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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Charles Lee**  
**President, Kansas Section, SRM**

Greetings from your President.

The grass may be done growing for the season but that does not mean that we personally or as a society should also shut down. There are many avenues to help us grow. I have been somewhat remiss in not organizing the fall meeting; however we now have it scheduled. Take this opportunity to find out what your colleagues have been doing while things were still growing and more importantly to share your plans for growth. This meeting will provide short updates on projects in which Society members have been involved and what they are planning for the future. I have always found it beneficial to hear about the problems and subsequent solutions others have overcome. Usually I can learn how better to accomplish my own tasks when I hear how others solved their own challenges. We all have challenges to overcome. Sometimes those obstacles may seem too high to climb but collectively the solutions are at hand. That is just one of the reasons to participate in Section meetings.

At least during the time that I have been a Section member participation in Section affairs has never seemed to be our member's priority. We simply move along with about a dozen or so attending the meetings. That core group has a good time, shares information, observes the manner in which some others have solved their problems and does a great job of networking. Meetings can be much more. I don't know the best process to get members involved but it usually takes an issue before we get excited about something. If you have issues you want discussed just let me know.

This fall's meeting may provide some issues that

will get you interested. Take this opportunity to get involved. Surely you have something that you are excited about. How could you not be excited about something? Bring a friend and come to Manhattan on November 15, 2007. I'll make sure you have an opportunity to share something that gets you excited about range. If not just listen and learn from others who are willing to share their thoughts about the rangeland resources we can all get excited about.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Kansas Section, Society for Range Management will be holding its annual meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2007 in Manhattan, KS. The meeting will be held in Call Hall, Room 140 on the Kansas State University Campus. Contact Charlie Lee at 532-5734 or [clee@ksu.edu](mailto:clee@ksu.edu) if you need a parking permit.

The business meeting agenda will include a discussion of rangeland issues in Kansas, purchase of new Excellence in Rangeland Management award signs, and the Kansas Natural Resources Conference. Please contact Charlie Lee if you have any issues you would like discussed at the meeting.

In addition to the business meeting there will be a symposium on current rangeland activities in Kansas. Confirmed speakers include Clenton Owensby, Keith Harmony, Walter Fick, Charlie Lee, and David Kraft.

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If you would like to receive the Bluestem Bulletin via e-mail please contact me at the above address or at (785) 532-7223 or [whfick@ksu.edu](mailto:whfick@ksu.edu).

Members or other readers are encouraged to submit information to include in the Bluestem Bulletin. Announcements regarding meetings, field days, etc. are welcome. If you would like to write an article related to rangeland management please do so and send it to me.

**Submission deadline for the next issue of the Bluestem Bulletin: January 1, 2008**

### Minutes

The Kansas Section, SRM held a business meeting on June 7, 2007 in Beloit, KS. The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Lee at 7:10 p.m. Others in attendance included: Dale Ladd, Keith Harmony, Alex Miller, Carol Blocksme, Doug Spencer, Walt Fick, Myron Wolken, and Rebecca Lyons.

The minutes of the September 30, 2006 annual meeting in Manhattan, KS were approved as printed in the November 2006 Bluestem Bulletin. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8,502.89.

Committee Reports: Annual meeting - Potential fall meeting dates should be sent to President Lee. It was suggested that the Section meet during the Kansas Natural Resources conference next February in Wichita. The SRM Advisory Council is compiling a list of major rangeland issues from each state. Awards - Section still needs to simplify the process for nominating for Excellence in Grazing Management Awards. Rebecca Lyons is the new awards chairperson. Discussed changing name of award to Excellence in Rangeland Management. Nominations - A call for nominations will be made via e-mail. Send nominations to Dennis Doring. I&E - It was suggested that Keith Harmony have a smaller version of the section poster printed. Newsletter - Fick reported that 450 newsletters were distributed last December. Web Site - Adult range school information should be posted on website.

New Business: Tim Miller has resigned as secretary/treasurer. Alex Miller volunteered and was appointed as the new secretary/treasurer. A motion was passed to provide up to 3, \$150 scholarships for students attending the Adult Range Management Schools organized by the KGLC. The schools will be held August 14-16 at Flint Oak in Elk County, and August 21-23 at Camp Mennoscah in Kingman County.

Announcements: SRM Board of Directors will meet in Park City, UT in July. The Kansas Range Youth Camp will be held July 16-19 at Rock Springs 4-H Camp. The first Kansas Natural Resources Conference will be held February 21-23, 2008 in Wichita, KS. Tour at Calvin Adams operation tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walt Fick

# CALL FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

## Kansas Natural Resources Conference

A joint meeting of the:

Great Plains Society of American Foresters

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams

Kansas Chapter of The American Fisheries Society

Kansas Chapter of The Soil and Water Conservation Society

Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Kansas Section of The Society for Range Management

This is the first call for oral and poster presentations for the Kansas Natural Resources Conference February 21-23, 2008 at the Airport Hilton in Wichita, Kansas. We invite oral and poster presentations by professionals and students on the theme:

*Where do trees belong in Kansas: the role of trees on the Kansas landscape?*

or any other topics of interest to the conference attendees. Abstracts should be submitted electronically using the template on the attached page and on the conference webpage (click on call for papers link):

[www.k-state.edu/fisheries/KNRC/](http://www.k-state.edu/fisheries/KNRC/)

Abstracts are due **December 7, 2007**. All accepted presentations will need to be submitted electronically in PowerPoint by **February 15, 2008**.

Oral presentations should be one of two lengths: 12 minutes with an additional 3 minutes for questions, or 25 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions. Oral presentations are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint; no other formats (such as slides, overheads, or video) will be accepted. Poster presentations should be no more than 4 by 4 feet. More details on specific poster formatting and submitting PowerPoint presentations will follow at a later date.

Email abstract form as a Microsoft Word attachment to:

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| November 15          | Kansas Section, SRM Annual Meeting, Manhattan, KS                   |
| November 18-20       | Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Wichita, KS           |
| November 29-30       | Kansas Livestock Association Convention and Trade Show, Wichita, KS |
| December 10-13       | Range Beef Cow Symposium, Ft. Collins, CO                           |
| January 16, 2008     | Livestock Handling with Lynn Locatelli, Emporia, KS                 |
| January 17, 2008     | Livestock Handling with Lynn Locatelli, Lawrence, KS                |
| January 19, 2008     | Kansas Graziers' Meeting, Assaria, KS                               |
| January 26-31, 2008  | SRM & AFGC Joint Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY                     |
| February 20, 2008    | Kansas Grazing Land Coalition, Wichita, KS                          |
| February 21-23, 2008 | Kansas Natural Resources Conference, Wichita, KS                    |