



Your Society at Work

2013 was yet another year where SRM continued its efforts to modernize operations, expand membership services and take action on needed task force items. The state of our society remains strong and one that centers on constant growth and flexibility in order to meet the needs the SRM membership.

In early 2013 SRM transitioned to its new office headquarters in Littleton, CO. The SRM Board of Directors (BOD) utilized the new office space during its summer BOD meeting. The BOD departed with a positive perception, both in terms of the dollars saved through the sale of the old building and the move forward with a more flexible and convenient headquarters.

SRM continues to remain active on a number of fronts. In order to keep the membership informed, SRM has maintained an active social media presence to communicate such activities in a timely fashion. Be sure to follow the SRM Facebook page, Twitter account and LinkedIn profile for all of the latest SRM news!

SRM members have consistently requested that the society present a publication where information is tailored to both the range practitioner and the multi-use land manager in an easily accessible format. It's with that in mind that *Stewardship* was created. Past-president and *Stewardship* Editor Gary Frasier is in charge of reviewing and publishing the articles submitted by SRM members. Feedback has been very positive regarding this publication, however, like everything at SRM, it will be made better by YOU. So please read it and provide feedback at Stewardship@rangelands.org. Also, as you continue your SRM membership recruitment, please feel free to print and circulate copies to promote the Society.

SRM continues to be active with its partners in the natural resources field. Through participation at the Professional Societies Fair held at the

USDA, ongoing leadership within the National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition along with new and simplified agency training and outreach agreements, SRM is on track for another productive year. This will be maybe most apparent in SRM's upcoming role within the NRCS Soil Health Initiative. SRM voiced the necessity of including rangelands within this initiative, and as such, will be playing a pivotal role in this effort in 2014.

SRM remains committed to its membership goals of both retaining and increasing membership. It's with this in mind that the SRM Membership Committee is overseeing the redesign of the SRM membership display.

The SRM BOD, staff, and committees remain committed to growing and improving the Society. Multiple task forces have reviewed SRM operations as it links to financials, membership, meeting structures and other areas. These reports are being reviewed by the BOD and the recommendations are evaluated and implemented through an ongoing process. This will remain an ongoing effort in 2014 as SRM continues to address the growing needs of its membership and further evolve as a professional Society.

Membership

Membership reached 2900 in 2013, which is lower than it has been in years past. However, membership dues were slightly increased during this period. An SRM membership now includes online access to both Rangelands and Stewardship. A big focus in 2014 will be promoting ALL of the membership benefits within SRM. Membership recruitment at the section level is the pivotal component to attaining the SRM membership goals. For questions regarding how sections can be more active in membership recruiting please contact the SRM office.

Annual Meeting

Upwards to 800 people attended the 2014 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. SRM would like to extend a special thank you to the Orlando Planning Committee for all of their hard work

and job well done as we are all currently enjoying the top notch 2014 Orlando Annual Meeting. Meanwhile, the 2015 Sacramento Planning Committee is off and running and the Corpus Christi Planning Committee (2016) is moving forward.

Continuing Education

SRM is currently hosting Ecological Site Description (ESD) workshops at the Annual Meeting. Due to significant restrictions to agency travel, the ability to continue delivery of these workshops at a regional scale is no longer viable. SRM answered the call of our agency partners to continue these trainings on a different format.

Support from BLM, NRCS and USFS has allowed four separate workshops to take place in Orlando; a combined total of 15 ½ hours of instruction and 14 ½ CEUs is available. To accommodate those unable to attend in-person, live-streaming access is available to agency employees and the public; those who participate through this access will also be credited with CEUs. Following the Annual Meeting, each workshop will be available for archived access.

Journals

Both SRM journals published significant, well-read content in the past year. Among the most-read articles in *Rangeland Ecology & Management* during 2013 were a series of articles from late 2012 that were sponsored by the Jornada Experimental Range. Three of these articles have, in little more than one year, landed among the five most-accessed articles ever on the journal's website. In addition, REM's impact factor increased from 1.461 to 1.733, a new peak for the journal. *Rangelands* published the most-accessed article ever on its website, a response to the Allan Savory TED video that has generated much discussion about grazing, land management, and climate change. The journal ended 2013 with two compelling sponsored issues, one on strategic grazing management for

complex creative systems, the other on women as change agents in the world's rangelands. Also in 2013, both journals adopted open-access publication policies to accommodate this growing aspect of scholarly communication.

Your SRM Team

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