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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Carol Blocksome
President, Kansas Section, SRM

The Kansas Section was fully represented at the Advisory Council meetings held during the SRM Annual Meeting in Ft. Worth in February. The Advisory Council passed several motions that were forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration. The first motion was a recommendation to the board that SRM maintain a full-time presence in Washington D.C., especially now that Dean Boe is retiring. A recommendation was made that the respective section be notified of award nominations sent to the national committee; this is both to keep the section informed (nominations do not have to come through the section but can be nominated by any member independently) and to give feedback on the nominations (additional considerations). Motions on wild horse and burro management and sage grouse habitat were also passed. One of the more important motions that passed was that the Board call for a vote of the entire membership on the name change for the Society. An ad hoc committee has come up with several name suggestions, including retaining the current name. The Board has agreed to hold this vote. In other action, motions for holding the 2008 annual meeting in Louisville, KY and the 2009 annual meeting in Rapid City, SD were passed.

Is there a KS SRM committee or officer notebook reposing in your back storage room? If you've got items such as handbooks, reports, or other SRM materials that aren't relevant to what you're doing now, please send them to Carol Blocksome, TH 2004, Dept. of Agronomy, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Plans are underway for a joint fall meeting with KAWS (Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams) in Wichita, KS the week of September 26.

SRM Honor Awards

The deadline to nominate individuals for SRM Awards is rapidly approaching (April 30). These awards include:

Frederic G. Renner
W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship
W.R. Chapline Research
Fellow
Outstanding Achievement
Outstanding Young Range Professional
Sustained Lifetime Achievement

Descriptions of each award and the nomination procedure can be viewed at the following website:
http://www.rangelands.org/about_honorawards.shtml.

Kansas Section Awards

The Kansas Section has two awards that can be given annually. The Trail Boss Award is used to recognize individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the rangeland management profession and/or significant accomplishments in grassland management. The second award is the Excellence in Grazing Management Award to recognize individuals carrying out a sound grazing management program in Kansas. Nominations for section awards should be forwarded to the chair of the awards committee, Dwayne Rice.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Subscriptions to the Bluestem Bulletin are available to non-SRM members at \$5 per year. Send remittance payable to the Kansas Section, SRM to Walter Fick, Dept. of Agronomy - TH, Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS 66506.

We now have the capability to electronically send the Bluestem Bulletin. If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail please contact me at the above address or at (785) 532-7223 or whfick@ksu.edu.

Taken a look at the Kansas Section web site lately? Mike Haddock has changed the look of the site <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/kssrm/> and added some new information. If you would like to see any other information on the site let Mike know. He can be reached at haddock@ksu.edu.

**Submission deadline for the next issue of the
Bluestem Bulletin: July 15, 2005**

EXCELLENCE IN RANGE MANAGEMENT AWARD

Bruce Healy, of the SRM Advisory Council, has asked for input on the Excellence in Range Management Award - Society for Range Management. 1) Do we want to have ONE winner or 2) Do we want to highlight several ranchers that are doing excellent range management? The big concern was how do we honestly compare ranch management practices in Nevada to those in Saskatchewan. Both do an excellent job. One might have riparian areas and the other might not have any. One might be reseeding where the other not. One might be into a tourism and promotion business and the other not. How does the committee best judge these posters?

The SRM Awards committee will use this in their discussions on how to best revamp the ERM Award in the future. If a particular section has relevant information the SRM Awards Committee should consider during our discussions on this award, please don't hesitate to send them to Duane McCartney, committee chair (mccartneyd@agr.gc.ca) or Bruce Healy (tssrm_secretary@yahoo.com).

Carol Blocksome

KLING ANDERSON LECTURE

The 14th annual Kling L. Anderson Lecture will be presented on May 4, 2005 by Dr. John H. Grabber of the U.S. Dairy Research Center, Madison, WI. The lecture will be held on the Kansas State University campus in 1014 Throckmorton Hall at 4 p.m.

Dr. Grabber's early research work focused on pasture management. Recently, his work has centered on cell wall structure, chemistry, and fiber degradability of forages. His current duties include assessing the impact of forage polyphenols on carbon sequestration, nitrogen cycling, protein use, and profitability of dairy farms. The title of his lecture will be "Lignin-Cell Wall Matrix Interactions in Grass Cell Walls."

The lecture series helps perpetuate and honor the name of Kling L. Anderson and commemorate his many years of service to Kansas State University and the range management profession.

Clenton Owensby

MINUTES - KANSAS SECTION, SRM

President Dwayne Rice called the annual meeting of the Kansas Section to order at 5:50 p.m. on October 7, 2004 at Woodward, OK. He briefly reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions. The minutes of the June 3 meeting at Auburn, KS were accepted as published in the August, 2004 Bluestem Bulletin. Walt Fick reported \$8,108.40 in the bank account. Fick also reported that 410 copies of the newsletter were distributed in August.

Doug Spencer reported that 23 students attended the Kansas Range Youth Camp held July 6-9, 2004 at the Rock Springs 4-H Camp. Spencer agreed to see that the top 3 campers be given SRM memberships. Chris Tecklenburg will chair the next Range Youth Camp to be held July 5-8, 2005 at Rock Springs. Transportation for tours at the camp were discussed. Three students expressed interest in attending the High School Youth Forum in Fort Worth, TX. The students will be asked to send a video tape of a 5-8 minute illustrated talk to determine the section's representative.

Our supply of Excellence in Grazing Management signs is running low. A motion was passed and then tabled to print new signs changing the name of the award to Excellence in Rangeland Management. The Awards committee will decide what to call the award.

A Kansas Section, SRM brochure is in the development phase and now resides with Karen Hickman at Oklahoma State University. Carol Blocksome suggested that the new I&E chair take over the project. They should contact Hickman to see what has been compiled so far. Good quality photos are needed for the brochure.

The next annual meeting will likely be held jointly with KAWS next August and cover riparian ecology.

Election results will be announced later. [Editor's note: Dwayne Rice e-mailed the results: First VP-Dennis Doring, 2nd VP-Charles Lee, Directors 2 yr terms-Sarah Neal and Roger Tacha, Director 1 yr term-Loren Graff and Will Boyer. Both petitions to change the By-Laws passed.]

David Kraft reported on the range management schools held in 2004. The Basic Range Management School was held August 17-19 at White Memorial Camp near Council Grove with 21 participants. The Advanced Range Management School was held August 25-27 at Camp Lakeside north of Scott City with 22 attendees. He suggested that they may want to call them something other than a "school" and asked for any suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Walt Fick

KANSAS RANGE YOUTH CAMP

The 44th Annual Kansas Range Youth Camp will be held at Rock Springs 4-H Center on July 5-8, 2005. An enrollment fee of \$200 per participant needs to be sent along with a registration form to Doug Spencer, 303 Eisenhower Drive, Marion, KS 66861 by April 29, 2005. Students are normally nominated by their local conservation district, cooperative extension agent, or high school instructor.

The Kansas Range Youth Camp is designed to give students a basic understanding of the principles of rangeland ecology, including plant physiology, plant identification, range sites, range condition, and trend. Students should have a serious interest in rangeland management, rangeland ecology, or grazing animals.

Students who will begin their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2005 are eligible. It is important that the students accepting a nomination be fully aware of the activities associated with this camp. This type of learning experience will require a great deal of vigorous fieldwork and hiking along with classroom activities.

Chris Tecklenburg

RANGE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

A basic Range Management School will be held August 24-26, 2005 at Camp Lakeside north of Scott City, KS. Educators from Kansas State University, University of Missouri, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and ranchers will provide information on developing management plans. The school is split into classroom and in-field activities. The first day will be an introductory overview of rangeland management. The second day will be more intense one-on-one training on planning options. The participants will learn how to identify problems, opportunities and concerns on managing rangeland. They will inventory their resources, evaluate alternatives, and learn plan implementation and evaluation. The final day participants will be working with range condition calculations, grazing duration and stocking rates, grazing dates, percentage grazing, and plotting grazing schedules. For registration and more detailed information, contact Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. at 785-462-2602.

Duane Cheney

KANSAS SECTION, SRM SPRING MEETING

The Kansas Section, SRM will hold its spring meeting on May 12, 2005 in Independence, KS at 6:30 p.m. at Doc's Legends, a restaurant located at 300 N. 8th Street. A tour will be held jointly with the Kansas Forage and Grassland Council the following day. The tour has no registration fee though one does need to register. Sponsors will cover the cost of the meal. Questions should be directed to Dennis Doring, (620) 725-3330. If you plan on coming for the business meeting and staying for the tour the following motels are available in Independence:

Apple Tree Inn	Super 8 Motel	Microtel Inn & Suites
201 N. 8 th	2800 W. Main	2917 W. Main
620-331-5500	620-331-8288	620-331-0088

Grassland & Forage Management Tour Montgomery County, Independence, KS Friday - May 13, 2005

Tour Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Gather at 4-H Bldg. in Riverside Park, Independence, KS
Refreshments (see maps on next page)
- 8:30 Orientation
- 9:00 Forage Establishment and Management, Local Producer
Bermudagrass and E. Gamagrass
- 10:15 Management Intensive Grazing and Rotational Systems, Local Producer, Fescue
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch provided by Sponsors at 4-H Bldg. Riverside Park
- 1:15 Native Grass Buffer, Non-Point Source Pollution Control, Local Producer
- 2:00 Native Rangeland Management, Local Producer, grass harvest monitoring, sericea and brush control

And for those who are interested:

- 3:00 Embryo Transfer & Implant for Certified Angus Cowherd, Local Producer

Vans will be provided for transportation.

Interested parties must register with the Montgomery County Extension Office by May 9, 2005 at (620) 331-2690.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 4 Kling Anderson Lecture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- May 5 Beef Cattle and Forage Crops Field Day, Mound Valley, KS
- May 12-13 Kansas Section, SRM Spring Meeting and Tour, Independence, KS
- June 9 Chase County Wildflower Tour
- July 5-8 Kansas Range Youth Camp, Rock Springs 4-H Camp
- August 24-26 Basic Range Management School, Camp Lakeside, Scott City, KS
- September 7-8 Multi-state Sericea Lespedeza Meeting, Beatrice, NE
- September 14 Bressner Pasture Tour
- September 15 Beef Stocker Conference, Manhattan, KS
- February
12-17, 2006 59th Annual SRM Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia