

WA Chapter SRM Annual Meeting

Via Zoom

December 2nd, 2021

Participants:

Hannah Tomlinson

Cathy Cannon

Tom Platt

Bob Gillaspy

Jon Anderson

Julie Conley

Ken Visser

Thomas Brannon

Craig Madsen

Richard Fleenor

Ryan Hoff

Chuck Perry

Sandra Morris

Kevin Guinn

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 p.m.

Agenda

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Directors.
- WA Hosts Fall Meeting in 2022
- WA SRM YouTube Channel

- Ideas for strengthening our Chapter (the following were suggested at recent board meetings and will be added to the list generated at the Annual Meeting)
- Suggestion box on the web site
- Quick presentations or write-ups of neat things you've seen or done in range management
- Announcements
- Other Business

Presidents Report, Cathy Cannon

This summer WA hosted a virtual SRM meeting with YouTube videos and a social. We updated our bylaws and articles of incorporation and we're working on our non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt status with the IRS. Hannah would like to see our society receive the tax-exempt status and join Amazon Smile so our professional society can receive 0.05% on select purchases. The COVID-19 pandemic has kept our chapter from planning and attending in-person meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Tom Platt

Our current chapter balance is **\$5,548.72**

Outstanding charges for reimbursement from Haglund's via Kevin Guinn for awards will leave our chapter with **\$4,994.79**

Projected balance after reimbursement from PNW and national SRM for awards is expected to be **\$6,127.52**

Awards Report, Kevin Guinn

Our WA SRM Chapter provides medallions and large plaque awards to the PNW Section (WA, OR, & BC Canada) and National SRM. The income generated from the awards with a 40% markup go to our general chapter account and to sponsor travel scholarships to high school and college students at our annual section meetings.

We have two years' worth of large medallions before we must order more to keep up with demand.

The award image came from Charlie Russel who gave the image to Renner, who then gave WA SRM Chapter the rights to reproduce and cast the image to make awards.

The WA Chapter could make belt buckles with the cast and sell them as a fundraiser to make money.

Election of Directors. Online Voting Deadline 4:00 p.m. December 2nd, 2021

The PNW Section (12/05/2021) and WA SRM Chapter (12/02/2021) had voting deadlines within the same week, which may have confused our chapter member thinking that they had already voted, and they may have only voted for either the Chapter or Section elections.

Hannah and Tom will work on spicing up our WA Chapter Letterhead to differentiate between the Chapter and Section Meeting emails to avoid future confusion. Hannah suggested a bright colored header.

Dec. 2, 2021 Election results:

Tom Platt, President (Appointed)

Hannah Tomlinson, Secretary (Appointed)

Ken Visser, Vice President (Voted)

Craig Madsen, Treasurer (Voted)

Doug Warnock, Director (Voted)

*Tom Platt will need to work with our bank, who needs an official notice, so that the new treasurer will have access to our checking account.

WA SRM YouTube Channel

Cathy Cannon set up a Washington State Chapter of SRM YouTube Channel for our 2021 Summer Tour. Hannah Tomlinson and Danielle Blevins created an excellent video of two rancher's perspective on the Cold Springs Wildfire and Foster Creek also gave us permission to post a few of their videos. Our Chapter would like members and agencies to post relevant content to our YouTube Channel ([Washington State Chapter of SRM - YouTube](#)).

Ideas for strengthening our WA Chapter/suggestion box

1. WA Chapter Newsletter
2. Young Professional Conclave

- WA Chapter would like to sponsor a candidate serve as the Section's liaison to the national Conclave. Please forward names to Tom Platt and he will suggest that individual to our PNW SRM President
3. Young Professional Liaison Position to create connections with our Universities
 - Issue: How do we recruit young professionals when Employers are no longer supportive of professional societies? The value of professional societies is waning. Young people want to get physically involved in activities versus attending sit down and listen sessions.
 - WA SRM Chapter could advertise agency job opportunities on our website
 - WA SRM could help facilitate more range competitions
 4. Sandra Morris submitted ideas for strengthening the chapter, and that list is appended to the end of these minutes.
 5. Suggestion Box on the web site
 6. Periodic presentations from members on interesting work, problems, accomplishments, or ideas they've come across
Seek opportunities to collaborate with other organizations and agencies in offering programs, tours, etc.

Issues:

We need our members to take a more active role in the chapter. We need a strong cooperation to keep our chapter viable. We need participation in planning of section meetings. NRCS has a big push for planner certification, planners will need certification credits. WA SRM could help NRCS Planners received their continuing education credits by attending Annual and Section Meetings.

Announcements

Roots in Resilience will be hosted in May 2022 in Pendleton, OR

RancHer a free webinar series from and for Women Beef Producers on December 7th, 8th, & 9th, 2021 additional information is posted on our SRM website

New Business

WA Hosts Annual Meeting in Fall of 2022

Cathy has suggested combining professional society meetings. The PNW Meeting in Moses Lake, WA in 2017, was a collaboration with the Ecological Society. We

received a lot of positive feedback on that that meeting. Cathy suggested that we partner with the wildlife society for another one of our meetings. Ryan mentioned that he graduated from the University of Idaho in Rangeland Management with three other people, but he knew sixty Wildlife Majors, some of whom might be interested in SRM. Our society interests overlap with other professional societies and it may help recruit new members. Several Grassland Councils in the PNW.

Cathy and Hannah suggested a west side meeting and touring the Mima Mounds Natural Preserve. Marty mentioned that the Fall is not the best time to go visit the prairies. A spring/summer tour on the west side would a more appropriate season. The new board will also have to define an appropriate time to host the meeting that will jive well with agencies and students.

Agency support for professional association participation. Discussion of lack of support from Agencies in providing time and expense for employees to attend SRM meetings. Several suggestions that we engage with Agencies locally and nationally to help improve their support.

- NRCS planners need recertification credits

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

December 2nd, 7pm Topics of Interest, Sandra Morris.

1) SRM Meeting – Albuquerque, NM February 6-10, 2022

[Sustainability Through Culture and Innovation](#)

Survey:

<https://rangelands.org/voice-your-perspectives-now-about-srm-engagement-and-inclusion/>

Searchable Research Document Tool:

<https://docs.rangelandsgateway.org/>

- 2) **International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists:** The objective of the IYRP is to increase understanding of the importance of rangelands and pastoralists for global wellbeing.

30 minute presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a7IQ4UeaY>

Knowledge gaps about sustainability in pastoralism and rangelands.

<https://grid-arendal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=e34ff8095ea34e96a298d13e861b8b9d>

42nd FAO (UN) Conference endorses the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists proposal

<https://www.fao.org/pastoralist-knowledge-hub/news/detail/en/c/1412664/>

?? Is there any overlap in Washington that interests our membership??

3) USDA NRCS: AgroForestry – Silvopasture

Intentional integration to produce both forest products and forage.

WSU + NRCS Plant Materials Center upcoming research on the Vetter Experimental Forest, Deer Park

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4) CEU Events: Are we interested in providing/promoting them?