

PNW Section SRM BOD Minutes May 24- 1 p.m. Live and Zoom Meeting

Present: Chris, Carlos, Sandra, Tom, Andrea, Pat S., Maura, Jamie, Bob G., Jordan, No Quorum need 5 BOD and officers.

Presidents Report: Carlos Ochoa OR – Bylaws, treasurer, advisory council, and other committees are coming together to bring back some normalcy to the Section.

First VP Advisory Council Chair: Tim Ross, BC

Second VP Advisory Council Co-chair: Sandra Morris, WA

Directors: Julie Conley '22WA, Wendy Gardner '22BC, Casey Matney '23AK, Amanda Miller '23BC, Jordan Anderson '24OR, Chris Schachtschneider '24OR

Minutes: Andrea Mann OR (she/they) – No quorum to vote. Draft meeting minutes are sent out immediately after the meetings.

Treasurers Report: Jamie Mc OR, Budget **A new treasurer will need to be in place for 2023. Carlos will nominate Tom Platt to take on this role, starting at the end of the fall meeting.**

Funds have been streamlined in 3 categories PNW Equity, Endowment interest, Student Activities fund.

Current Balance \$50,287.71

Outstanding bills \$65.99 depending on exchange rate BC

PNW Section Equity \$23,252.85

Mellergaard/Endowment Fund \$16,322.78 Interest to Section equity.

OWIC/EW&I Anderson Fund \$7,712.08 student activities

Pay Pal account \$3000 adjusted with equity.

PNW has not received membership funds from Parent Society yet.

Section meeting revenue.

Silent Auction Revenue

Summer meeting Revenue

Student International Meeting/Virtual Registration \$2000 budgeted, \$50 BC

High Desert Youth Range Camp No camp

Award Plaque Need to adjust budget increase for this item.

Jamie needs to match budget items with bank accounts.

Carlos would like to do a special board meeting in a month to discuss the Budget committee recommendations. June 27 at 1:30 p.m.,

June 27 at 1:30 p.m. Budget, Endowment fund, and 2025 International meeting

Pat will follow up with John Buckhouse.

Advisory Committee Reports: Sandra 12:15 p.m.-1:01 p.m.

Awards/Endowment: John Buckhouse OR, Tim Deboodt OR and Greg Tegart BC are members of the awards committee. John would appreciate names of individuals who you feel have contributed to SRM and are worthy candidates.

2022 Environmental Stewardship Award: targeting a rancher.

Parent Society Director Nomination:

Range Science Education Award Nominations-

Outstanding Undergraduate Educator

Early Career Undergraduate Educator

Redd Rancher Fund Application Support Letter Request: rancher parent meeting support

Bylaw update committee: Tom Platt- need to have officers and timelines. June 27 at 1:30 pm

Bylaws need to be updated to incorporate electronic meeting and elections.

Article III, SECTION 1. The Second Vice-President and elective members of the Board of Directors of the Section shall be elected by delivered ballot sent to all the Section members by the Secretary.

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall prepare a document to all Section members instructions for accessing a ballot containing a list of all candidates nominated by the nominating committee. Such a list shall be sent to all members at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 8. Ballots will be returned to the 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 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.

Tom made a motion to amend Article III, Section 1, 6, 8, Chris seconded, All approved.

Also, wording related to the Treasurer appointment, **Article IV**, Sections 5 and 6 need to be discussed/corrected:

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 appointee at their pleasure or for cause. As the Section is incorporated in the State of Oregon, the Treasurer, who is also the Corporate Representative, must reside in the state. The Treasurer's duties shall be to collect and receive and deposit all monies in the name of the Section and shall pay all bills when certified by the President. The Treasurer shall make a financial report which shall be presented at the annual meeting of the Section and shall make such financial reports to the corporate representative as the latter may require.

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 appointee at their pleasure or for cause. The Corporate Representative's duties shall be to maintain a permanent address for the Section Corporation and to represent it with the Federal Internal Revenue Service, the Oregon Corporation Commission and any state or provincial body of Washington or British Columbia which may regulate the business of corporations. The Representative shall make such reports to the State and Federal agencies as required by them. In carrying out responsibilities, the Representative will be assisted by the Secretary and Treasurer."

Jamie advised that the suggested changes would meet the requirements she has been made aware of. Only one person has been the corporate representative. Under this proposal two positions are needed for Corporate Representative.

There are three forms to file: OR State Annual Report, CT-12 DOJ, 1099-IRS. Jaimie agreed to be the second Corporate Representative.

Tom made a motion that the board make the suggested changes to article IV, Chris seconded. All approved.

Article X SECTION 3. Proposed amendments shall be delivered to all members of the Section, together with instructions for voting. 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. 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 delivery to the membership.

Chris made a motion to make election process more inclusive, Tom seconded. All approved.

Financial and Budget Planning: Tom, Jamie, Pat Shaver, Chris, Hailey -Develop a financial outreach plan for discussion with membership. Committee met with Jamie and Carlos to for the annual audit and discussion of future work. Books were audited and approved by Carlos. Looked at funds that were consolidated. Consider Bryan Endress and Gene Hickman for members of this committee or another. Tom has agreed to take over Treasurer.

High School Youth Forum: HSYF: New coordinator needed ASAP. Contacts: Vic Wright BC, Tip Hudson WA, Brenda Smith OR. Gabby Johnson is willing to help with Harney County. This committee needs a chair.

History: John and Lynne Breese OR – Joe Wagner history boxes are in their possession. Tom suggested hiring someone to scan the history documents and placing on the website. Some of the history items are stored at WSU in the archive. Funds may be available through the communications and outreach matching dollars.

Diversity, and Inclusion Committee: Julie Larson, Heather Dial <https://rangelands.org/about/diversity-and-inclusion/>

In 2020, SRM created a standing Diversity & Inclusion Committee. **Our vision** is ‘an inclusive society characterized by trust, respect, and open-mindedness, where all members have access to judgement-free spaces, education, belonging, safety, and support’. Although we’re a relatively new committee, we’ve worked closely with SRM in the last two years to develop annual meeting forums, conduct a society-wide engagement survey, and develop a strategic plan. We look forward to creating partnerships with other Committees and Sections as we begin to turn broader goals into actions and initiatives. **If anyone in the PNW section is interested in learning more or participating in this work**, please feel free to reach out to me (Chair-elect Julie Larson, Julie.Larson@oregonstate.edu).

Medallions: Kevin Guinn WA –

Membership: Pete Schreder OR

Nomination Committee: Past and current Presidents, First and Second VP

Gene Hickman, Bryan Endress, Wes Lambert, Andrew Neary, outreach through Mail Chimp.

Newsletter: Julie Conley WA

Strategic Outreach & Communications: Bob Gillaspay WA, Amanda Miller, Jordan, Tom P. – Need a quorum to vote on this. June 3 deadline for BOD to approve moving forward. Andrea will send a message to all board members requesting vote on this proposal within a week. Carlos asked Bob and Tom to help revamp the outreach and communications.

Website updates, email blasts through Mail Chimp, Newsletter, committee would like to expand into social media. They need to update the website to be easier to manage and to be more cohesive.

Facebook, LinkedIn, more are being explored. \$3200 for first website developed 15 years ago.

1. Request matching funds from SRM Parent Society a. The SRM Parent Society has proposed matching section funds (up to a maximum of \$5,000) to “develop contracted ‘Section/Regional Coordinator’ positions to assist with communications, outreach, and administrative support, in an effort to bolster section growth, build consistent linkage between sections and the international parent society, and to develop early career professionals.” b. The Communications Task Group of PNW Section recommends that the PNW Section Board of Directors request

matching funds from the SRM Parent Society in the amount of \$5,000.00. These monies would be matched (1:1) by the PNW Section for a total fund pool of \$10,000.00. These funds would be used to build and maintain a communications platform by updating the PNW Section website, transitioning the newsletter into an electronic communication, adding more blogging and quick communication capacity, adding a social media presence, and integrating these communication tools into a cohesive platform. Estimated cost, of \$3,500. The remaining \$6500 would be used to maintain the platform through annual subscriptions to web builders and web hosting services, and email marketing services, and training for our communications team in marketing, using, and maintaining the platform. This will support long-term sustainability of the communications strategy by building marketing and platform maintenance capacity within our membership. We estimate the remaining \$6500 would be used over a 6–9-year period, at an approximate rate of \$800 per year.

2. An outreach and communications team have been meeting regularly to discuss and integrated communications (newsletter, media, website, etc.) strategy for the section.

Student Affairs College: Andrea Mann -

Targeted Grazing: Claudia Ingham OR –

Website: Tom Platt WA, Bob Gillaspay WA <https://pnwsrm.org/>

YPC Liaison: – **Request for New Liaison for Section**

Chapter Reports:

AK - Casey Matney – no report

BC - Amanda Miller & Wendy Gardner – no report

Central OR-Tim Deboodt – no report

OSU LaGrande – Bryan Endress – no report

OSU Student Chapter - Matthew Hovland Corvallis –

South OR –

WA –Tom Platt –

PNW Meeting Responsibility for 2022 and Beyond:

2022 Oregon May 24-26, Andrea Pendleton, OR, **Washington October 5-7, 2022.** Tom, Sandra – Cheney, WA Palouse watershed, Turnbull wildlife area, posted ideas on the website working documents. Combination virtual, live meeting. First two weeks of September 2022.

2023 BC Summer Wendy, Tim, Amanda, **Oregon Fall 2023.**

2024 WA Summer, BC Fall

2023-25 SRM Annual Meetings -

2023 Boise, February 12, 2023.

2024 Sparks Nevada – Market 2025 Spokane

2025 Portland or Spokane – BOD vote needed. Incorporate International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists

Pat advised that Parent Society helps with a large portion of the administration leaving local chapter to plan program and tours. Spokane Tribes are interested in participating. Tour options are closer.

Spokane is the preferred location. June 3 for BOD approval of Spokane for

2023 International Grasslands Council Northern Kentucky – Peter B.

International Year Rangeland and Pastoralists 2026 <https://rangelands.org/a-new-website-for-iyrp/>

2026 International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists: Pat this has been in process for 10 years or more. Mongolia is the sponsor to the UN. [Home | International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists Initiative \(iyrp.info\)](#) Add this into the 2025 meeting.

Next Board Meeting – October 5-7, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 3:01 p.m.

Post Covid PNW SRM – Why are we losing members? How can we revitalize SRM. Can we meet with other groups with similar interests?

Agency staff need to present technical information at SRM meetings to receive financial assistance in attending meetings.

Carlos - Range programs are being reduced nationwide. How can we adapt to a changing world.

5/31/22

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.