

**Arizona Section SRM
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2003
7:00am
Flamingo Hotel
Laughlin, Nevada**

Call to Order

Larry Howery called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Members present included Larry Howery, Jeff Schalau, Dean Fish, Bruce Munda, Emilio Carrillo, Keith Curry, Missy Debnar, Kristen Egen, Dan Bell, Meg Bishop, John Brock, Kim McReynolds, Jack Bohning, Jason Perry, and Phil Ogden. Enough Elected officers were present to form a quorum.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

This item was tabled until the next Board of Directors meeting to allow Mark Pater adequate time to complete the minutes from January 14, 2003. As Mark was extremely busy attending to the needs of this conference.

Financial Report

Dan Bell reported the status of the transition of the position of Secretary/Treasurer from Mark Pater to Dan. Larry Howery and Dan Bell would have to meet Mark Pater at Bank One in Tucson to become signatories on section accounts. Dan also presented the outcome of the auction benefiting NRCWAY. Preliminary calculations showed that the auction brought in \$1321.00. At the time of preparing this document an additional receipt was found for \$12.00, bringing the total to \$1333.00.

Old Business

Summer Meeting 2003

Jeff Schalau reported that the summer meeting at the V-V Ranch is on track. He will be incorporating ideas brought forth in the general membership meeting into the program. A date has not yet been set but it will probably be in late July or early August.

Website Development

Jeff Schalau reported that he would continue work on an Arizona Section website. Jeff thought the section could have its domain name and still be hosted on the U of A website. He stated that there might be small casts associated with it. Meanwhile Jeff will be working on a mock up of the site and have cost estimates to present at the next Board of Directors meeting. It was stated that membership be given an opportunity to review the progress of the website in the newsletter. Also, with the development of a website we could have the capability of distributing the newsletter electronically.

Membership Discussion of Future Activities for the Section

Larry Howery stated that after he had an opportunity to review the January 14, 2003 General Membership Minutes, he would write a column for the newsletter crystallizing those thoughts. Meg Bishop brought up the need for the Section to inform other groups and organizations of what SRM is doing.

New Business

Welcome New Board Members

Larry Howery welcomed new board members:

Keith Curry	Director North
Emilio Carrillo	Director South
Dean Fish	Vice President
Jeff Schalau	President Elect
Daniel G. Bell	Secretary/Treasurer

Confirmation of New Secretary/Treasurer

Larry Howery stated that the Bylaws required that the new Secretary/Treasurer be confirmed. Jeff Schalau moved that Dan Bell be confirmed to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Bruce Munda seconded this motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Responsibilities of Officers and Committee Liaisons

Larry Howery presented the officers with a handout describing their duties and responsibilities, as well as, a list of committee chairs and their respective board liaisons. Larry asked the officers to review the handout and contact the committee chairs to ask for articles for the newsletter and make them aware of deadlines.

Scheduling of 2003 Board Meetings

Larry Howery asked for thoughts and suggestions for dates and locations regarding future Board Meetings. It was suggested that 2 meetings be held in the South and 2 in the North. Jeff Schalau suggested that Prescott could serve as one of the northern sites and the summer meeting at the V-V could serve as the other northern site. Bruce Munda offered to host one of the southern meetings at the PMC. And John Brock offered up ASU East as the second southern site. After the officers reviewed their calendars these dates and locations were selected:

March 7, 2003	PMC, Tucson	10:00a.m.
June 13, 2003	U of A Coop. Ext., Prescott	10:00a.m.
TBA	V-V Ranch	TBA
November 21, 2003	ASU East, Mesa	10:00a.m.

Newsletter Deadlines

Larry Howery presented the group with the following newsletter deadlines:

February 20, 2003 for the March Newsletter

June 20, 2003 for the July Newsletter
August 20, 2003 for the September Newsletter
November 20, 2003 for the December Newsletter

Meg Bishop suggested getting the newsletter on the SRM website so information could get out to other groups and organizations.

From the Membership

Bruce Munda suggested that section actively pursue putting together a workshop on seed quality. A workshop such as this is believed to have an interest on a multi section level, as well as, with other agencies and associations, (i.e. Crop Improvement Association, USFS, BLM, and ADOT). The driving force behind this idea would be to educate agency purchasers as to what is needed by the agency ordering it, and have the purchaser be able to convey these needs to the seed vendors. Due to the recent events regarding fire this subject matter is timely. It was suggested that a program could be put together for the section winter meeting next year.

Jeff Schalaus agreed this subject was important and timely. His concern was that membership had already given direction to the section for next year's winter meeting. That direction was a call for papers from section members to see what they are doing around the state.

Meg Bishop mentioned that a seed quality workshop could be coordinated with the region and ARS. She stated that with sponsors this could become a big event.

Jason Perry suggested getting other groups and organizations involved to help take care of some of the load.

Jeff and Bruce decided to get together and look at the possibility of combining the two ideas and report back to the board.

Board and Committee Reports

Larry Howery expressed his thanks to Lamar Smith, Rob Grumbles, the Nevada Section and the Board of Directors for making this year's winter meeting a success.

Kim McReynolds stated that with the help of Sandy Fabritz and Susan Pater, they will be addressing membership concerns with the newsletter and make any needed changes. Larry asked that a membership form and possibly a brochure go out in all the newsletters.

Emilio Carrillo mentioned that the awards committee had just enlisted the services of Matt Barnes for this year's committee.

Phil Ogden requested secretary reports to put in the historian's files. Dan Bell stated that he had those files and would review and transfer them to Phil. Phil also stated that he would write up an obituary for Danny Freeman and get it in the SRM newsletter.

John Brock made a request from the section to donate \$250 towards a workshop entitled Land Management in a Changing Climate. The workshop will be hosted by Arizona State University East and be sponsored by the Sustainable Technologies, Agribusiness and Resources Research Center. The workshop will focus on climate changes in regards to temperature, precipitation, and presence of urban heat islands, and what the effects might be on ecological types. It will also cover potential land management changes and policy changes and the economics associated with them. The event will kick off on Thursday evening, April 24, 2003 with a social and workshop the following day.

Missy Debnar moved to give \$250 to ASU East for the workshop; Bruce Munda seconded this motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Missy Debnar requested the use of the SRM Display for an Earthday event at ASU. John Brock mentioned that the display could also be used at the Feathered Friends Day Workshop at the Gilbert Riparian Institute where students from ASU will also have their own display on invasive plants.

The meeting adjourned 8:20 a.m.