SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT - SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR SRM OFFICE – 2020

CANDIDATES FOR SRM 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT: GOODWIN / LAUNCHBAUGH

DOUGLAS JEFFREY (JEFF) GOODWIN
Decatur, TX

EDUCATION: *M.Sc., Agriculture, emphasis Range Animal Science (2000) & B.Sc., Range & Ranch Mgmt. (1999), Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX;*

OCCUPATION/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Conservation Stewardship Lead & Range & Pasture Consultant, Noble Research Institute. Ardmore, OK (2016-Present); State Rangeland Mgmt. Specialist USDA-NRCS. Temple, TX (2014-2016); State Grazingland Specialist, USDA-NRCS (2011-2014); Rangeland Mgmt. Specialist, USDA-NRCS, Various Locations, TX (2002-2011);*

SRM ACTIVITIES: *SRM Member since 1998; Certified Professional in Range Management (CPRM) (2004-Present); SRM Parent Society Board of Directors (BoD) (2017-Present); BoD Representative for CPRM, CRMC, Remote Sensing/GIS, Targeted Grazing, Livestock Foraging Behavior, & Grazing Land Coalition (GLC) Committees (2017-Present); Member, CPRM Committee (2008-2011); GLC Committee Chair (2011-2012); Advisory Council Chair-Elect/Chair (2013-2014); 2015 SRM Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair, Corpus Christ, TX; 2005 Annual Meeting Technical Tour Committee & Local Information Committee, Fort Worth, TX;*

SECTION ACTIVITIES: *TX Section SRM: 2018 TSSRM Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair; TSSRM Planning Committee Chair & Resolutions Committee Chair (2014); 2nd Vice President (2011), 1st Vice President (2012), President (2013), Board of Directors (2008-2010), Outstanding Rangeland Management Committee Chair (2010-2013), Youth Activities Committee (2007-2013), TSSRM "Grass Roots" Newsletter & Website Editor (2006-2010), Membership Committee (2005-2006) (Chair 2005), College Activities & Information and Education Committees (2004), Endowment Fund & Excellence in Range Management Award Committees (2003);*

STATEMENT BY JEFF GOODWIN

I feel the Society for Range Management has a unique opportunity to impact and promote rangeland stewardship principles to producers while serving as an informative science-based resource outlet for rangeland resource professionals. SRM is made up of a very diverse membership; from rangeland professionals, ranchers, and students, to doctors, lawyers, and bankers. We all have one thing in common; we truly value the complexity of rangeland ecosystems and revere the stewards who properly manage them. Rangeland management is a multi-disciplinary science; thus, it requires a diverse group of individuals with common interests and goals to support it. This Society was established and built by hard working and determined men and women with the insight and vision to stand up for what they believed in and respected; providing leadership for the stewardship of rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

Our capability, as a body of professionals, to provide scientifically sound solutions to ecological challenges is without question. SRM is committed to facing global rangeland issues, from drought resiliency in a changing climate to regionally localized issues like invasive species; and its membership is well prepared to answer that call. However, our most pressing concern as an organization is not our capacity to provide a solution, it is with relevance. In a world of competing interests, we must stay relevant. SRM must stay relevant to its membership and its partners. The future of this organization depends on safeguarding and bolstering our relevance. ❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

DR. KAREN LAUNCHBAUGH
Moscow, ID

EDUCATION: *Ph.D., Range Science, Utah State University (1992); M.Sc., Range Science, Texas A&M University (1987); B.Sc., Range Management, North Dakota State University (1984);*

OCCUPATION/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Professor and Director, U-Idaho Rangeland Center (2010-Present); Professor & Head, U-Idaho Dept. of Range Ecology & Management (2002-2010); Assistant Professor U-Idaho Dept. of Range Ecology & Management (1996-2002); Assistant Professor, TX Tech. University Dept. of Range & Wildlife Management (1992-96); Research Assistant, UT State University Range Science Dept. (1988-1992); Research Associate, TX Agricultural Experiment Station – Uvalde (1987-88); Research Assistant, TX A&M University Range Science Dept. (1985-1987); Field Researcher, ND Agricultural Experiment Station at Dickinson (Summer 1982 & 1983); (Governmental) Park Ranger, Theodore Roosevelt National Park (Summer 1984); (Private Business Sector) Ranch Manager, Family-owned sheep & cattle ranch in western ND (1976-1985);*

SRM ACTIVITIES: *SRM Member since 1984; Director, SRM Parent Society Board (2005-2008); Served on several SRM Committees including Targeted Grazing as Chair (2013-2015) & member (2009-Present), Program Accreditation Chair (2011-2013), Range Science Education Council (RSEC) Officer (2006-2009) & member (1994-Present), Information & Education Co-Chair (2008-2010), and Professional Affairs Chair (1995-96); member of Planning Committees for 2000, 2012, & 2021 SRM International Annual Meetings; Wild Women of Range (2000-Present);*

SECTION ACTIVITIES: *ID Section Student Activities Committee (1997-2010); ID Sec-*

tion President (2001-2002); TX Section Research & Education Committee (Chair 1993-1994); TX Section College Activities Committee Chair (1994-1995);

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: *RSEC Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (2013); SRM Outstanding Achievement Award for Research/Academia (2010), ID Section Top Hand Award (2000); SRM Outstanding Young Range Professional (1996);*

STATEMENT BY KAREN LAUNCHBAUGH

The Society for Range Management includes land managers, scientists, educators, students, producers, and conservationists; all who have one thing in common – we love rangelands. Though our beloved rangelands dominate the earth's landscapes, few people give a second thought to what makes them tick and how to conserve their value today and into the future.

Many people see emptiness as they look across vast prairies, savannahs and shrublands. Most SRM members that I know look at these same landscapes and see intrigue and opportunity. I seek office in the SRM to foster an organization where members learn about rangelands, discuss and debate different land uses, explore resource values, and celebrate these usually overlooked ecosystems.

As a ranch kid who went to college and got a Ph.D., I deeply understand the inherent power of on-the-ground experience fused with scientific knowledge. The SRM was indeed founded on a union of science and management to fuel rangeland stewardship. However, what people want from rangelands, the forces that threaten them, and the tools available to manage these lands are constantly changing. I want to work with SRM leadership and members to increase our understanding, hone our stewardship skills, and celebrate the diversity of people and places that are rangelands.

That's it. Nothing complicated. No strong agenda. Just a desire to serve this organization and nurture these lands we love and the communities who enjoy and manage rangelands. ❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

CANDIDATES FOR SRM DIRECTORS: ATCITTY / CAQUELIN / EDINGER-MARSHALL / WALKER

DELANE ATCITTY
Taos, NM

EDUCATION: *M.Sc., AgriBusiness, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management, Kingsville, TX (2009); B.Sc. Agribusiness, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Goodwell, OK (2007);*

OCCUPATION/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Executive Director, Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (2019-Present); Consultant/Owner, Arrowhead Resource Management, LLC (2010-Present); Rangeland Management Specialist, Bureau of Land Management (2017-2018); Natural Resource Management Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs (2015-2016); Rangeland Management Specialist, The Nature Conservancy (2014-2015); Ranch Manager, Poky Feeders LLC (2013-2014); Ranch Operations Consultant, Kiva Sun Foods-A Division of NB3 Foods, LLC (2011-2013); Rangeland Management Specialist-Contractor, Natural Resource Conservation Service (2011-2011);*

SRM ACTIVITIES: *SRM Member since 2007; Founding member and current Chairman, SRM Native American Rangeland Advisory Committee (NARAC) (2010-2019);*

OTHER ACTIVITIES: *New Mexico Ag Ambassador-NM Department of Agriculture; Navajo Agricultural Products Industry- Board of Directors, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; An Assessment of Native Seed Needs and Capacities Committee Member;*

STATEMENT BY DELANE ATCITTY

I have always liked the fact that SRM has a membership that is diverse in experiences and education, but above all has a common goal of taking care of Mother Earth. As many members of SRM know, it takes far beyond water and good soil to sustainably grow our rangelands; it also takes sound management practices, policies, communication, and an organization like SRM to be the catalyst to bring these all together.

I would like to share my mixture of traditional knowledge, business background, experience working with diverse groups, and natural resource management to help strength the SRM to reach its vision and mission. If elected to be on the SRM Board of Directors, I will assist SRM in outreach to make sure all the major shareholders of our rangelands will be represented. ❖❖❖❖❖

RICK CAQUELIN
Stanford, MT

EDUCATION: *B.Sc., Range Science, Montana State University (1986);*

OCCUPATION/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Area Range Specialist for north central Montana (2011-Present); Raise & maintain a 95 head cow-calf operation (2003-Present); NRCS) District Conservationist, Baker & Stanford MT (1991-2011); Soil Conservation Service Soil Conservationist, Culbertson & Baker MT (1988-1991);*

SRM ACTIVITIES: *SRM Parent Society and IM Section Member since 1984;*

SECTION ACTIVITIES: *IM Section Board of Directors since 2018;*

STATEMENT BY RICK CAQUELIN

The Society for Range Management has really improved its responsiveness and outreach to members, and non-members alike, the past few years. I believe it's important to keep this momentum going. I feel that SRM's relevancy to its members, and to non-members, is critical. We must show that we are the leaders in range science and continue to earn that title. We must provide

a valuable service to our membership if we want it to grow. We must provide education to our poorly informed world in a way that they can hear our message and understand the importance of good land management, what that means and how it affects them.

SRM has begun to accomplish this by making available a teleconference line that can be used by all Sections to improve our communication. We have also begun to see the Sections use the SRM website as a tool, so that it becomes a site that people check in on because there is always new, useful information coming out on it.

SRM should continue to develop training and educational programs for high schools, universities, agencies, and organizations including expanding the use of YouTube and podcasts like the "Art of Range" in getting out messages we believe are important. We should continue to improve the CPRM program so the certification has value to people outside of SRM.

If we do these things, are relentless about our message and deliver it with integrity, we will have truly earned the title - leaders in range science. ❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

DR. SUSAN EDINGER-MARSHALL
Arcata, CA

EDUCATION: *Ph.D., Soil Science, University of California Riverside (1990); M.Sc., Range Management, University of Arizona (1983); B.Sc., Environmental Science, University of California Riverside (1980);*

OCCUPATION/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Professor, teaching 8 different courses in soil science & 7 courses in rangeland resource sciences, Humboldt State University (1996-Present); CA Certified Rangeland Manager #78; Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar and Administrative Assistant, University of California, Riverside (1994-1996); Extension Specialist in Natural Resources & Environmental Science (4-H), Purdue University (1990-1994); Extension Assistant (RREA), University of Arizona (1983-1985); Biological Technician (Soils), USFS Carson National Forest, NM (summer 1983); Ad hoc Reviewer, Natural Sciences Education, Fire Ecology Journal, Earth Surface Processes & Landforms, and Soil Science Society of America Journal;*

SRM ACTIVITIES: *SRM Member (1980-1990 / 1994-Present); Certified Professional in Range Management (CPRM), (2000-Present); Associate Editor, Rangeland Ecology and Management (2016-Present); Rangelands Partnership Participant (2016-Present); Wild Women of Range (prior to 2005-Present); SRM Professional Accreditation Committee (2015-2017); Program Chair, 68th SRM Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA (2015); President, Range Science Education Council, (2014-2015);*

SECTION ACTIVITIES: *Chair, California Rangeland Manager Certification Panel (2015-Present); Member, CalPac Section SRM (1980-Present), Section Secretary (2001-2006), & President (2010-2011); CalPac SRM Rangeland Manager of the Year (2018);*

STATEMENT BY SUSAN EDINGER-MARSHALL

Simply stated, I have stayed with SRM almost continuously since I joined in 1980 because it brings together altruistic people with shared interests and varied muses. We desperately need to recruit sufficient undergraduates for the profession at our colleges and universities or our art and science will melt into a polarized impasse. Men and women from different walks of life endeavor to understand and manage the interactions of soil, life, water, and sky. My activities have largely centered on range management education through my teaching/extension career. I have also participated with the Range Science Education Council (RSEC), Professional Accreditation Committee (PAC), Rangeland Partnership, and collaborative USDA Higher Education Challenge grants.

I want to give back to the Society which has strengthened me as a professional and a person. I had a blast working with the CalPac Team to create a fun and profitable Annual Meeting in Sacramento (2015). If elected as an SRM Board Member, I will emphasize financial responsibility, succession to younger members, and inclusion of those dependent on rangelands for material and spiritual needs. I have been a member long enough to have witnessed some of SRM's positive changes. SRM speaks for people and landscapes that feed, challenge, and invigorate us. Let's keep our core messages and vision passing forward. ❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

DR. JOHN W. WALKER
San Angelo, TX

EDUCATION: *Ph.D., Range Science, Texas A&M University, College Station TX (1988); M.Sc., Range Science, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins CO (1980); B.Sc. Wildlife & Fisheries Science, Texas A&M University, College Station TX (1976);*

OCCUPATION/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: *Professor and Center Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center (1997-Present); Range Scientist, USDA-ARS U.S. Sheep Experiment Station (1987-1997); Research Associate, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (1980-1985); Research Associate; Colorado State University (1978-1980);*

SRM ACTIVITIES: *Member SRM since 1976; Associate Editor, Journal of Range Management (1996-2000); Public Affairs Committee (1993-1996 & 2003-2005), served as Chair of the Committee during both tenures; Chair, Targeted Grazing Committee (2009-2010);*

SECTION ACTIVITIES: *ID Section President (1992); TX Section activities: President (2014), Board of Directors (2002-2004), Section Annual Meeting Program Chair (2002 & 2011), Awards Committee Member, Endowment Fund Chair, Public Affairs Committee Chair (2003-2004);*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: *Publication Award, Technical Writing, TX Section SRM (2008); SRM Outstanding Achievement Award, Research/Academia (2007); Certificate of Appreciation for serving as acting research leader, (1996); Certificate of Merit, USDA Agricultural Research Service (1994); Nominee, Upper Snake River Fed-*

eral Employee of the Year 1992); Certificate of Appreciation, USDA Agriculture Research Service (1992); Tom Slick Fellow, Texas A&M University (1987-1988);

STATEMENT BY JOHN WALKER

SRM has been an important part of my life. In addition to SRM, I am active in the American Sheep Industry Association and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers association. I am connected to the resource and production agriculture for which rangelands are the base. Being involved in the transformation of solar energy into food and fiber to sustainably feed and clothe people is what really excites me.

I also appreciate the diversity of SRM, which is somewhat unique and reflects the diversity of rangelands. According to a 2012 membership survey 46% of the membership was employed by a land management agency, 23% were academics, and 5% were in production agriculture.

Creating new programs (e.g., the new format for the 2020 Annual Meeting) is fun and exciting; funerals not so much. But as Max Planck wrote: "*Science advances one funeral at a time*"; and perhaps it is time for some funerals. SRM must consider how to best distribute scientific information. Peer reviewed journals are coming under scrutiny; as evidenced by the University of California dropping its annual subscription to Elsevier, the world's largest publisher of academic journals, and publisher of *REM*. The 2012 SRM membership survey showed that less than half the members subscribed to *REM*, and 41% of *REM* subscribers did not read the journal.

Most of our members are users of science not creators. We need to ensure that we are supplying our members with useful science and a platform to debate the discrepancies between science and field experience. ❖❖

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