Society for Range Management

Guidelines for the

Public Affairs Committee

Purpose: The committee is to serve as an advisory body to the Board of Directors on issues of concern or interest to the public. The committee will serve the Section by alerting its officers and membership to new research findings and areas where increased research is needed, insuring that the Section programs provide viable producer-oriented information, establishing and maintaining a working relationship with other organizations and groups who have an interest in the management and utilization of rangelands. Policy and position statements and program suggestions are prepared for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Structure: The committee will consist of four members serving staggered 2-year terms plus the chairperson. The President shall appoint a chairperson from the retiring members. The committee will meet twice annually, at the summer meeting and the annual meeting of the Section.

Responsibilities:

1. Monitor issues and activities within the Section which concern rangeland and its uses. As needed, action should be taken in one of two ways:

    a. National/international issues should be transmitted to the SRM Public Affairs Committee for their consideration.

    b. When state issues require Section action, the committee should prepare statements (within SRM policy and position guidelines) for consideration by the Board of Directors.

2. No statement will be issued by any committee without approval of the Board of Directors and then only when it has been established to conform with SRM policy and position statements.

3. To become familiar with range research activities in the Section, assess additional research needs, and report to the Section membership as may be required by the President.

4. To represent the Kansas Section, where the Section has legitimate input into range research discussion.

5. To identify an individual member to serve as a liaison with each organization with whom the Section needs to work.