SRM Reclamation & Restoration Committee

Virtual Business Meeting

January 8, 2021

1-3pm MST

* Sign-in sheet done in Zoom chat box.
* Tracy and Daryle talked about the presentations for the 2021 Symposia.
* No preference for date and time for symposium with the exception of one who preferred NOT Thursday.

# Brief History of Committee

* 4 past symposia
* Founded by Darrin Sherrit and Barry Irving
* All committee information on <https://rangelands.org/committees/reclamation-and-restoration-committee/>

# Vote to accept/reject 2020 Business Meeting Minutes

* Motion: Tracy Kupchenko
* Second: Steve Hale
* Vote: all aye, 1 abstain

# Old Business

* Vision Statement (approved at Feb 2020 business meeting)
	+ Number three on Mission generated most discussion.
	+ Historical pushback on policy statements.
	+ Reword to include the following:
		- Offer input on current issues related to R&R.
		- Provide input or support when asked or required by the SRM Board.
		- According to bylaws, only SRM Board can make official policy.
		- Provide positions, policy, or recommendations on issues.
		- We would know potential problem areas related to R&R.
		- Wording needs to be applicable on as broad of an area as possible.
	+ Vision and Mission should be a “living document”.
	+ May need to review SRM paper on advocacy.
	+ Email Sean suggestions by Jan 29, 2021.

# Discussion of Goals (2019-2020)

* 2020 SRM Denver: promote the second multiple stop field trip
	+ Field trip was well-attended.
* Work with Steve Hale to get the word out about the committee and SRM’s expertise to Reclamation trade associations.
	+ Steve moved to Triton Environmental
	+ Need to find a way to share recorded symposia, information about group and vision
		- Email Sean about how to reach out (e.g., Western Soil Health, ND Reclamation Conference)
* Create Google Doc repository for conferences, jobs, literature, etc.
	+ Randi Lupardus compiled an annotated bibliography which is now available for download on the committee website
		- Email Sean for new submissions.
	+ USGS is working on a new synergy of reclamation & restoration research
	+ SRM currently has a job board on <https://rangelands.org/job-listings/>
		- There are paid/unpaid listings ($50 fee for paid)
		- SRM 2021 has a virtual job fair, Brenda will check with Karen or Kelly.
* Budget request from the SRM Board.
	+ As soon as possible.
	+ Re-request, if haven’t used. Brenda will ask Austin.
	+ Fiscal Year ends July 31.
	+ Request travel funds for two speakers; need to use rates in 2020 proposal – 2019 too low.
	+ Brenda will do this before summer
* Future symposia/SRM 2022 Albuquerque
	+ Join symposium with RTEC?
		- Contact Nancy Shackelford
	+ Linear disturbances
	+ Radical ideas for reclamation/restoration
		- Multi-stage cover crop
	+ Water needs for reclamation/restoration
	+ Oil and gas reclamation in the SW US
		- Mike Duniway – SWEDD group
	+ Highlight Indigenous perspectives:
		- Native American Rangeland Advisory Committee – Nick Padilla
		- Navajo Nation
		- Jeff, Seth
	+ Discuss when to reuse an area after reclamation/restoration project
	+ Send ideas for subjects and speakers to Sean by Jan 29, 2021.
* Expanding mailing list
	+ Ongoing
	+ Identified which members are also a part of SRM.
	+ Advertise to Canadian Land Reclamation and ND Reclamation Conference
* Synthesis of 2020 symposium
	+ Moved 2019-2020 goal. $500 requested and awarded from SRM committee in 2020 for publishing and reproduction costs.

# 2021 Goals

* 2021 virtual symposium:
	+ Idea is to maintain the same structure of scientists-practitioner paired talks, initially with a geographic focus on the Boise area. Initially three pairs but settled on two.
	+ Tuesday, Feb 16 2:30-4:30 PM MST
* Brenda, Daryle, and Sean will review handbook by end of February.

# Positions

* Voted to maintain positions:
	+ Chair: Brenda Schladweiler
	+ Co-chair: Daryle Bennett
	+ Tech-Liaison: Sean Di Stefano
	+ Board of Directors Representative: David Toledo
* Motion: Jeff Fehmi
* Second: Tracy Kupchenko
* Vote: all aye

# Notification from SRM Publications

* Upcoming decision of whether to make both publications all open access
	+ Useful for practitioners
	+ Transfers cost to authors
	+ Open access is not free access
* Added note from Sean: both publications need more submissions.

Summary of items requested from committee members by January 29.

* Comments on three mission statements and suggested changes.
* Ideas for membership expansion and who might be interested in information.
* Send known event links and whether you would be willing to be point of contact.
* Symposia ideas for Albuquerque.