

**BYLAWS  
OF  
ARIZONA SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT**

**ARTICLE I. Nature and Purposes of the Corporation**

SECTION 1. Membership in the Arizona Section, herein the Corporation, shall consist of those members of the Society for Range Management who are members of the Arizona Section.

SECTION 2. The nature, purposes and objectives of this Corporation are to seek a comprehensive understanding of range ecosystems and the management and use of range resources; to educate and advise all who work with rangeland of new findings; to improve the effectiveness of range management in obtaining from range ecosystems the products and values necessary for the welfare of all humanity; to create public understanding of the social and economic benefits to be derived from range resources; and to promote the professional and educational development of its members.

SECTION 3. This Corporation is an affiliation of the Society for Range Management. The Corporation shall function to bring about, through regularly scheduled meetings, tours, or other means, a closer personal acquaintance among members of the Society, an increased spirit of cooperation on matters relating to Society objectives, the encouragement of members to participated in both the Corporation and Society functions, to study and observe local range and range-related situations, to work with other Sections or with other local organizations on matters of common interest and concern, and to confer on Society affairs.

SECTION 4. The Corporation shall conduct meetings and surveys, disseminate information, acknowledge achievements and accomplishments within relevant disciplines carry on educational work, and otherwise determine the needs and demands for the objectives named above.

SECTION 5. The Corporation shall charge and receive membership dues and such other fees or assessments as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the Corporation.

SECTION 6. The Corporation is not organized for a pecuniary profit. No part of the net earnings shall insure to the benefit of any private individual or member, except reimbursement may be made for any expenses incurred for the Corporation by an Officer, Director, agent, or any other person pursuant to and upon authorization of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **ARTICLE II. Membership**

SECTION 1. Any person, institution, firm, partnership or other organization engaged in or interested in any aspect of the study, management, or use of rangelands and range resources shall be eligible for membership in the Corporation.

SECTION 2. The Corporation shall have the following classes of membership for individuals, as defined fully in Article I, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Society for Range Management:

- a) Regular
- b) Student
- c) Apprentice
- d) Emeritus
- e) Life
- f) Family
- g) Life Family
- h) International

SECTION 3. To be eligible for membership in the Corporation, one must be a member in good standing in the Society for Range Management. If a member ceases to be in good standing in the Society for Range Management, that member automatically becomes ineligible for continued membership in the Corporation.

SECTION 4. Application of membership may be made at any time, but all classes of membership, other than Life and Life Family, shall be registered for a one year period, beginning on the date of receipt of the application, with this date becoming known and registered as the "anniversary date" for the member. Application for membership should be accompanied by payment of one (1) year's dues for the class of membership being applied for, except that an application for Life and Life Family memberships shall be accompanied by the required payment as established for that class.

SECTION 5. Annual Corporation dues for each membership class shall be established by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any regularly called meeting. Corporation dues, along with Society for Range Management dues, shall be paid directly to the Society for Range Management and subsequently be remitted to the Corporation.

SECTION 6. A member whose dues are in arrears on the last day of the month of their anniversary date shall be dropped from the membership rolls and that member's rights and privileges in the Corporation, and Society, shall become null and void. A person so dropped may be reinstated to full membership upon payment of the current year's dues.

## **ARTICLE III. Directors and Officers**

SECTION 1. The business of the Corporation shall be managed, conducted and controlled by a Board of Directors. This Board will consist of:

- a) The President, who advances to office from that of the President-Elect,
- b) The President-Elect, who advances to office from that of the Vice-President,

- c) The Vice-President, who is elected by a majority of members voting,
- d) Four Directors-At-Large, who are elected by a majority of the members voting: Two (2) of whom reside or work in the northern part of the state, and two (2) who reside or work in the southern part of the state. For the purpose of election of Directors, the Salt River above the Gila River below the confluence of the Salt and Gila River shall be the dividing line between North and South,
- e) The Secretary-Treasurer who serves for one (1) year by appointment of the incoming President and may succeed in the office for more than one (1) year at the request of an incoming President,
- f) The current Presidents of the Student Chapters of Arizona State University and the University of Arizona, elected by the Student Chapters,
- g) The Executive Secretary who serves for three (3) years by appointment of the Board of Directors, and the Past President of the Section will serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, and as advisors to the President. They do not have a vote on Board of Director decisions.

SECTION 2. The tenure of the President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Vice-President shall be a term of one (1) year. The Vice-President and President-Elect shall advance to offices as provided in Article III, Section 1. The tenure of the four (4) Directors-At-Large shall be for two years, except when elected to fill an unexpired term, and their terms shall be staggered so that the term of one (1) Director from the north, and one (1) Director from the south shall expire each year. The tenure of the Student Chapter President(s) shall be for one (1) year, and may succeed on the Board for more than one (1) year when elected by the membership of the Student Chapter(s). The tenure of the Executive Secretary shall be three (3) years by appointment of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Only active Regular Members shall be eligible for election as Directors.

SECTION 4. Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to fulfill the responsibilities of the office may be removed from the office by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors at any Board of Directors meeting.

SECTION 5. No officer or Directors shall be eligible for re-election to the same office until at least one (1) year has elapsed after the end of his or her respective term.

SECTION 6. Vacancies in an unexpired term on the Board of Directors, shall be filled from Corporation membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and such elected Director shall serve for the unexpired term.

SECTION 7. The President, with the advice and concurrence of the Board of Directors, may create or abolish committees as the need arises. The President, with the advice and concurrence of the Board of Directors will appoint committee chairs to the above committees will be under the supervision of the President, or the President's appointed representative, but responsible to the Board of Directors. Committee chairs may be removed by the President and Board of Directors in joint action.

## **ARTICLE IV. Election of Officers**

SECTION 1. Elective members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Corporation membership as herein provided.

SECTION 2. The President of the Corporation shall appoint a Nominations Committee of no less than three (3) members, by August 1 of each year. The Nominations Committee shall prepare a list of candidates to fill all expired and/or vacant positions of the Corporation, consisting of at least two (2) candidates for each elective office to be filled, such list to be transmitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by September 1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall then forward the list of candidates submitted by the Nominations Committee to all members by September 15. Any member may propose additional candidates to any elective office in writing with the written endorsement of at least ten (10) members. Such a petition for additional candidates shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer by October 15. No current candidates for any elective Corporation office shall serve on the Elections Committee.

SECTION 3. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation shall send to all members of the Corporation a typed or printed ballot containing a list of all candidates nominated by the committee and by petition not later than November 1. The ballot shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer in sealed envelopes by December 1. Ballots shall be counted by the Secretary-Treasurer assisted by a member of the Nominating Committee. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes for an office shall be declared elected to that office, and shall assume the duties of the office at the annual meeting following the election. In the event of a tie vote for any elective office, the membership will be immediately notified. A ballot will be included with this notification. The actual election to break this tie vote will be held during the annual business meeting of the membership.

SECTION 4. The out-going President-Elect shall automatically become the new President. The out-going Vice-President shall automatically become the President-Elect. The new Vice-President and two (2) Directors-At-Large shall be elected by letter ballots which shall be sent to all members by the Secretary-Treasurer. The new Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming President, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors. The Presidents of each of the Student Chapters shall be elected by majority vote from among the active members, by written ballots of an announced election meeting of the respective Chapters and shall automatically be a Director of the Corporation during their term of office.

## **ARTICLE V. Management of the Corporation**

SECTION 1. The affairs and business of the Corporation, including but not necessarily limited to the expenditure and investment of Corporation funds in accordance with the Society, action upon applications for the establishment of Chapters, any action required to advance the interests and objectives of the Corporation, and the designation of committees, shall be governed by a Board of Director constituted herein before provided. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.

SECTION 2. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation and shall:

- a) preside over all meetings of the Corporation and its Board of Directors;
- b) call special meetings at his or her discretion, when required by a majority of the Board of Directors, or by petition of the general membership;
- c) perform all acts and duties usually performed by and Executive Officer or any other duties authorized or required by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. In the absence or disability of the President, the President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President; provided however, that in case of death, resignation, or disability of the President, the President-Elect shall become the President.

SECTION 4. In the absence or disability of the President-Elect, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President-Elect; provided however, that in case of death, resignation, or disability of the President-Elect, the Vice-President shall become the President-Elect.

SECTION 5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- a) keep a complete record of all meetings;
- b) supervise all records of the Corporation;
- c) receive money for dues, fees, and assessments and pay bills as presented by these bylaws or the Board of Directors;
- d) make all reports required by law, these bylaws, or requested by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. The Executive Secretary shall:

- a) assist the President in the preparation for and conduct of annual and special meetings;
- b) assist the Secretary-Treasurer in maintaining records of the Corporation;
- c) may assume other duties as delegated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. Any of the above duties may be delegated by the Board of Directors to any assistant officer who it may appoint or elect.

SECTION 8. The Board of Directors shall meet at the time and place of the annual meetings of the Corporation, as such meetings are hereinafter provided for, and at such other times and places as the Board shall direct, or at the call of the President.

SECTION 9. The board of Directors may choose to conduct Corporation business between regularly scheduled meetings noted in Article VI, Section 2 through the use of teleconferences, electronic mail, or through other available technologies as the Board shall direct, or at the call of the President. Written or electronic notice from the President to each board member is to be made at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting shall constitute official notice of a call for such meeting. Six voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, authorized to conduct business in the name of the Corporation. Minutes of such meetings shall be made available to the membership.

SECTION 10. The Corporation's fiscal year shall commence on January 1 of each year.

SECTION 11. A bank doing business in Arizona, chosen by the President, subject to a confirmation by the Board of Directors, shall serve as a depository of funds and issue

funds upon requisitions by the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 12. An annual audit shall be prepared and special audit shall be made upon order of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 13. The Board of Directors shall make and file for the Corporation such State and Federal reports and returns as are now or may hereafter be required by law.

## **ARTICLE VI. Meetings**

SECTION 1. At least one meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held annually at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall designate for the purpose of installing officers, receiving the annual reports, and transacting other business. Notice of such meeting shall be announced to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer at least fifteen (15) days prior to meetings.

SECTION 2. The order of business at the annual meeting and, so far as possible, at all business meetings of the membership or Board of Directors shall be:

- a) Proof of due notice of meeting;
- b) Reading or disposal of unapproved minutes;
- c) Treasurer's report;
- d) Reports of officers and/or committees;
- e) Unfinished business;
- f) New business, including election of directors;
- g) Adjournment.

SECTION 3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, the President-Elect or any five (5) members of the Board upon not less than ten (10) days' notice to each Board member, which notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Any Board meeting may also be held without notice providing all members of the Board waive notice thereof in writing. A majority of the Board must be present to transact business, by the majority vote of the members of the Board present.

SECTION 4. Special meetings of the membership of the Corporation may be called by the President, President-Elect or any ten (10) members of the Corporation upon not less than fifteen (15) days written notice to each member, which notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. The members in attendance at a regularly called meeting shall have the authority to transact business by a majority vote of the ballots cast.

## **ARTICLE VII. Corporation Chapters**

SECTION 1. A Corporation Chapter, composed of Society members of this Corporation, may be established by the governing body of the Corporation upon written petition of not less than 10 members resident in an area where a strong local organization may be effected. Geographical boundaries of a Chapter shall be established by this Corporation's officers after considering the recommendation of the members concerned.

SECTION 2. Meetings shall be open to the public and Chapters shall hold at least one (1) meeting each year to retain authorization.

SECTION 3. The Corporation is authorized to appropriate money from its general funds for the conduct of the Chapter business and Chapters may undertake fund-raising activities and assess Chapter dues payable directly to the Chapter treasurer.

SECTION 4. The officers of a Chapter shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and a Board of Directors at the option of the Chapter, who shall be active members of the Corporation elected by the members of the Chapter. Chapter officers shall serve for one (1) year. A current list of officers and the members of each Chapter shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation and with the Executive Vice-President of the Society for Range Management.

SECTION 5. The purpose and function of a Chapter shall, in general, be the same as those specified for the Corporation, and in all their actions and activities Chapters shall conform to the principle, policies, and objectives of the Corporation and Society as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or duly approved statements of policy and principle.

SECTION 6. Chapter Actions. Actions of recommendations of a Chapter on Corporation of Society matters shall be transmitted to the Corporation by the Chapter President, and to the Society for Range Management through the Corporation.

SECTION 7. The Corporation officers will examine and resolve any conflicts that may arise between the Chapters within, and they shall have the right to rescind the authorization of any Chapter and terminate its existence.

### **ARTICLE VIII. Student Organization**

SECTION 1. The Corporation will encourage and support student organization where student interest in rangeland management, study and use is present. The primary purpose of a student organization is to promote the profession of range management and the objectives of the Society in an educational environment, instill professionalism, and stimulate participation in the Society and its activities during their professional career.

SECTION 2. Where possible, the student organization shall form a Student Chapter, which will comply with Article VII hereof.

SECTION 3. The student organization shall conform to the requirements for student organizations and be under direct purview of this Corporation. Where campus regulations prohibit Chapter status, the student organization shall be known as a Student Range Club or other comparable title. Members of the student organizations are encouraged by the Corporation and the Society to become members of the Society.

SECTION 4. The officers of a student organization shall be in compliance with campus requirements. Student organization officers may be elected on a school year or other basis as per campus requirements.

SECTION 5. The Corporation is authorized to appropriate money from its general funds for the support of student organizations. Student organizations may undertake fundraising activities and assess dues payable directly to the student organization.

SECTION 6. The purpose and function of student organization shall, in general, be the same as those specified for the Corporation, and in all their actions and activities Chapters shall conform to the principle, policies, and objectives of the Corporation and Society as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or duly approved statements of policy and principle.

SECTION 7. The Corporation officers will examine and resolve any conflicts that may arise between student organizations within, and they shall have the right to refuse recognition of any such organization.

#### **ARTICLE IX. Honors and Awards**

SECTION 1. The Honors and Awards Committee shall be administered by the Board of Directors. The committee will consist of three (3) members serving three-year (3 year) terms on a staggering basis, so that one (1) rancher, one (1) range management specialist, and one (1) representative from ranch related industry. The committee shall develop necessary criteria and procedures to select the candidates for the Range Manager of the Year, Professional and Technical Guidance Award and Special Awards. Final selection of award candidates shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Range Manager of the Year Award. The Range Manager of the Year may be selected by the Awards Committee from owner-operators and ranch managers who have been nominated by County Committees. The recipient shall be honored at the Annual Meeting and shall receive a plaque commemorating the award. The recipient need not be a member of the Society for Range Management; must be a resident Arizona ranch owner-operator or manager of a working ranch unit; must not have received this award within the previous six (6) years; and cannot be a member of the State or County Awards Committee or the Board of Directors. Other primary criteria include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a) Progress in the planning, application and maintenance of grazing management practices for proper use and distribution of grazing,
- b) Installation of range improvements,
- c) Control of undesirable plants,
- d) Seeding of rangeland,
- e) Control of erosion,
- f) Husbandry and breeding of livestock,
- g) Participation in community and State citizenship activities and cooperation with State and Federal agencies in management of the land for grazing and other uses.



SECTION 3. A person or persons with range management or range conservation expertise and education, but not ranch owners or operators, may be selected and honored for their contributions to excellence in grazing management. Such persons may be employees of Federal or State agencies or universities, other government agencies, or individuals operating independently or as members of agricultural firms. The results of improved range management must be clearly evident on the ranch units where assistance has been provided. Ranch owners or operators assisted must be implementing the management programs because they are convinced that the management programs are economically practical, and will result in improved range conditions.

SECTION 4. A person not limited to Society membership, and not limited to residence in Arizona may be nominated for an Outstanding Service Award by any member of the Arizona Section of the Society for Range Management. Such nominations will be made to the Board of Directors prior to the end of a calendar year. Qualifications are as follows:

- a) Such a person must be well known to Section members throughout the state;
- b) Must have made a contribution to the advancement of the art and science of range management that is worthy of special recognition. It may have been made during the past year, or a previous year, but the contribution must still be recognized for its merit. For example, such a contribution may consist of a new or better method of doing something in the range management or treatment field; an outstanding article, publication, or information activity that has been widely acclaimed; or unusual leadership in the ranching or professional field or range conservation and management.

SECTION 5. Other special awards may be made from time to time as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE X. Outstanding Range Management Student and Scholarship Award**

SECTION 1. Outstanding Range Management students of the year, one (1) from each recognized Student Chapter within the Corporation, shall be selected by the Honors and Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. A Scholarships and Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall have three (3) appointed members (one (1) member who is serving on the Board of Directors, and two (2) members at large from the Corporation) and one (1) university or faculty member from each recognized Student Chapter.

SECTION 2. One outstanding student in range management, or closely related field, during the current academic year, from each university, shall be selected in the fall semester and each shall receive a scholarship, the amount to be determined by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, one-half being awarded for the fall semester, and the other half for the spring semester. Each scholarship shall be awarded by the Corporation through the appropriate university offices of scholarships and awards. The names of the winners shall be inscribed on the Outstanding Range Management Plaque at each respective university.

SECTION 3. The recipients of Student Chapter awards must be majoring in range

management, or closely related field, a member of the Student Chapter, preferably should be a resident of Arizona, and must be an undergraduate. Primary criteria used for judging the recipients shall include:

- a) Scholarship
- b) Grade point average,
- c) Society for Range Management activities
- d) Extracurricular school activities
- e) Character and personality

Secondary criteria shall include financial need, past awards, and vocational activities.

## **ARTICLE XI. Amendments**

SECTION 1. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regularly called meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment is mailed to members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Such notices shall include ballots for proxy voting, whereby a member may delegate another member to cast his or her vote by proxy. A majority of all ballots cast shall be required for amendment.

SECTION 2. Amendments may be proposed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors, or by written petition, submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation, bearing the endorsement of at least ten (10) members.

SECTION 3. A proposed amendment that receives the required two-thirds affirmative vote shall take effect immediately upon submission of the Election Committee's report to the President.