



Arizona Section SRM
Board of Directors Meeting
August 13, 2002
2:00 p.m.
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona

1. **Welcome/Call to Order - Sandy Fabritz**
2. **Approval of June 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes**
3. **Financial Report – Mark Pater**
4. **Old Business**
Winter Meeting 2002 - Larry Howery
5. **New Business**
 - a) Request from ASU Student Chapter - Missy Debnar
 - b) Recruitment for 2003 Board Election – Sandy Fabritz
 - c) From the Membership

6. **Board and Committee Reports**
President - Sandra Fabritz
President Elect - Larry Howery
Vice President - Jeff Schalaus
Directors North - Norm Lowe, Steve Cassady
Directors South - Dean Fish, Bruce Munda

Newsletter - Darrell Tersey
Awards - Emilio Carrillo
Historian - Phil Ogden
Scholarship - Mitch McClaran
Activities - Maria Gimenez-Fernandez
Membership - Mike Hannemann
Public Affairs - John Brock

Research Affairs - George Ruyle
Rancher Affairs – Keith Curry
Student/Youth - Susan Pater
U of A Chapter - Dan Potts
Information - Norm Lowe
NRCWAY - Sandra Fabritz

FYI:

Upcoming BOD Meetings

November 1, 2002 AZ Dept. of Water Resources, Phoenix 10 a.m.

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

August 20, 2002 for September Newsletter

November 20, 2002 for December Newsletter



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Call to Order

Sandy Fabritz called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. Members present included Sandra Fabritz, Larry Howery, Jeff Schalau, Steve Cassady, Dean Fish, Norm Lowe, Mark Pater, as well as various committee chairs and general members. Enough elected officers were present to form a quorum.

Sandy thanked Larry Howery for his efforts towards making this meeting a successful one. Sandy also mentioned the officer changes due to Mark Hocken's departure: Jeff Schalau is the new Vice President and Steve Cassady has been appointed to fill in as Director North for the remainder of the year.

Dr. John Brock presented a slide show titled "An SRM'er in the Czech Republic". The slide show presented information on Dr. Brock's sabbatical in the Czech Republic. The areas of the Czech Republic Dr. Brock visited included Ceske Budejovice in the southwestern area of the Czech Republic, The Institute of Botany in Pruhonice, and Prague. Dr. Brock presented information on invasive species and control methods primarily on giant knotweed, Japanese knotweed, and various knotweed hybrids.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 14, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Dean Fish moved to accept the minutes as written; Steve Cassady seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

Financial Report

Mark Pater presented the status of the Arizona Section checking, savings, and the NRCWAY checking accounts. Mark stated that the financial activity for the third quarter (June through August 2002) focused primarily on registration and preparation activities for the Arizona Section Summer Meeting in Flagstaff, AZ. The current balances are as follows: \$8,445.65 (AZ Section Business Checking), \$7,104.90 (AZ Section Savings), \$10,860.17 (AZ Section NRCWAY Checking).

Old Business

Arizona Section 2003 Winter Meeting

Larry Howery stated that the Nevada Section would like to hold a joint winter meeting with the Arizona Section in 2003. Potential topics include the desert tortoise Mohave subspecies and ecological site descriptions in the Mohave Desert. The potential location is Laughlin, Nevada. Larry has talked with Lamar Smith and Rob Grumbles about this issue. The potential meeting dates are January, March, or April 2003. An advantage of holding the meeting at this time of year includes actively growing plants. Sandy will check on the Arizona Section bylaws about whether the bylaws state when the Arizona Section winter meeting is to be held. This issue needs to be discussed further with the Arizona Section officers.

Drought Position Statement

Sandy asked for discussion on whether the Section membership was interested in sending a letter to the parent society in regard to the drought situation and any assistance Arizona might need for drought mitigation as well as for drought planning at local and statewide levels. Sandy also stated that Arizona's current drought plan is not very effective. Kristen Egen stated that this



issue needs to be referred to the Government Affairs committee. Walt Meyer agreed that this is a good idea for future action and will not help with the current situation. George Ruyle suggested that this issue be brought up for discussion at the next Advisory Council (AC) meeting. Walt Meyer also stated that Arizona Section members in academia develop a statement/issue paper for the Government Affairs committee. Sandy stated that she would gather the pertinent information and contact George Ruyle and Larry Howery about this.

New Business

ASU Students' Request

Sandy introduced Melissa "Missy" Debnar from the ASU Chapter; the ASU Chapter is now included in the Environmental Resources Students Association (ERSA) at ASU-East. Missy requested \$50 from the Arizona Section to help with the ERSA T-shirt sale. Missy added that the SRM logo would be displayed on the T-shirts. Steve Cassady moved to donate \$50 to ERSA for this fund raising project; Dean Fish seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

2003 BOD/Officers Election

Sandy asked for suggestions to get more nominations for new BOD members. Kristen has received a list of names from the general membership for her to use in this effort. Various members present offered names of individuals they felt would be appropriate for nominations.

Board and Committee Reports

Sandy Fabritz stated that the Arizona Section bylaws were recently changed in regard to raising the age limit for the Young Range Professional Award. She also mentioned that Dan Bell had received the Outstanding Young Range Professional Award at the International SRM meeting in Kansas City last February. Sandy also stated that the Arizona Section BOD approved a \$500 donation to the parent society at the June 14, 2002 BOD meeting.

Sandy mentioned the AC meeting in Flagstaff and that Bob Budd has presented a proposal to restructure the national committees. His proposal regroups current committees under six divisions (Administration, Science and Ecology, Member Services, Professional Education, Communication, and Policy). Sandy would like comments from the BOD back to her concerning this proposal by October 1, 2002.

Sandy stated that the Partnerships and Affiliations committee is asking Section Presidents to compile a list of societies and organizations that each section works or partners with. Larry Howery stated that he would coordinate the gathering of the names of the various organizations.

Sandy told the members present that the AC requested that the national BOD "receive AC recommendations and take them under consideration" instead of "approving" or "accepting" them. The AC also asked the national BOD that the bylaws be amended to clarify the role of the AC. The AC also presented that the BOD drop the issue of the name change for the Society and "get on" with the business of SRM.

Sam Albrecht (Executive VP) stated that SRM is working hard to improve customer service and that the new web site (www.rangelands.org) is up and running. Sam added that each member needs to log on and check that his or her mailing and e-mail addresses are correct. Sam also mentioned that 2003 is the 25th anniversary of the Rangelands publication and that the next international meeting will be held in Casper, Wyoming. SRM also has a new office located in Washington DC. Sam asked the members present to think about potential persons to nominate for national level positions. Sam stated that SRM will also be getting a BLM representative in the Denver SRM office. The national BOD voted in favor of a dues increase that will become effective on January 1, 2003. The increase will be \$20, raising annual dues to \$75. There is still a \$5 rebate on all new members recruited by current members.



Jeff Shalau (Director North) stated that Danny Freeman (Life Member) gave him some historical files for Phil Ogden and a complete set of JRM. Jeff is looking for a location to "house" this complete set. George Ruyle mentioned that the Office of Arid Lands studies may be a potential location and John Brock mentioned ASU-East as another potential location.

Dean Fish (Director South) stated that the new Santa Cruz NRCD is active with a number of range related issues.

Emilio Carrillo will soon be soliciting nominees for Arizona Section awards. Dan Bell stated that he would help Emilio with this effort.

John Brock (Public Affairs) mentioned that he attended a range net meeting and a scoping meeting concerning an EIS for western BLM lands restoration efforts. Dr. Brock also stated that he would like more direction from the Section membership concerning what he should be doing in regard to pertinent information that can be provided by this committee.

George Ruyle (Research Affairs) stated that the Ecological Site development by NRCS would like this effort to be shared by all land management agencies.

Willie Sommers (UofA Range Club) stated that the chapter members are volunteering to perform vegetation monitoring efforts in the Empire Ranch. He also mentioned that the chapter is looking for opportunities to perform volunteer work on ranches in southeastern Arizona.

Missy Debnar (ASU Chapter) also stated that their members are actively looking for ways to increase their field work experience. They hold informational meetings each month. Mark Pater stated that he would send an Arizona Section directory and current list of Section officers to her.

Norm Lowe (Information and Education) mentioned the Quivera Coalition received grant funding through the Fish and Wildlife Fund to host three natural resource management workshops in Arizona. Norm also stated that this is a good opportunity for the Arizona Section to collaborate with this group. Jeff Schalau mentioned a possible partnering opportunity with this group for the 2003 Section summer meeting.

Sandy Fabritz (NRCWAY) has been working on potential partnering opportunities to continue NRCWAY (Envirothon, New Mexico Section). Kristen Egen mentioned that the Ecological Restoration Institute has a full-time education coordinator who may be able to work with NRCWAY. Kristen also mentioned that Stu Bengson might want to partner with NRCWAY through the Arizona Mining Association. Sandy mentioned that planning for next summer's NRCWAY camp needs to start now. Sandy also mentioned the Sierra Ancha site and that she had been trying to contact people at ASU but they do not respond back to her. It was mentioned that the Sierra Ancha site most likely does not meet health code and should not be considered any longer. Sandy mentioned the possibility of partnering with SRP and using their facilities at Roosevelt Dam. The NRCWAY committee needs to set a meeting date and begin to plan for next summer. Francie Meyer mentioned that NRCWAY should collaborate more with AACD and should get on the agenda for the next AACD meeting. Francie Meyer also mentioned that they now have an e-mail address: franciemeyer@msn.com. This is truly exciting news!

Dan Bell mentioned that there will be a SACPA meeting on September 14, 2002 at the sale barn in Marana, Arizona. Contact Dan for more information.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



Attachment

Arizona Section, SRM
2002 Budget Track

	Proposed 2001	Actual 2001	Proposed 2002	Actual 2002
Inflow				
Winter Meeting Reg.	\$0.00	\$1,684.16	\$500.00	\$3,245.00
Summer Meeting Reg.	\$500.00	\$325.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,246.00
SRM Annual Dues	\$900.00	\$835.00	\$900.00	\$480.00
Auction	\$1,000.00	\$1,069.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,225
Hats	\$1,470.00	\$990.00		
Total	\$3,870.00	\$4,903.16	\$7,400.00	\$9,196.00
Outflow				
Awards	-\$600.00	-\$479.75	-\$600.00	-\$327.54
Scholarships	-\$650.00	-\$700.00	-\$650.00	-\$600.00
County Committees				
Corp. Comm. Fees	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00
Student Chapters	-\$1,000.00	-\$750.00	-\$1,000.00	-\$500.00
HSYF Student	-\$800.00	\$0.00	-\$800.00	
Section Newsletter	-\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00	-\$357.10
Postage, Misc. Supplies	-\$300.00	\$0.00	-\$300.00	-\$116.74
Student Mixer				
NRCWAY Donation	-\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Weed Symposium			\$100.00	\$100.00
Sponsor				
SVMA Donation	-\$500.00	-\$500.00	\$0.00	
Winter Meeting	\$0.00	-\$826.08	-\$2,000.00	-\$3,128.44
Summer Meeting			-\$3,000.00	-\$1,096.49
Total	-\$5,360.00	-\$3,265.83	-\$9,360.00	-\$6,226.31

Balances as of July 30, 2002:

AZ Section Checking: \$8,445.65
 AZ Section Savings: \$7,104.90
 NRCWAY Checking: \$10,860.17