



SRM—YPC ANNUAL MEETING REPORT—2007

Message from the President

Dear Young Professionals,

It's time to bring you up to speed on what happened in Reno and let you know where we're headed. Summer Schulz, the YPC recorder, has done an excellent job of providing that information below.

In the coming weeks, the YPC officers and advisors will be discussing how the Conclave has functioned thus far. We will evaluate our strengths as weaknesses and discuss any needed adjustments. It is important that the Conclave serves a specific function in the Society and that we work to compliment other activities and efforts taking place in SRM. We must keep site of the fact the national meeting is already a great event with plenty of information and opportunity. If the YPC is too small, we miss out on valuable recruitment and information exchange opportunities. If the YPC is too large, then the Conclave may take away from other events or loose attendance due to YPC members being involved in other activities. I challenge the YPC membership and supporters to provide feedback to the officers as to what the focus of our next event will be. Also feel free to voice any other concerns you have with SRM so that they may be communicated to the SRM leadership. It is my goal to lead the YPC to provide its members with an event in Louisville that is concise, practical, and relevant. I hope to see you there.

YPC made great headway at Reno!



Although the Conclave has only been around in a formal state for just one year, current membership spans across 15 sections with over 150 members.

Six events were sponsored by and/or emceed by YPC at the annual SRM meeting this year, including the Business Meeting; the Social Dinner (held at Louie's Basque Restaurant); a symposium on the skill needs of young professionals today; the Luncheon; and the Mentor Program Needs Assessment Workshop. Approx 70 people attended YPC events (not counting the workshop) and the luncheon was sold out!

YPC Officers Passed the Leadership Torch:

President: Jason Hohlt (replaced Steph Sever)
Pres. Elect: Bob Wesley (replaced Jason Hohlt)
Treasurer: Jake Powell (replaced Brian Thrift)
Recorder: Summer Schulz (remained in position)

Creation/Implementation of YPC Advisory Council to:

- * Mirror SRM so YPC members could get a better feel for how the parent society functions;
- * Allow increases opportunities for YPC member involvement;
- * Allow for increased involvement from Sections; and
- * Allow for and ensure continuity and accountability within the conclave

Advisory Council Members:

Past Pres:	StephSever	NE:	Chandler Mundy
CAI/PAC:	Julie Finzel	NGP:	Matt Phillippi
CO:	Liza Slusser	PNW:	Girianna Porkony
IMS/CAN:	Tracy Kupchenko	TX:	Mindy Gallardo
IMS/MT:	Merrita Marble	UT:	Ben Baldwin
		WY:	Marji Patz

Special Thanks!!!

The Wild Women of Range gave ample support by recognizing YPC and Student members during their mixer this year; the Conclave also received strong positive feedback from SRM members (partially- and well-seasoned), and is also extremely appreciative of the support shown by the Board of Directors and past thru present officers—**Thank You!**



Current YPC Section Involvement

IMS Section: assigned representatives and currently has YPC members involved in all aspects of the Section.

WY Section: assigned leadership, looking towards gaining a seat on the Section council, taking over student related activities to increase effective transitioning from student to young professional (WY Red, Range Cup, etc), and developing bylaws.

TX Section: assigned officers and gained meeting tasks/responsibilities

If you are interested in representing an SRM section not listed above, please contact us!



YPC Activities

The YPC/LDC supported Mentor Program Workshop, plus the associated mentor survey, was a great success thanks to Ben Baldwin, Steph Sever, Merrita Fraker-Marble, Summer Schulz, Matt Phillippi, Austin Blaney, and the help of numerous volunteers including Jason Campbell. More info will be coming your way regarding the future of the Program.

The YPC webpage (located within the main SRM site) is up and running thanks to the strong support of Ann Tanaka. The webpage includes the history of YPC, mission, goals, accomplishments, section contacts, and much more – Please Take a Look!

YPC Mission

Develop a continuum which maintains/improves information exchange and experience sharing among generations within SRM to promote strength in leadership, education, research, and stewardship of rangelands and associated resources.

The YPC Handbook and Bylaws are in final draft form and will be put on website soon, along with previous meeting minutes, and contact info. YPC activities committee wants to refocus efforts on fundraising including t-shirts and hats (any design ideas?).

Ideas discussed at Business Meeting:

- * Have at least one YPC member attend/serve on all SRM committees;
- * Address need of roommate/travel list serve to assist with meeting attendance;
- * Stagger YPC meetings with Student Conclave meetings and activities to allow for more cross-over involvement;
- * YPC/Student Mixer, perhaps incorporate with Tapping-the-Top and a mentor mixer;
- * More YPC involvement at Student Activities committee; and

More Details: <http://www.rangelands.org/ypc>

Questions or Comments? Please e-mail us at: summer_schulz@blm.gov or call 307-367-5346