

**BYLAWS of the  
NEVADA SECTION  
SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT  
AMENDED NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

**ARTICLE I—NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

*Section 1—Name:* The name of the organization shall be the Nevada Section Society for Range Management.

*Section 2—Purpose:* The Nevada Section is a non-profit corporation, organized solely for the advancement of civic, commercial, industrial and agricultural activities, but such are limited to those acts and purposes set forth in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations.

*Section 3—Objectives:* The objectives of the Section shall be to foster advancement in the science and art of grazing land management, to promote progress in the conservation and greatest sustained use of forage and soil resources, to stimulate discussion and understanding of scientific and practical range and pasture problems, to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and facts among Section members and with allied professionals and publics, and to encourage professional improvement of its members.

*Section 4—Nevada Section Handbook:* Detailed procedures and protocols to guide standard operating and function of the Section shall be developed and documented in the *Nevada Section Handbook for Section Officers, Council and Committees*. The handbook shall be consistent with these Bylaws and should further encourage member participation and involvement in order to achieve the Section's purpose and objectives. The Section Council shall approve the handbook and any subsequent amendments thereto.

**ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1—Membership:* Section membership shall consist of Society for Range Management (SRM) members who reside in Nevada or elsewhere and request membership in the Nevada Section. Section members outside the state will be considered as residing within the Nevada Section Zone nearest to their actual place of residence.

*Section 2—Rights of Members:* Each member shall be eligible to cast a single membership vote in elections and business before the Section Council.

### **ARTICLE III—ELECTIONS**

*Section 1—Elections:* Elected officials of the Section shall be selected by a majority of votes casted by the membership. Elections shall be held annually under the direction of the Nomination Committee. The Section Council may call for a special election to fill a vacancy in the position of President-Elect.

*Section 2—Election Ballots:* Election balloting shall be conducted by written or electronic ballots. To the extent possible, all election ballots shall contain two (2) or more candidates for each position open for election. All eligible candidates shall be members of the Nevada Section.

### **ARTICLE IV—BOARD OF TRUSTEES (SECTION COUNCIL)**

*Section 1—Members and Size:* The Board of Trustees for this organization, commonly referred to as the Section Council, shall be comprised of elected and appointed officers, seven (7) elected Zone Council members, Immediate Past President, and President of the University of Nevada Reno SRM Student Chapter. The authorized number of members on this Section Council shall not be less than five (5) or more than fifteen (15).

*Section 2—Duties and Responsibilities:* Through parliamentary procedures and majority voting, it is the responsibility of the Section Council to manage the business of the Nevada Section. This business includes, but is not limited to, Section organization, policy, administration, financing, program development, membership services, technical discourse, and other organization activities that will lead toward meeting Section objectives.

*Section 3—Quorum:* Five (5) or more Section Council Members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Section business, including any Section business conducted by the Executive Committee per Article VII, Section 2.

*Section 4—Voting:* Transactions of the Section Council can be executed by written or verbal voting, or by telecommunications.

*Section 5—Records:* Transactions by the Section Council shall be recorded through the development of formal written minutes. These meeting minutes shall be reviewed, corrected, and approved by the Section Council at its next meeting. The Section Historian shall retain approved meeting minutes for permanent archival.

### **ARTICLE V—ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS**

*Section 1—Section Officers and Duties:* The officers of the Section shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Vice President. Duties for these

positions are defined and described in the *Nevada Section Handbook for Section Officers, Council, and Committees*.

*Section 2—Election and Terms for Section President and President-Elect:* The President and President-Elect shall serve terms of one (1) year with the President-Elect succeeding to the presidency following a one (1) year term. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting of the Society for Range Management (SRM), and shall be for one (1) year to the close of the next SRM annual meeting.

*Section 3—Appointment and Terms for Section Secretary and Treasurer:* Subject to confirmation by the Section Council, the Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and can be reappointed to successive terms. The Section Council can terminate the term for the Section Secretary and/or Treasurer.

*Section 4—Appointment and Term for the Executive Vice-President:* The Executive Vice-President is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Section Council for a five (5) year term. The Section Council can terminate the term for the Executive Vice-President.

*Section 5—Vacancy of Elected Section Officer:* The President-Elect shall fill a vacancy in an unexpired term of the President. In the event of vacancy in the President-Elect position, this position shall either be filled by a special election or left open until the next annual election.

*Section 6—Vacancy of Appointed Section Officer:* Vacancy in an unexpired term of appointed Section Officers shall be filled by appointment of the President and confirmation by the Section Council.

## **ARTICLE VI—ELECTED ZONE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Section 1—Section Zones:* The Section shall be divided into seven (7) geographical zones with each zone represented by a single Zone Council member residing in that zone.

*Section 2—Election of Zone Council Members:* Election for Zone Council members from Zones I, III, and IV shall be held late during odd numbered years for terms beginning in even numbered years. Election of Zone Council members from Zones II, V, VI, and VII shall be held late during even numbered years for terms beginning in odd numbered years.

*Section 3—Zone Council Members Terms:* The term of office for Zone Council members shall be two (2) years. The term of office shall begin at the close of the next annual meeting of the Society for Range Management (SRM) following election and shall end at the close of the SRM annual meeting two years later.

*Section 4—Vacancy of Zone Council Member:* Vacancies in any unexpired Zone Council position shall be filled by appointment of the President and confirmation by the Section Council.

## **ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES**

*Section 1—Committee Formation:* The Section Council may create committees as needed to meet Section objectives. The Section President shall appoint committee chairs for a one (1) year term. The Section President can reappoint committee chairs for subsequent terms.

*Section 2—Executive Committee:* The five (5) Section Officers serve as members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have the powers and authority of the Section Council to deal with pressing business between meetings. Transactions of the Section Council can be executed by written or verbal voting, or by telecommunications. The Executive Committee shall produce and retain public minutes of their decisions, share these minutes with the Section Council in full, and is subject to the direction and control of the Section Council.

*Section 3—Standing Committees:* In addition to the Executive Committee, standing committees important for the operation of Nevada Section and achievement of its objectives include: Nomination, Finance, and Youth Activities. Unless otherwise re-organized or restructured by vote of the Section Council, these committees will remain authorized and active on a continuing basis.

*Section 4—Committee Duties:* The role and duties for Section committees are outlined and described in the *Nevada Section Handbook for Section Officers, Council, and Committees*.

## **ARTICLE VIII—SECTION MEETINGS**

*Section 1—Section Meetings:* A meeting of the Nevada Section for presentation and discussion of professional papers and for professional development shall be held annually at such time and place as the Section Council or President may determine. Notices of such meetings, including the tentative program, shall be announced to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting. Business meetings of the Section shall be held in connection with the regular Section meeting.

*Section 2—Voting:* Section members in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting shall have the authority to transact business of the Section with each member present having the right to cast a single vote on business before the Section Council.

**ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS**

*Section 1—Bylaw Amendments:* These Bylaws, or any portion thereof, may be amended, repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted by a majority of votes casted by Section members. Proposed amendments to Section Bylaws shall be submitted to all Section members. Approval of Bylaw amendments shall be by written or electronic ballot of the Section membership or a majority vote by Section members present at a Section meeting.

**ARTICLE X—PERSONAL LIABILITY**

*Section 1—Waiver of Personal Liability:* No member, officer, or member of the Section Council shall be personally liable for debts or obligations of this organization of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or Section Council members be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this organization.

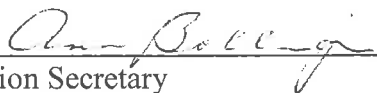
**ARTICLE XI—DURATION / DISSOLUTION**

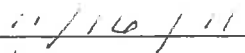
*Section 1—Duration:* The duration of this organization shall be perpetual until dissolution.

*Section 2—Dissolution:* Upon dissolution of the organization, assets and materials of the corporation shall be distributed to the Society for Range Management (SRM), a Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. If this organization is not operational at the time of dissolution, assets and materials of this corporation shall be distributed to the University of Nevada Reno, the State of Nevada, or local governments for public purposes and in accordance with federal and state laws.

**CERTIFICATION**

These bylaws were approved at a meeting of the Section Council on the 8th day of July 2011. These Bylaws were adopted based on a majority of votes casted by Section members ending on the 16th day of November 2011.

  
Section Secretary

  
Date