Enter below – box will expand as needed.*

1. Convene the annual IAC meeting in conjunction with the Boise 2023 conference. Because in-person technology is often a challenge at convention center venues, we will only use Zoom at this meeting and thus will not have a room request nor a funding request to support in-person technology.
2. Convene a virtual symposium and/or virtual workshop in conjunction with the Boise 2023 conference. The event(s) will be in support of the IYRP 2026, in a continuation of what was achieved at SRM ABQ 2022. Details for these events have yet to be clarified, however, because of the delay in approval of the IYRP by the UN. We also want to engage in a thorough stakeholder review of IYRP achievements at SRM ABQ 2022 to decide what the next steps should be. *Plans for a virtual symposium and/or virtual workshops for Boise 2023 will be submitted to the respective Boise planning committees by early September 2022.* As noted below, we will request more complementary virtual registrations and funds to support simultaneous language translation in conjunction with Boise 2023.
3. There is a list of 13 housekeeping activities to be pursued by IAC members for 2022-2023. These do **not** have associated funding requests; volunteer time is used to meet these goals. Efforts to make progress on these activities will begin in April, 2022. The list includes:
 - (a) Re-build the IAC webpage at the SRM website to better reflect the IAC today
 - (b) Make progress on editing the SRM vision/mission statement to include international work
 - (c) Develop a social media presence for the IAC
 - (d) Prepare a brief on international career paths for young SRM professionals
 - (e) Finalize a way forward for using a small, IAC fund that supports international scholars
 - (f) Finalize a way forward to access and better manage IAC information archives
 - (g) Actively recruit new IAC members to better diversify the ranks according to age, gender, etc.
 - (h) Update ourselves on evolving interactions between SRM and the Australian Rangeland Society (ARS)
 - (i) Update ourselves on aspects of other, internal international event planning for SRM Boise 2023
 - (j) Compile a list of professional rangeland societies worldwide to lay a foundation for better networking
 - (k) Clarify and post formal statements of support for the IYRP from SRM and the IAC
 - (l) Work with SRM Operations to promote multi-lingual webpages for the SRM Boise 2023 conference
 - (m) Work with the Range Science Education Committee and others (IIED, etc.,?) to develop general models for online international curricula development and certifications with an emphasis on rangeland social and ecological issues

Items for BOD consideration (including any requested critical dates/deadlines):

Action & Process on Requested Items: *Please outline direct Board action requests. During the span of the year, if you haven't heard back regarding your request for BoD action, please check with your BoD rep to get a status report on your requested items. The BoD rep is tasked to report back with any updates or follow-up items. Enter below – box will expand as needed.*

None

Funding Requests: *Please state funding needs and/or requests, including any suggested potential revenue or matching sources. A reminder that SRM's Fiscal Year (FY) is August 1 - July 31. All funds MUST be used during the FY. NO CARRYOVER IS ALLOWED FROM ONE FY TO THE NEXT.) Enter below – box will expand as needed.*

A. Needs/Objectives/Actions You may wish to list project elements and their proposed costs in case SRM can fund only a portion of the request:

The needs, objectives, and actions below are associated with the IAC hosting a virtual symposium and/or workshop at SRM Boise 2023 in support of the IYRP 2026. The objectives for 2023 are similar to what was approved for the IAC support of the IYRP in 2022:

Needs and Objectives: (1) Provide a platform at SRM 2023 that strengthens the IYRP 2026 process. We envision that SRM can provide the glue needed to better unite a wide array of actors in a common purpose of enhancing global stewardship of rangelands; (2) introduce SRM to a large global network of IYRP stakeholders having interest in rangelands, but who are as yet unfamiliar with SRM (an important international marketing opportunity for SRM); (3) increase the international leadership profile of SRM; (4) enhance the institutional capacity of SRM to conduct global virtual meetings, including those needing multiple-language translational formats; and (5) facilitate engagement of SRM members with the IYRP global network and international donors, thereby offering potential for new opportunities in collaboration for outreach, education, policy formulation, and research.

Actions and Estimated Costs: (1) We again ask SRM to provide 200 complementary virtual registrations for IYRP stakeholders attending SRM Boise 2023. *We expect the demand for complementary, nonmember virtual registrations to grow beyond the 115 utilized for SRM ABQ 2022. We estimate the cost of the complementary virtual registrations to be $\$125 \times 200 = \$25,000$;* and (2) We again ask SRM to cover the costs for simultaneous oral translation for participants in the IAC symposium and/or workshops. The budget in 2022 for incorporating Spanish and French at the two workshops by Cetra Language solutions (\$4,600) was tight. **To increase the scope of simultaneous translation at SRM Boise 2023 we ask that this budget line item be increased to \$10,000.** And in the meantime, we will be searching for cheaper translation alternatives to make the best use of these funds.

B. Justification How will this benefit the Society and/or rangelands:

We believe that SRM will benefit from globalization at this time, a process greatly facilitated by new, low-cost communications technologies and the presence of similar, world-wide challenges for rangelands that can only be met by fostering an action-oriented, united front across a large network of like-minded stakeholders. By meeting the objectives listed above, SRM can benefit in numerous ways. While it is conventional thinking that globalization will spur more SRM memberships and hence revenue, we argue that embracing an international leadership role goes way beyond that. Knowledge sharing among global partners can be promoted by coordination of annual, virtual meetings, co-creation of outreach and research projects, and facilitating access to online courses created by the US land grant system and other bodies.

For example, again hosting the IYRP by SRM in 2023 could stimulate linkages to other professional societies (i.e., Australia, Southern Africa, others?) that could take turns hosting IYRP in subsequent virtual iterations

in the run up to 2026, thus justifying closer relationships with SRM. Large international donors are increasingly supporting rangeland management projects overseas given severe climate challenges, projects that could benefit from US science and technology, especially for use in remote sensing of resource condition and trend. SRM could facilitate such interactions between host nations and US institutions by researching and advertising opportunities. We are also aware that colleges and universities abroad are increasingly seeking the means to deliver low-cost curricula focused on the management of dry lands—even Europe can be deficient in this regard. Can SRM serve a role in terms of fostering the accreditation of new range programs in foreign countries? Can SRM serve a role as a broker of online courses that have been recently created in the US, but with content modified to be more relevant to the wants and needs of developing nations?

C. Potential revenue or matching sources:

For SRM ABQ 2022 we estimated that the in-kind contribution of IAC and IYRP professionals in support of events likely exceeded \$20,000, considering 20 people contributing an average of 10 hours each valued at \$100 per hour. There is reason to believe this estimate is low, however. **A similar match can be anticipated for SRM Boise 2023.**

D. Total of amount of funding requested from SRM:

\$25,000 (for 200 complementary, non-member, virtual registrations for IYRP global stakeholders) and \$10,000 (for simultaneous oral translation in Spanish and French for IAC symposia and workshops) = \$35,000.

A final report of fiscal year funding is due on July 31 and the request for this information (and form for you to complete) will be sent to committee chairs by SRM staff on July 1.

Roster of Committee Members. <i>This information is required for Administrative Committees and may apply for open committees.</i>					
<i>Note: SRM Section is not required but helpful.</i>					
Member Name:	Layne Coppock	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	1992	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	
Section:					
Member Name:	Jim O'Rourke	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	?	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	
Section:					
Member Name:	Barry Irving	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	?	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	
Section:					
Member Name:	Dan Miller	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	?	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	
Section:					
Member Name:	Urs Kreuter	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	?	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	
Section:					
Member Name:	Humberto Perotto	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	?	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	
Section:					
Member Name:	Ann Waters-Bayer	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	2021	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	
Section:					
Member Name:	Ben Norton	Start_{(Mon-Yr):}	2021	End_{(Mon-Yr):}	

<i>Section:</i>					
Member Name:	David Briske	Start _{(Mon-Yr):}	2021	End _{(Mon-Yr):}	
<i>Section:</i>					
Member Name:	Maryam Niamir-Fuller	Start _{(Mon-Yr):}	2021	End _{(Mon-Yr):}	
<i>Section:</i>					
Additional Committee Roster Related Notes or Comments: <i>Please list any notes/comments you'd like us to know regarding your Committee's roster/membership. Please be concise. Enter below – box will expand as needed.</i>					
Member Name: Mark Thorne (Start: 2022)					
Member Name: Lauren Svejcar (Start: 2022)					
Member Name: Barbara Hutchinson (Start: 2021)					
Member Name: Maria Fernandez-Gimenez (Start: ?)					
Comment: This roster may change during the year; new members who volunteer for tasks can be added					

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Officer or role on committee: Chair	
<p>Note that the “Final Summary of Key Points” for the 2022 IAC Annual Meeting is also uploaded as a PDF</p> <p>Note that the “Executive Summary of the IYRP at SRM, February 2022” is also uploaded as a PDF</p>	

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