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Dr. Schacht has been actively involved in range management during his entire professional career and has been a member of SRM since 1979. His current position at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln includes both teaching and research responsibilities. Dr. Schacht ranks among the top educators in the nation in the discipline of Range and Forage Sciences. He has received several teaching awards, successfully competed for education grants, and is active in teaching, advising, scholarly activities, and curriculum development. He has been responsible for extensive revision of the Range Ecology and Management major at UNL and a key leader in the development and administration of the Grazing Livestock Systems and the Plant Biology majors. At the regional and national level, his leadership in range management education is made evident by his coordination of the development of a regional distance education program in grassland management in the central Great Plains, active roles in the Range Science Education Council, organization of educational symposia, membership of the SRM accreditation committee, and long-term commitment to student activities associated with SRM. Dr. Schacht's research concentrates on the study of interactions between grazing animals and the biotic and abiotic components of grassland ecosystems. His long-term research projects have focused on developing year-round grazing/forage programs that are ecologically and economically sustainable. His productive research program has focused on graduate student education and multidisciplinary/multistate projects. He has mentored numerous graduate students that have gone on to become successful professionals. His research has been supported by a diversity of grant sources and led to the publication of 50 articles in refereed journals or symposium proceedings. He also is an associate editor of *Rangeland Ecology and Management*. His skills and expertise in many aspects of range management have gained respect from students, ranchers, and peers. Dr. Schacht also has an active leadership role in the Society for Range Management through chairmanship and committee member service at both the International and Section levels.

