

Young Professional Conclave (YPC) Liaison Role: Intention and Expectation

Goal: To help retain and recruit Young Professional members into SRM and increase the Young Professional involvement at the Section – level while allowing for Young Professionals to explore and be involved with Section leadership positions.

- Within the YPC, the liaison sits as a representative on the YPC Advisory Council for their Section. According to the YPC Handbook (last revised 2015) the Advisory Council is supposed to be composed of "...a panel made up of a representative from each section, and two chairs that represent the council as part of the YPC leadership. The advisory council chairs include the past-president and another elected individual." While sitting on the Advisory Council, your general YPC duty would be helping with YPC activities (wild rags, Bridging the Gap, Fun Run, etc.). On this note, you are also invited and encouraged to participate in our monthly YPC calls as a representative for your Section and any YPC activity you are working on. YPC Handbook: <https://rangelands.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/YPC-handbook-2015.pdf>

- Within the Section, specific duties/responsibilities of the liaison will depend on Section – level needs. Generally, the liaison is to support young professional involvement, recruitment, and retainment within the Section. Specific to the PNW Section – the BOD created a YPC Liaison Program Committee for the YPC liaison to serve on as chair. Some of those duties could be: 1) social media management, 2) outreach to Young Professional (and student members!) members and those who might be interested in membership, 3) developing and planning student/young professional activities, 4) participating in section leadership activities (meeting planning and implementation, etc.)

Roles and Duties realized during my time holding this position:

- Social Media Outreach/Activity (Facebook mostly, our Instagram account is run by Philip Gyug)
- Participate in event/workshop planning and delivery within Section and your local Chapter
- Attend all YPC Meetings and PNW Section Meetings (I am an active member within my Chapter – so I attend those meetings as well)
- Recruit Chapter – level representation within the YPC Liaison Program Committee (I intended to recruit a young professional representative from each Chapter to serve on the Committee and support young professional member needs at the Chapter – level. I did not achieve this; however, it is still something that would work great with the current Section and Chapter structure.)
- Participate in Section event planning (i.e. the AGMs and field tours)
- Share young professional lens on Section business planning and special event development
- If able, organize/host annual young professional event to maintain/increase young professional involvement and recruitment within the Section. In 2019, I hosted a Young Professional Showcase event at the Cache Creek Meeting and Tour where young professionals in the field of range management were given the opportunity to give a presentation on their current research and projects (There is a lot of support available to you regarding these types of events).

- Overall, I've simply done what I can manage while in this position. We have an incredibly large Section, with multiple Chapters within...so, it is important to be mindful while in this role that one person can only do so much. Ultimately, the goal of this position is to maintain the communication between the YPC and the Section and support young professional recruitment at the Section level (and, if possible, the Chapter level).

To be in this role you must be considered a “young professional”, meaning that you are within the first 5 years of your professional career in Range Management (or another related field).