Hello and welcome to the dog days of summer. Looking at the drought monitor the majority of the state is looking good moisture wise, a welcome surprise after some of the doom and gloom projections from earlier in the year. So, as August plays out I’m looking forward to cooler weather and some fall moisture.

Looking forward to the fall please keep October 17th and 18th open for our annual meeting. President-elect Stephen-son is putting a very interesting program so I encourage you to join us in North Platte. In thinking about the annual meeting it’s always an exciting time for the NE SRM; myself it’s about the only time a year I get to talk with a bunch of the members of the range management community so I look forward to it every fall. Last report I saw our membership was around 100 and we all know that’s a fairly small sample of the people who work in or around rangelands in the state. So if you get a chance to attend the meeting I encourage you to reach out to others who might not be members of SRM to attend the meeting and see what we are all about.

In my role as the Advisory Council Chair this year I had to opportunity to sit in on the summer board meeting in Denver last week. From that meeting please know there will be some changes coming to how the parent society hosts and solicits locations for annual meetings. The largest change will be the shift to a professionally planned meeting. This means the parent society will take on the role of negotiating with the location of the meeting; at a cost of course. This, like many decisions, was not taken lightly and was made in response to the current struggles of finding meeting locations and host sections for the annual meeting. With that, the Nebraska section has not hosted for many years, when we did it was well before my time in SRM. For an annual meeting to be successful there has to be buy in from the section members, even if the parent society takes on additional work. I have asked those tasked with negotiating locations to look in state and regionally to see what options exist should you all want to work with me and the council to put on an annual meeting. So my charge to you, please seriously consider if you think the Nebraska section is willing to take on the task of an annual meeting and if you are willing to help show off what the state of Nebraska has to offer.

Cheers,

Anthony Perlinski, NE Sec-
Historian’s Report by Jeff Nichols...continued

ranch and participants tested their skills at plant identification through a mini plant contest organized by Jess Milby. Participants then traveled to the 4-H camp at near Halsey, where speakers from every decade shared their memories of the camp over the years. Speakers included: Sid Salman, Ken Noonan, Pat Reece, Pat Peterson, Mary Reece and Shelly Kelly (Taylor). Nadine Bishop put together several displays showing memories. Mark Bishop cooked the meat for the barbecue and the crowd was presented with the special treat of Rosalee Hamilton playing the piano. A great time was had by all who celebrated this NE Section SRM success story.

Ten Years Ago (2008)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Dana Larsen, President; Jerry Volesky, Past President; Mary Reece, President Elect; Leslie Stewart-Pheps, Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Hornickel, Newsletter Editor; Doug Whisenhunt and Michael Croxen were Council Members.

The 45th Annual Range Youth Camp was held June 9-13th. The top overall camper was Debra Wray of Ord, NE. The top first year camper was Kent Frickel of Adkinson, NE.

The NE Section camping equipment and trailer from the Family Camp was being prepared for auction at the NE Section meeting to be held in Valentine that October.

Twenty Years Ago (1998)

The Nebraska Section Officers were: Daryl Cisney, President; Terry Enfield, President Elect; Dave Cook, Past President; Bob Sprentall, Secretary-Treasurer; Sherry Preston (Connot), Newsletter Editor; Bob Masters and Lora O’Rourke were Council Members.

The summer SRM meeting was held at Crested Butte. The Texas Section proposed that SRM adopt a new logo, change the name of the Society, and change the name of the Journal of Range Management.

The 35th annual Range Youth Camp was held June 22 – 26th at the 4H Camp near Halsey. The top returning camper was Jon Dockhorn from Comstock and the top first year camper was Kari Boettcher from Spencer, Nebraska.

Thirty Years Ago (1988)

The Nebraska Section Officers were: Susan Oldfather (Schuckert), President; Sid Salman, President Elect; Brent Lathrop, Past President; Daryl Cinsey, Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Gall, Newsletter Editor; Cal Schulz and Al Steuter were Council members.

There were over 200 people in attendance at the leafy spurge workshop and tour held August 4, 1988 in Broken Bow. The primary organizers of the workshop and tour were Gene Lehnert, Sid Salman, and Gene DeBoldt.

The 1988 SRM summer tour was held in Sherman County, Nebraska. Over fifty people attended the tour to learn about grass seed production and planned grazing systems. The

The Nebraska Section SRM Awards by Jeff Nichols

Please consider recognizing someone who is contributing significantly to the wise use and management of our rangelands by nominating them for one of the awards sponsored by the NE Section SRM. The potential awards are as follows:

Range Management Service Award – This award recognizes professionals who are members of the Nebraska Section and are contributing significantly to the furtherance of the activities of the Section through time, dedication and commitment to the wise use of Nebraska’s rangeland resources. We have many members worthy of this recognition.

Rangeman’s Award – This award recognizes operations (individuals, families or groups) who are exemplifying excellence in their stewardship of the rangeland resource through their management skills and commitment. The nominees do not have to be members of the NE Section. Everyone should know several people who are doing exceptional work in managing their rangeland resource. Get them recognized.

“Special Award” – The NE Section occasionally recognizes one of its members for outstanding work on a certain activity or project, or sustained dedicated service. This is a nice way to recognize our members who may have previously received the Service Award and continue to contribute at a high level, or a member who excels at a rangeland related project or activity. Look for individuals who deserve a special recognition among their peers!

NEW – NEWS – NEW! – “Outstanding Young Range Professional Award” This award will target our younger members (40 or younger), who are contributing at a high level to the range profession in NE. Include in your nomination the following: Name, address, education (where & degrees), training, experience, professional potential, leadership skills and...
SRM Council by Bob Broweleit

Please take the time to review the council duties and candidates for the 2018 council selection and vote on the Nebraska section website. The election runs from Aug 15 through Sept 15, 2018.

Regarding Nebraska Section election ballot, Vicky Trujillo from national SRM office will send an email to each person that is tied directly to their email address; one vote per email address.

Bob Welsey (Council Candidate)

I manage a bison ranch north east of Gordon. Prior to moving here in 2013 my family and I managed a cattle ranch in Lander Wyoming. I received my M.S. in range management from New Mexico State University in 2007, and my B.S. from Montana State University in 2005.

I have been actively involved in the Wyoming and International Mountain sections. At the international level, I also served as president of both the Young Professionals Conclave and the Student Council and was a member of the Public Affairs Committee.

Since moving to Nebraska, career and family have kept me away from the SRM but I think it is high time I get back to serving the profession that has treated me so well. I look forward to meeting more “range nerds” and getting involved here in Nebraska.

It would be an honor to serve on the council, but I am also willing to fill in wherever you may need me.

Sincerely

Bob Wesley

Nebraska Section SRM Awards by Jeff Nichols...continued

examples, SRM or range activities, community involvement and any other pertinent info to their accomplishments. Include your name, phone number and e-mail address as the nominating individual(s).

We are blessed to live in a state where rangelands and the many benefits they provide prevail. We have a large cadre of individuals who do an excellent job of caring for the rangeland resource in one capacity or another. Take a few minutes and reflect on your experiences

Brad Schick (Council Candidate)

Brad Schick is the Beef Systems Extension Educator in southcentral Nebraska with eight counties in his programming region. He grew up on a small family farming operation west of Battle Creek, NE where he enjoyed hunting and helping in the fields and pastures. He attended Concordia University in Seward, NE from 2010-14 where he earned a B.S. degree in Biology and minored in Chemistry and Physical Science. His biology emphasis was in Organismal Environmental Biology, where he focused on native grassland ecology courses. He then earned his M.S. degree in Range and Forage Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2016. His graduate work focused on different smooth bromegrass managements for grazing cattle and compared dung decomposition, carbon dioxide flux, and soil nutrient movement. He was also involved in other activities and projects including prescribed burns, patch-burn grazing, and plant response to timing of drought.

In 2016 and 2017, Brad worked at UNL as a Research Manager and Technician in rangelands, mixed pasture establishment/grazing, patch-burn grazing, ruminant nutrition, crop and cover crop areas, and native grassland restoration before going to Nebraska Extension in 2017. As an Extension Educator, Brad has worked with the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, the Nebraska Grazing Conference, Twin Valley Weed Management Area, and the Webster County Natural Resources Conservation Foundation. He is also a member of the American Society of Animal Science.

Brad was introduced to SRM in graduate school and has presented his graduate research at the Nebraska Section SRM meeting in 2016 and the 2015 SRM meeting in Sacramento. Brad has loved rangelands and grasslands from an early age, and has been a member of SRM since 2014 as both a student and as a professional. He enjoys being a member of SRM and is committed to the continued strength of the Section.

Here is Brad’s statement regarding his vision and future contribution to SRM:

I believe the Society for Range Management is a great organization, but it does not receive adequate recognition or credit. My vision for the future includes showing cattlemen and cattlemen that the value of their operations is not solely in producing pounds of calf, but also in their rangeland and grassland. In order to expand our reach, we must demonstrate management as being multifaceted and essential to bringing family members back to the operation for years to come. I would like us to become more visual with the Nebraska Cattlewomen organization, which will allow an avenue for cattle producers to become members. We have continued to produce excellent young professionals and strong representation in the international organization. I believe our members consist of the very best ranchers and land managers in the state and country with years of experience and expertise. However, a point of improvement would be to expand this number of ranchers and land managers that hold their rangelands in the highest regard. Relatively inexpensive advertising for SRM has great potential to boost our memberships significantly. Lastly, I would like to thank all the council members for considering me to serve as a member of the Section Council.
It seems just like yesterday I was wishing you all a great spring, and here we are with only a few short weeks of summer left. Many of you in the northern side of the state have been undulated with moisture, while other folks have seen less than what they are accustomed to. Regardless of your moisture conditions, I hope that this newsletter finds you all with fat cows, healthy growing calves, and enough grass to get you through what you planned for in your grazing plans.

I was browsing through “Management Intensive Grazing: The Grassroots of Grass Farming” a few days ago and the title really struck a chord with me. Grassroots is a term that has been, and remains to be, used extensively to describe local efforts. The term “Grassroots” has recently been used by the national SRM Membership Team in their efforts to encourage and grow SRM membership across all sections. While many other sections may be showing good grassroot efforts to increase their membership, I think that Nebraska is the shining example.

A great illustration of our “Grassroot” efforts is our membership. In the past year, the Nebraska section increased membership nearly 34%. I cannot speak to the success of other state sections, but an increase of this magnitude is substantial. While there are many reasons that we can attribute this success too, I firmly believe that our success lies in the dedication of our members to our rangelands and to our state section. Our “Grassroots” effort is certainly illustrated in the encouragement and mentorship that our more experienced members provide to the younger generation. I know of a handful of members that have recently joined the SRM because other members encouraged them to. One of the best efforts that we have in the state is the Nebraska Range Camp! Although we don’t see immediate memberships from the Range Camp, the camp does expose kids to rangelands and other natural resources and teaches them about proper management and exhibits the benefits of an SRM membership. I often wonder how many of our current members attended the NE Range Camp before becoming a member of the SRM?

One last thought, please renew your membership if you are the owner of one of the 27 lapsed memberships, especially if you plan on attending the 2018 Nebraska Section meeting. I think that it is apparent that Nebraska’s “Grassroot” efforts have been successful, and it is apparent to me that you, our members, are to thank for this success. To all of you who have encouraged new members, to those of you who are involved with the NE Range Camp, and to all of you who are dedicated to the rangelands in our great state, I want to extend a huge Thank You and I hope that you keep up the great work and inspire others to do the same! I look forward to seeing you all in October!

Membership Committee by Lance Schutte
Nebraska Section SRM Council Duties

Year 1 – Serve as a member of the Section Council. Participate in all meetings and learn how the Council works and the current Section activities and concerns.

Year 2 – Serve as a member of the Section Council.

Year 3 – Serve as President-Elect. Responsible for planning the Annual Section Meeting. Attend Advisory Council meetings at International Society for Range Management Meetings in January or February. Plan the Nebraska Section Dinner at the International Meeting.

Year 4 – Serve as Section President. Represent Section to the public. Lead the Section Council meetings. Write president’s column for the Section newsletter. Chair the business meeting at the Section Annual Meeting. Attend Advisory Council meetings at International Society for Range Management Meetings in January or February.

Year 5 – Serve as Past President. Become chair of Awards Committee and present awards at Section Annual meeting. Attend Advisory Council meetings at International Society for Range Management Meetings in January or February.

The cost to attend the International Meeting for 3 years can be high. The Section will assist the Council member/President financially as it is able to, to attend the Advisory Council meetings at the International Society for Range Management Meetings.

Council Candidate Biography

Here are some guidelines for the candidates when they prepare their biographies. This will help them provide similar kinds and amounts of information about themselves.

Education: post high school education, include school, degree and years attended as well as other pertinent trainings.

History: pertinent information about job history, memberships and activities in related organizations, what got you interested in SRM

SRM activities: years of membership, committees served on at any level, awards received, other significant contributions to the profession.

Statement: your vision of the future of SRM and how you would help make that a reality, a focus point for your term, what you see as strong and weak points in our section.

Please send the biography by email to: bob.browleit@ne.usda.gov. If you any questions, call Bob Browleit at 308-645-2621 (work) or 308-240-0420.
October 16-18, 2018

Nebraska Section, NE Society for Range Management
A block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Express as "NE Society for Range Man.

2018 Annual Meeting Lodging:

PRE-REGISTRATION

Due by September 25, 2018

September 25, 2018:

and mail with your check by

Mitch Stephenson

Email: mstephenson@unl.edu
307-321-5827

INFORMATION CONTACT:
FOR ADDITIONAL

Total Enclosed:

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Tour (Free)

$20.00

Banquet

Included in Registration

Lunch

$20.00 (Late $30.00)

Student (includes banquet)

$20.00 (Late $25.00)

Spouse

$50.00 (Late $60.00)

Non-Member

$60.00 (Late $60.00)

Regular Member

$50.00 (Late $60.00)

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Field Tour Agenda

Thursday, October 18

6:00 am
Leave Holiday Inn Express

8:00 am
KANE Range Science
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9:00 am
No-host Social and Auction

10:00 am
High School Youth Section Meeting

11:00 am
Undergraduate and Graduate Student Presentations

12:00 pm
Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm
Pre-registration

2:00 pm
Forum Presentations

3:00 pm
Registration

3:30 pm
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4:30 pm
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5:00 pm
No-host Social and Auction

6:30 pm
Banquet and Awards

12:00 pm
Break

2:30 pm
College Professor, Chadron State

3:45 pm
Role of Producer Lead-Grazing on Rangeland veg-

4:15 pm
The Sandhills Task Force

6:00 pm
Community Meeting

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NAME (how you want badge printed)

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Training and Technical Meeting - West Central Re-

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Nebraska Society for Range Management

Photography Contest

Show your creative side while supporting Nebraska Section SRMI

Proceeds from the photography contest will go towards funding opportunities for youth within the Nebraska SRM Section

Submission Categories

- grasslands, forests, fresh water - lakes and rivers, deserts and arid land
- wildlife, animals and livestock
- rangeland, pastures and plants

Submission Requirements:

- Photographs should be submitted in frames or printed on canvas mounts
- Labels below should accompany submissions,
- Open to both SRM members and non-members

Submission Location

Photos will be submitted at the beginning of the SRM Nebraska Chapter meeting at the registration table on October 8, 2017 in the Chadron State College Student Center Ballroom and will be displayed during the meeting until the Crazy Auction

Voting Procedures

Meeting attendees will cast a popular vote for the top photo by 5 PM on October 17, 2018
Winner will be announced at the Crazy Auction
The winning photographer will receive $25 “crazy cash” gift certificate to be used on any item during the auction
ALL PHOTOS submitted will be auctioned and offered for sale

SRM Photography Contest Entry Tag

Photographer Name: __________________________________________

Subject Title: ________________________________________________

Location Taken: ______________________________________________
Do you have information you want to share with other SRM members?

Send an email to
Laura.Rubeck@ARS.USDA.GOV
or
Amanda.Hefner@TNC.ORG

Have it published in next newsletter!

On the Nebraska SRM Section Council board!

If you are interested in joining the Nebraska SRM Section Council board, contact Committee Chairman Bob Broweleit (308)240-0420 bob@bentbarc.com

Calendar of Events at a Glance

SRM Council Election Open-Period
Aug 15-Sept 15, 2018

2018 Nebraska Range Judging Locations
Sept 11, 2018 – Upper Elkhorn NRD
Sept 12, 2018 – North Platte NRD
Sept 18, 2018 – Tri Basin NRD
Sept 19, 2018 – Upper Loup NRD
Sept 19, 2018 – Upper Big Blue NRD
Sept 20, 2018 – Central Platte NRD
Sept 25-26, 2018 – Upper Republican NRD

SRM Award Submission Deadline
Sept 24, 2018

Nebraska State Section Meeting
Oct 16-18, 2018 – North Platte, NE

SRM Photography Contest
Oct 17, 2018 – North Platte, NE

International SRM Meeting
Feb 10-14, 2019 – Minneapolis, MN