## HANDBOOK FOR SECTION OFFICERS, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEES

# NEVADA SECTION

SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

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#### **FOREWORD**

This Handbook is presented for use of the Section Officers, Council, and committees during their terms in office. It may also be of use to the membership who are interested in the general administration and management of the Nevada Section and its activities.

The Handbook is designed to present concise and easy-to-find information on Section administration and procedures, in a loose-leaf format that can be updated, revised, or changed as becomes necessary. General guidelines, structural organization, duties of the Section Officers, and Section Committee responsibilities are presented.

The Handbook is meant to be handed along from year to year to the various officers and committee members as they succeed each other. It will be up to the officers and committeemen to add any pertinent information that may need correcting or found to be lacking and is of significant importance for the officers or committeemen to carry out their duties satisfactorily.

If and when new permanent or longstanding committees are established in the future, they should be described and added to the Handbook.

The following items are planned to be included in the Handbook so that a complete portfolio of important Section documents are readily available to the officers and committees when they need them:

- 1. Section Constitution and Bylaws
- 2. Articles of Incorporation
- 3. Membership List, Updated Annually
- 4. Zone Membership Map
- 5. Past Meeting Locations
- 6. Past Officers

- 7. Past Award Recipients
- 8. Past Section Resolutions and Position Statements

Section Officers may want to consider appointing a standing committee charged with annually updating and maintaining the Handbook so that all succeeding users will always have current information.

## SECTION COUNCIL

## FUNCTION AND STRUCTURE

The Section Council's responsibility is to manage the business of the Nevada Section, Society for Range Management. This business includes, but is not limited to, Section organization, policy, administration, financing, program development, technical discourse, and other activities that will lead toward meeting the Section objectives as listed in the CONSTITUTION, Article II, Section 1.

The Section Council is composed of 11 elected representatives or council members. These include 7 zone council members, the president, president-elect, immediate past president, and the president of the student chapter.

There are also 3 appointed members which include the secretary, treasurer, and the executive vice-president.

Organizational matters relating to the Council such as election of members, terms of office, filling of vacancies, and appointment of specific officers are described in the Section CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS.

#### OFFICERS' DUTIES

## **PRESIDENT**

The President, as Chief Executive Officer and subject to the control of the Council, provides general supervision and direction of the business and affairs of the Section. Duties include:

- 1) Serving as a member of the Section Council.
- 2) Presiding at all meetings of the Council and at all meetings of the membership.
- 3) Calling all meetings of the Council.
- 4) Representing the Section with other organizations.
- 5) Appointing the secretary, treasurer, executive vice-president, and all principal committee chairmen.
- 6) Being one of three official Section representatives to the Parent Society Advisory Council.
- Property and discharging such agents and employees as the business of the Section shall from time to time require, and prescribing their duties, terms of employment, and compensation.
- 8) Contributing a column on Section activities for each issue of the Section newsletter.
- 9) Exercising such other powers and performing such other duties as may be prescribed by the Section Council or by the Bylaws.
- 10) Serving as one of three Nevada Section, Society for Range Management (NSSRM) Endowment Fund Managers.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT

The President-Elect shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings and perform routine duties of the President, and:

- 1) Is a member of the Section Council;
- 2) Is one of three official Section representatives to the Parent Society Advisory Council;
- 3) Is prepared to move into the duties of the President the following year;
- 4) Serves on a committee for the NSSRM Endowment Fund;
- 5) Is Program Chairman responsible for Section meeting arrangements;
  - a) In accord with the President, the officers, and the Council members, sets the date, location, and time of meetings;
  - b) Consults with the executive vice-president for direction and advice concerning meetings;
  - c) Keeps a record of funds related to a meeting and give a full accounting of attendance, expenses, and profits on losses;
  - d) Coordinates with I&E Committee in getting speakers and presentations of educational and informative programs for the winter and summer meetings;
  - e) Determines expenses of meetings beforehand, and sets registration fee accordingly.

#### PAST PRESIDENT

The Immediate Past President will utilize experience and knowledge of Section and SRM affairs to counsel and provide guidance to the Section Council, officers, and committee members. Duties include:

- 1) Being a member of the Section Council;
- 2) Along with the President and President-Elect, serving as one of the three official Section representatives to the Parent Society Advisory Council;
- 3) Representing the Section at special events, upon request, in the absence of the President or President-Elect;
- 4) Serving on a committee for the management of the NSSRM Endowment Fund;
- 5) Serving as Chairman of the Nominations Committee for officers of the Section.

#### **SECRETARY**

The Secretary is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Council. Duties include:

- 1) Serving as a member of the Section Council;
- 2) Attending all Council and business meetings and keeping accurate minutes of all transactions;
- 3) Maintaining a minutes file, at the principal office of the Section, of all meetings of the Council and membership in the form and manner required by law;
- 4) Keeping at the principal office, open to inspection by members at all reasonable times, the original or a certified copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Section as amended or otherwise altered to date;
- 5) Keeping and maintaining, open to inspection by any Council member at all reasonable times, adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Section, which shall include all matters required by law and be in form as required by law;
- 6) Keeping the Section corporate seal and affixing it to all papers and documents requiring a seal;
- 7) Developing and maintaining a directory of Section members, officers, and committee chairmen along with current addresses and telephone numbers;
- 8) Maintaining close contact with the Section Historian, to assure that current Section historical material is appropriately placed in the archives and factually documented for posterity;
- 9) Attending to such correspondence as may be assigned;
- 10) Performing all other duties incidental to said office or prescribed by the Council or by the law.

## **TREASURER**

The Treasurer is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Council. Duties include:

- 1) Serving as a member of the Section Council;
- 2) Attending all Council and business meetings and, upon request, presenting current up-to-date financial summaries for the Section;
- 3) Having the care and custody of funds (including the Section's portion of the Robertson-Fleming Scholarship monies) and valuables of the Section, and depositing same in the name of and to the credit of the Section with such depositaries as the Council may designate;
- 4) Disbursing funds of the Section, as ordered by the Council, to take care of the Section's financial transactions;
- Rendering to the President or to the Council, whenever they may require it, an account of all transactions as Treasurer, and a financial statement in form, satisfactory to them, showing the condition of the Section;
- 6) Keeping records of and preparing separate financial summaries for the various monetary funds and investments of the Section;
- 7) Having such other powers and performing such other duties as may be prescribed by the Council.

#### **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

The Executive Vice President is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Council. Term of the office is for five years. Duties include:

- 1) Serving as a member of the Section Council;
- 2) Being present at all meetings of the Council and the general membership for the purpose of providing coordination and consistency to the Section;
- 3) When necessary, representing the Section with other organizations<sup>1</sup>;
- 4) Assisting or acting on behalf of the three official Section representatives to the Parent Society Advisory Council;
- 5) Contributing a column on Section activities for each issue of the Section newsletter;
- 6) Contributing Section information to the Rangelands Editor on a regular basis;
- 7) Serving as advisor to the Endowment Fund Manager;
- 8) Serving as one of the four advisors to the Financial Committee;
- 9) Attending the Parent Society Annual Meeting<sup>1</sup>;
- 10) Being responsible for seeing that the annual fee to the Secretary of State regarding corporation status is paid annually by the Section Treasurer;
- 11) Having such other powers and performing other duties as may be prescribed by the Section Council or the Bylaws.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Executive Vice President will be reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending Parent Society or outside meetings, upon approval of the Section President.

# PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT CHAPTER

This individual is elected by the SRM Student Chapter members in the College of Agriculture at the University of Nevada, Reno. Duties include:

- 1) Serving as a member of the Section Council;
- 2) Providing direct liaison between the Student Chapter and the Section Council.

## **ZONE COUNCIL**

Zone Council members are elected for two-year terms to represent the seven membership zones within the State of Nevada. Because Zone Council members have broad responsibilities, they are usually not assigned to specific committees. Duties include:

- 1) Serving as members of the Section Council and attending Council meetings;
- 2) Acting as the key contact between the Council and Section members residing within the zones represented;
- 3) Maintaining a list of Section members within their respective zone;
- 4) Being knowledgeable about range, rangeland activities, and related matters occurring within the zones;
- 5) Maintaining a particularly close contact with the Section membership committee to assist in achieving membership goals;
- 6) Being contact point for consultation with other Section committees whose charge involves activities or assignments within their respective zone;
- Peing observant about worthwhile rangeland news items in the zones that may be suitable for use in the Section newsletter and accordingly preparing articles for the newsletter.

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR(S)**

This position is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Council. It may be one person or, if desirable, two persons may share the assignment as co-editors. The Editor's duties shall include:

- 1) Being in attendance at Council meetings;
- 2) Serving as the central collection point for news items and reports of Section activities;
- Assembling, preparing, and distributing the Section newsletter on a regular basis historically, the dates for the newsletter have been:

March 15

June 15

September 15

December 15;

- 4) Working closely with the President in contacting sponsors, developing ads, assessing costs, and determining news coverage for each edition;
- 5) Developing liaison with principal committee chairmen and Zone Councilmen regarding news items and committee reports.

## COMMITTEES

Much of the Nevada Section's work is carried out by committees. Committee chairmen are appointed by the President. In many cases, the committee chairman will select committee members, possibly working through the Zone Council. It is the joint responsibility of the President and committee chairman to set program priorities and to establish general procedures to meet the goals. The committee chairman is the primary person on each committee, and is accountable to the Council and Section membership through the President. Progress and final reports on committee activities should be printed in the newsletter at intervals to keep the membership informed.

Present operating committees in the Nevada Section include:

**Awards** 

Membership

Constitution and Bylaws

**Nominations** 

Disturbed Lands

**Public Affairs** 

**Endowment Fund** 

Research Affairs

Excellence in Range Management

Scholarship

**Finance** 

Student Affairs

Historian

Youth Activities

Information & Education

Two ad hoc committees on the Operations Manual and Technology Transfer also exist.

#### **AWARDS**

This committee is to carry out activities relevant to the awards program of the Nevada Section, SRM. The objective is to provide public recognition of land managers, ranchers, administrators, technicians, educators, elected representatives, youth, and business people who make significant contributions to range and related resource management. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Arranging for selection of a Range Man of the Year;
- 2) Announcing in the Section newsletter that nominations are needed from the membership, and listing principal criteria for consideration;
- 3) Requesting specific assistance from Zone Councilmen in obtaining the nominations;
- 4) Considering the practice that usually has resulted in selection of a rancher one year and a non-rancher the next year, but this custom is not binding (a decision will be made based on the nominations received);
- 5) Being aware of the fact that SRM or Section membership is not always required to be an award recipient;
- Also arranging for other special or continuing awards in addition to Range Man of the Year;
- 7) Arranging for proper presentation of certificates or other mementos as evidence of awards;
- 8) Seeking nominees for SRM parent society awards, assure that nominations and supporting materials are properly prepared, and that submission deadlines are met.

Principal criteria for evaluating nominees for SRM awards:

Nominee:

- a. Name
- b. Date and place of birth

- c. Address (with zip code)
- d. Phone number (with area code)

#### Nominator: a. Name

- b. Address (with zip code)
- c. Phone number (with area code)

#### Qualifications of Nominee:

- a. Education give major field, institution, and date for any degrees received;
- b. Honors and Awards give honors and awards received, including membership in honorary societies;
- c. Occupational Background summarize employment history, giving nature of business or position, date and location;
- d. Publications Related to Range Management give complete list
- e. Other Educational Contributions teaching classes, movies or TV programs, workshops, tour, etc.;
- f. Development of Programs, Practices and/or Products for Improvement of Rangeland Resources give emphasis to planning, coordination, developing procedures, invention or modification of equipment, etc.;
- g. Application of Programs, Practices, and/or Products for Improvement of Rangeland Resources emphasis here should be on successful day-to-day, on-the-ground management;
- h. Other Contributions may be in field related to nomination;
- Service to the Society for Range Management offices held, committee assignments, services rendered, etc. (this is an important section for Fellow Award);
- j. Service to Other Organized Groups elected and appointed positions or service to other professional organizations, service clubs, government, churches, 4-H, NRCO, etc.;

- k. Summary of Accomplishments for past five years (for Renner Award nominees only);
- 1. Evaluation identify in this section the contributions on which this nomination is based. Explain why the nominee is especially qualified to receive the award (this is very important and should be carefully prepared by the nominator).

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The purpose of this committee is to study and review the Section Constitution and Bylaws from time to time to see if present operating procedures and policies are following the criteria in these documents. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Becoming familiar with the principal legal documents pertaining to the Section, such as the Constitution, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and any amendments that have been made thereto;
- 2) Consulting with the Council on changes, revisions, or amendments that may be needed;
- Preparing and distributing all proposed changes to the membership through the newsletter;
- 4) Checking changes with qualified legal counsel to insure that proposed changes have no effect on our present legal qualifications to carry out the SRM mission;
- 5) Presenting suggested changes to the Council for action, then presenting at annual business meeting for vote and final disposition;
- 6) Then, preparing new, revised copies of the Constitution and Bylaws with the changes included, and making available for Section distribution.

## **DISTURBED LANDS**

This is a technical committee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and studying techniques and procedures for treating or rehabilitating areas where severe land disturbance has occurred through mining, construction, or natural causes. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Reviewing all literature on the subject that would be applicable to Nevada conditions;
- 2) Becoming familiar with major locations in Nevada where this problem exists and where rehabilitation efforts have been implemented;
- 3) Using the newsletter, special sessions, and tours to disseminate information, and requesting input from the Section membership;
- 4) Recommending new techniques or procedures, and suggesting where new research needs may be required to solve the problem;
- 5) Contacting federal, state, or corporate entities who may have carried on in this work, and seeing what they have available.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

This committee has the responsibility of establishing and operating the Nevada Section Society for Range Management (NSSRM) Endowment Fund, which was established and created at the 1985 Summer Meeting in Gardnerville. The purpose of the fund is to develop income to aid in financing Section activities, such as special I & E projects, awards, youth activities, etc. The committee's managers shall be: the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of NSSRM. The Section Executive Vice President and Treasurer shall serve as advisors to the fund managers. A separate committee chairman is to be appointed by the Section President. The chairman's duties shall include:

- 1) Encouraging donations to the fund and informing membership of the fund and its uses;
- 2) Meeting with the fund managers and the Section Treasurer at least once per year to decide on the use of the available funds;
- Prepare appropriate responses to those donating to fund. If donations are memorials or honor donations, the family or persons honored will be notified so they can respond to the donor. Letters will be prepared by the committee chairman and signed and mailed by the Section President;
- 4) Submitting all donations to the Section Treasurer for deposit, as well as preparing a report and providing it to the fund managers prior to each Section Meeting;
- 5) Maintaining a permanent record of the fund, which shall include:
  - a) all donations received and who they honor or memorialize;
  - b) a record of yearly income;
  - c) a record of disbursements that identifies when, to whom, and for what purpose;
  - d) A copy of the authorizing resolution for the NSSRM Endowment Fund.

## **EXCELLENCE IN RANGE MANAGEMENT**

The purpose of this committee is to promote and recognize rangeland excellence in Nevada. The committee will nominate and validate areas of rangeland where multiple use objectives are being met under documented range management plans or prescribed management systems. These may be on private or public or leased lands, and livestock grazing must be an integral part of the system.

The committee will review and validate nominated areas that meet most of the following Rangeland Excellence Criteria:

- 1. Rangelands that are satisfactory or are improving under the present management;
- 2. A mix of land uses is occurring, i.e., grazing, recreation, mining, etc.;
- 3. There has been an action (management) that brought about the improvement, and the action is traceable and demonstrable;
- 4. Shows livestock as a tool management;
- 5. Results in optimum sustained benefits;
- 6. Demonstrates either intensive or extensive management systems;
- 7. Examples of riparian grazing systems, winter grazing systems, desert grazing systems, grazing systems combining riparian areas intermixed with upland areas, etc.;
- 8. Provides examples that demonstrate the positive changes in range management that are occurring.

At selected intervals, the committee will assist in preparing professional-quality videos or slide shows, which will be made available to the public, that will depict those areas of rangeland excellence in grazing management throughout Nevada. A ready-reference guide will be developed, along with the video, which will show types of management systems that have been successful in the state.

These may include, but not be limited to, characteristics of the area, grazing strategies, unique qualities, major problems encountered, and the names or identities of those individuals or groups who were involved in the effort.

Even though livestock grazing is an essential part of this activity, it is important that the committee maintain professional liaison with other rangeland user organizations, such as wildlife, mining, recreation, sportsman, and other special interest groups, as well as livestock user groups.

# **FINANCE**

This committee has the responsibility of developing Section financial policy. Membership will include the Section Treasurer, who will serve as Chairman, Section President or designee, and the Executive Vice President. Duties include:

- 1) In cooperation with the Section Treasurer, preparing an annual budget for approval by the Council;
- 2) Carrying out the annual audit of the Treasurer's books;
- 3) Overseeing implementation of the Nevada Section Financial Policy;
- 4) Guiding investment of Section monies, other than those funds under control of the Endowment Fund Board of Governors.

# FINANCIAL POLICY (adopted November 5, 1992 by NSSRM)

- 1. Manage investment funds to preserve principal and produce dependent income.
- 2. Operate under a balanced budget<sup>1</sup> that is approved by the Section Council each year.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. Maintain a financial accountability process<sup>3</sup> for all Section-sponsored projects such as: Range Camp, Winter and Summer Meetings, Newsletter, Cookbook sales, etc.
- 4. Increase the corpus of the Robertson-Fleming Scholarship Fund using only the investment income for disbursement.
- 5. Operate the Endowment Fund and use Endowment Fund Income as directed by the Endowment Board of Governors for the Sections.
- 6. Audit Treasurer's records and books annually.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Section Finance Committee will be responsible for budget preparation and will provide direction for operation under the financial policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Committee and special project chairmen are to turn in budget proposals to the Finance Chairman for development of the annual Section budget.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Financial accountability for Section activities shall be maintained with a budget and record of income and expenses. This will be kept by the event or project chairman during the planning and execution of the project or event and turned in to the Treasurer with the monies or request for payment at the conclusion.

## **HISTORIAN**

The primary purpose of the Section Historian is to collect an send materials, reports, or actions about the Nevada Section SRM, and record these events in a manner so as to provide a historical record of their occurrence. Duties include:

- 1) Researching and keeping in good form the history of the Section;
- 2) Keeping records up-to-date on meetings, special activities, officers, awards, tours, etc.;
- Working closely with the Section Secretary to see that Section historical information is properly maintained and safeguarded;
- 4) Preparing articles, upon request, for the newsletter on significant Section historical actions or events that may be of current interest;
- Preparing a historical update every five years to become part of the permanent record along with the thirty-year history.

# INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The primary purpose of this committee is to promote communication and disseminate information to the Section membership and to the public. These goals are to be achieved through the development of programs, publications, displays, and public contacts which advocate sound concepts of range and rangeland management through the Nevada Section of SRM. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Developing media contacts with local newspapers, television, radio stations, etc.;
- 2) Developing and distributing SRM brochures and Nevada Section flyers;
- Work with the newsletter editor and Zone Council members in developing news items and public education programs of significant interest;
- 4) Preparing write-ups and obtaining photos of field days, tours, and special events involving the Section and Section members;
- 5) Scheduling and providing personnel to man the SRM and Section displays at livestock producer and other natural resource organization gatherings and conventions;
- Monitoring close liaison with the parent society I & E Committee and being aware of its goals and objectives;
- Peing alert for opportunities to present talks or slide programs by the committee or other Section members to public groups or interested organizations.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

This committee shall seek to perpetuate and to increase active membership in the Nevada Section Society for Range Management. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Actively recruiting new members for the Section and the Society;
- 2) Making contact with and encouraging delinquent members to renew their membership;
- 3) Being responsible for providing recruitment materials to the general membership;
- 4) Maintaining close communication with the Section President, Secretary, and Zone Councilmen on all matters relating to membership;
- Sending a letter to all new members and to the member that recruited them, along with the Nevada Section Bylaws (new members only);
- Publishing new and renewing members in each newsletter welcoming them to SRM, Nevada Section;
- 7) Keeping an up-to-date record of the Nevada Section membership
  - a) Utilizing computer printouts of membership list (sent from SRM office in Denver during January and July);
  - b) Utilizing monthly membership reports from Denver to update membership list;
  - c) Providing updated list to Section officers semi-annually.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

The primary responsibility of this committee is to select a slate of eligible candidates who will agree to run for the Section Officer positions. Due to his close relationship to Section activities during the past year, the Immediate Past President of the Section will chair this committee. In the absence of the Immediate Past President, another Section Officer will be appointed by the President to chair this committee and carry out the duties as set forth below.

#### The committee's duties will include:

- 1) Working closely with the newsletter editor and Zone Councilmen to set up procedures;
- 2) Announcing in the September newsletter that nominations for the identified positions will now be accepted;
- Ascertaining that two nominees are available for each position and making sure that nominees have agreed to serve;
- 4) Reviewing nominees from specific zones with the specific Zone Councilmember to validate qualifications and membership status;
- Verifying that candidates for President-Elect are senior members and have served as Council members and/or committee chairmen;
- 6) Developing additional nominees, in coordination with the Zone Councilman, in case sufficient nominations from the field are lacking;
- Preparing ballots and biographical sketch of candidates for printing in the December newsletter (Ballots must be prepared and ready for mailing by November 1, or as a last resort, they could be handed out at the Winter Meeting);
- 8) Tallying results of the selection at Winter Meeting; reporting the results to the Section Council and at the membership business meeting;

9) Identifying Section candidates for office in the parent society, acquiring Section support, and seeing that nominations are properly submitted with all supporting materials.

#### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The Nevada Section has stated that it needs to exert greater influence on decisions and actions related to the State's range and rangeland resources in the political, economic, and natural resource field. There are actions being taken by many groups that impact on the welfare of the State's range ecosystems, where Section expertise would be helpful in arriving at sound and technically appropriate decisions.

This committee will serve as the nucleus and focal point for providing input on public issues and preparing recommendations to Section officers on those matters that significantly impact the State's rangeland resources. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Working closely with the President and other Section officers in determining those issues or actions that should require consideration by this committee;
- Preparing resolutions and/or position statements indicating the Section position on important issues, and presenting for discussion and adoption to the council and membership;
- Taking action to assure that the Section's position or stand is communicated to those individuals in political or leadership roles who can be encouraged to act accordingly;
- 4) Developing and maintaining a directory of names and addresses of groups and/or individuals outside the SRM and the Nevada Section that are concerned with the management and utilization of the rangeland resources such as state and federal agencies, producer groups, and special interest groups;
- 5) Providing interested groups with the address of the Nevada Section and the principal officers;
- 6) Providing Newsletter Editor with names and addresses of agri-oriented producer groups and special interest groups;

- 7) Obtaining schedules of meetings of all different groups and forwarding to Newsletter Editor and President;
- 8) In cooperation with the Section I & E Committee, maintaining contact with and attending the meetings of organizations and groups which have an interest in or exert an impact on the State's rangelands;
- 9) Reviewing Environmental Impact Statements and related documents and, where appropriate, preparing responses or position statements for signature of the President or action by the Council.

## **RESEARCH AFFAIRS**

This committee serves as a forum for producers, managers, and research scientists to discuss research needs in rangeland management and related industries. The committee will serve the Section by alerting its officers and membership to new research findings and to assess where new research may be needed. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Being familiar with range research being conducted within the State of Nevada;
- 2) Keeping the membership posted on current research findings and available literature in the field of range management;
- 3) Contributing articles to the newsletter on current research projects in Nevada or on the application of research results to specific programs;
- 4) Assessing research needs through professional channels and developing plans to initiate the required studies.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

The purpose of this committee is to operate and manage the Robertson-Fleming Range Management Scholarship Program that has been in effect with the University of Nevada, Reno since 1964. At this time, the Section is awarding two \$500 scholarships each year. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Consulting with the President and Treasurer to determine the amount of stipend and number of scholarships to be awarded each year;
- 2) Establishing eligibility requirements for the scholarships;
- Notifying the appropriate University department heads that the scholarships are available and that applicants are requested;
- 4) Accepting scholarship applications, screening and reviewing qualifications;
- 5) Making the scholarship selections and submitting recommendations to the Section President and the UNR Scholarship Committee;
- 6) Initiating fund raising projects to generate monies for the scholarship fund.

#### STUDENT AFFAIRS

This committee is responsible for addressing issues of particular concern to student members of the Section. Such issues may originate from the Section Council, Section Committees, or from the students themselves. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Developing position statements or action proposals covering student issues, and submitting recommendations to the Council for action;
- 2) Obtaining and/or receiving information from the general membership and other knowledgeable persons on issues of particular concern to student members;
- 3) Promoting activities of interest to students to stimulate more involvement in the Section and in SRM.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

The purpose of this committee is to initiate and sustain viable range information and educational programs for youth, especially below college-level age. The committee's duties shall include:

- 1) Co-sponsoring the Summer Range Camp and taking an active part in planning and conducting the camp;
- 2) Initiating new programs for youth as the need and opportunity arises;
- 3) Preparing and presenting awards for youth sponsored or organized rangerelated activities;
- 4) Stimulating range educational activities through tours, field trips, and program presentations;
- Instilling in youth participants a thorough understanding of the objectives of SRM, how SRM can help them in their careers, and the role of the Nevada Section in the State of Nevada.
- 6) Make Follow-up Contacts with all Considers, contributers and under okeals providing sponsorships.