

**PNW SRM Special Meeting
June 27, 2022**

Present: Carlos, Tom P., Casey, Wendy, Jordan, Julie, Sandra

- 1) Approval of the changes in the bylaws suggested by the Advisory Council to incorporate wording related to electronic ballots and elections, Article III, Section 1, 6, 8. Also, changes related to treasurer appointment, Article IV, Sections 5 and 6.

[PNW SRM Bylaws proposed amendments - Google Docs](#)

Bylaw update committee: Tom Platt-

ARTICLE III. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Second Vice-President and Directors shall be elected by the membership. The Second Vice-President and elective members of the Board of Directors of the Section shall be elected by letter-ballot delivered to which shall be sent to all the Section members by the Election Official Secretary.

SECTION 6. The Secretary will serve as Election Official unless another Election Official is appointed by the President with approval of the Board. The Election Official shall provide all Section members instructions for accessing the typed or printed ballot which contains a list of all candidates nominated by the nominating committee. Such notification will occur. Such a list shall be delivered sent to all members at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 8. Ballots will be returned to the Election Official Secretary who, with the assistance of at least two other members appointed by the President, will count the ballots and certify the results of the election to the President. All ballots received by the Election Official Secretary on or before election day shall be counted. The single candidate for Second Vice-President receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to that office, and the two candidates for Director who receive the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the Board of Directors. A tie vote will be decided through the use of lottery by the counters.

ARTICLE IV. MANAGEMENT OF THE SECTION

SECTION 5. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a permanent Treasurer whose term of office shall be unlimited except that it may be terminated by the Board at its pleasure. The Treasurer's responsibility is to maintain an accounting of the Section's financial affairs, collect, receive and deposit all revenue, and pay all bills with the approval of the Board.. The Treasurer will make a financial report annually to the membership, to the Board at its direction and to the Corporate Representative as requested.

SECTION 6. The President, with approval by the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Corporate Representative whose term of office shall be unlimited, except that it may be terminated by the Board at its pleasure. The Corporate Representative's duties shall be to maintain a permanent address for the Section within the State of Oregon and to represent it to the Federal Internal Revenue Service, the Oregon Corporation Commission, and any federal, state, or provincial government which may regulate the business of corporations. The Corporate Representative shall make such reports to government agencies as required by them. In carrying out responsibilities, the Representative will be assisted by the Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 3. Proposed amendments shall be delivered typed or printed and mailed to all members of the Section, together with instructions for voting. a typed or printed ballot indicating a “Yes” and a “No” for the proposed amendment. If the referendum is held during a regular annual election of the Society, the ballots returned to the Secretary five (5) days prior to the annual meeting shall be counted by the Secretary or President’s designee. If a special referendum is held, the typed or printed ballot shall show plainly the date by which it is to be submitted returned to the Secretary to be eligible for counting, such specified date to be not less than ten (10) days from the date of emailing to the membership.

SECTION 4. A proposed amendment that receives the required two-thirds affirmative vote shall take effect immediately upon submission of the Secretary’s or President’s designee’s report to the President.

6/27/22 Electronic vote yes: Tim, Amanda

6/27/2022 Julie moved that we approve the changes proposed, Wendy seconded, all approved.

2) Appointment of Tom Platt as treasurer/bookkeeper starting at the end of the fall meeting. Jamie has expressed she would like to step down as treasurer this year, she has agreed to stay as second corporate representative.

6/27/22 Electronic vote yes: Tim, Amanda – Julie moved, Casey seconded, all approved

Note: I asked the budget committee to look into possible options to expand our finances and work on a plan of investment for some of the endowment funds we have. The committee has met regularly and have a scheduled meeting with a financial planning advisor soon. That said, I hope we can discuss the financial plan the committee develops at a later BOD meeting, probably during the fall meeting in WA.

Last, please remember that there are 9 voting members (Six Directors, 2nd VP, 1st VP, and President) and need at least five to approve any changes. Please send your votes to me and Andrea by the end of the week (July 1st) if you cannot attend the meeting.

Due to a lack of quorum at the May 24, 2022, meeting, two items were sent to the BOD voting the first week of June.

- 1) 2025 International SRM meeting proposal – Spokane was the location approved by a majority via electronic voting
- 2) Communications plan to proceed in requesting funds from parent society- a majority of BOD members voted electronically to move forward and approve this measure.

5/31/22 (For documentation purposes)

Items voted on via email:

- 1) 2025 International SRM meeting sponsor

2) Outreach and Communications proposal for matching funds

Those who have responded Yes to both items via email: Amanda, Julie, Tim, Wendy

Those who responded yes at in person meeting: Chris, Sandra, Jordan, Carlos

Quorum is 5 BOD member votes. You have met your quorum.

To Dos before fall meeting:

1)Slate of Candidates for election. Carlos will draft an appeal; Tom will send a mail chimp to members in the next week.

2)Newsletter in September – Fall meeting, elections 6 weeks prior to annual meeting(fall), Oct 5-7 – Cheney

3)Recruit committee leads/members and plans for 2025. Chris S. and Pat Shaver have expressed interest. Andrea is interested in working with college students and offered to be a co-chair, Wendy will assist with symposium topics, guest speakers.

Chris was interested in planning tours.

Get planning and committee chairs in place for the fall meeting – We need a core group assembled by the end of the year.

We need a theme for 2025 – Building up to International Year of Range and Pastoralists.

We need to obtain the planning packet from the parent society.

12-20 leaders needed.

WSU forest farm riparian north of Spokane. – Sandra

4)Home on the range program – Amanda Miller.

5)Update to bylaws – Tom will make an electronic ballot

6)Budget Committee report will include investments

Tom suggested a investment policy statement-risk, what is and isn't acceptable to the membership.

Submitted by Andrea Mann, Treasurer. 6/28/22

Approved by Carlos Ochoa, President _____

Date _____