

**BYLAWS
Of the
WYOMING SECTION
SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT
As amended
November 14, 2003**

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The principles, policies, and objectives of the Wyoming Section, Society for Range Management, are essentially the same as those of the parent Society, and are outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Persons shall be eligible for membership in the Wyoming Section who are members of the parent Society. Residents of Wyoming shall belong to the Section, unless the applicant specified otherwise. Only members of the Section may vote on Section affairs.

SECTION 2. The Section shall recognize all classes of membership honored by the parent Society.

SECTION 3. Annual Society dues shall be charged each class of membership as established by the parent Society from time to time.

SECTION 4. Annual Section dues to be paid by the various classes of members shall be determined by recommendation of the Council and concurrence of a majority vote of the voting membership at the next scheduled business meeting.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The officers of the Section shall be a President, a President-elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 2. The Section shall have a governing body known as the Council, which shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past President, the Chair of each Chapter, and four elective members, each of whom shall be a member of the Section in good standing.

SECTION 3. The term of office of the President and President-Elect shall be one year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a term of one year concurrent with the President. The immediate Past President shall serve as a member of the Council for one year. Chapter Chairs shall serve as a member of the Council during their regular tenure of office. The terms for the four elected council shall be for two years, staggered so as to elect two new members each year. Terms of office shall begin the first day of the calendar year following their election.

SECTION 4. Vacancies in any unexpired term of office shall be filled from among the Section members by a majority vote of the Council, except that in the event of the vacancy in the office of the President, the President-Elect shall fill the same.

ARTICLE IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The President-Elect and Council shall be elected by letter ballot which shall be sent to all members by the Secretary-Treasurer. The President-Elect shall succeed to the Presidency. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Council to serve one calendar year term concurrently with the President.

SECTION 2. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President not later than August 1 of each year. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee:

- (1) To receive nominations from the membership at large as provided in Section 3,
- (2) To review the nominations and select at least two candidates who are qualified and willing to serve for each elective office, (3) To furnish the list of candidates to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than October 1. Candidates for the Council shall be selected so as to assure representation from the four major Quadrants of the State: Northwest (Fremont, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn and Park Counties), Northeast (Sheridan, Johnson, Natrona, Campbell, Converse, Crook, Weston and Niobrara Counties), Southeast (Albany, Laramie, Platte and Goshen Counties), and Southwest (Carbon, Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta, Sublette and Teton Counties). Candidates may include others than those received by nomination.

SECTION 3. Nominations by the membership at large shall be subject to the following conditions: (1) All candidates nominated must be members of the Section in good standing, (2) Nominations for the Council must observe the geographical zoning of the State as prescribed in Section 2, (3) Nominations must be in the hands of the nominating committee by September 1.

SECTION 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send to all members a ballot containing a list of all candidates presented by the nominating committee not later than October 15. Members shall return the ballots to the Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 5. All ballots received by the close of business on the fourth day prior to the first day of the annual meeting shall be counted at the direction of the Secretary-Treasurer and the results reported to the President not later than the morning of the first day of the annual meeting. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected; any ties shall be resolved by majority vote of the Council which will convene prior to the business portion of the annual meeting for this purpose if necessary. Results of the election shall be announced to the membership at the business meeting and by newsletter.

ARTICLE V. MANAGEMENT OF THE SECTION

SECTION 1. The Section shall be governed by the Council which shall direct the care and use of funds of the Section, take measures to advance its interests, and generally direct its business.

SECTION 2. The Council shall meet during the summer and winter meetings of the Section, at such other times as the Council may select, and at the call of the President. one member more than one half of the total number of members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Section. He/she shall appoint necessary committees, delegate specific functions, and preside at meetings of the Section and of the Council.

SECTION 4. The President-Elect shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings and discharge his/her duties.

SECTION 5. No part of the assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any organization whose income or net earnings, or any part thereof, inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or any substantial part of the activities of which consists of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization which is exempt under provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended from time to time.

SECTION 7. The section's fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. At least one meeting of the section shall be held annually at such time and place as the Council may determine. Notice of such meetings, including the tentative program, shall be announced by the Secretary-Treasurer at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

SECTION 2. Regular business meetings of the Section shall be held in connection with the annual meetings. At the discretion of the Council, special meetings may be scheduled in connection with other meetings of the Section. The members in attendance at a regularly called meeting shall have the authority to transact the business of the Section.

ARTICLE VII. PUBLICATIONS

SECTION 1. The publications and papers of the Section shall be issued as the Council may direct.

SECTION 2. The publications of the Section shall consist of "Wyoming Range Management" and the "Newsletter", issued quarterly or otherwise as directed by the Range Management Section of the University of Wyoming, under the overall direction of the Council.

ARTICLE VIII. SECTION CHAPTERS

SECTION 1. Chapters of the Section may be authorized by the Council upon written petition of ten or more members of the Section resident in an area where a strong local organization may be affected. The boundaries of a Chapter shall be established by the Board on recommendations from the members concerned.

SECTION 2. Chapters shall hold at least one meeting each year to retain their authorization. Open meetings are specifically authorized.

SECTION 3. The officers of each Chapter shall include a Chair, Vice-Chair or Chair-Elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be voting members of the Society, serving concurrently with the officers of the Section, and elected by the members of the Chapter. The term of office for officers of student Chapters may be on a school year basis. A current list of the officers and members of each chapter shall be filed with the Section Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 4. Actions or recommendations of a Chapter on Society matters will be transmitted to the President of the Society with recommendations of the Section. The Section shall have the right to rescind the authorization of any Chapter and to terminate its existence.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted to a vote of the entire Section membership in accordance with Article IX, Section 2, and shall be effected by a two-thirds (2/3) or more affirmative vote of the members voting. Amendments may be proposed at any business meeting of the Section, providing they are submitted to the Council in writing and bear the written endorsement of at least five members. Amendments may also be proposed by the Council in regular meetings. The Council shall not vote on such proposed amendments at that meeting but the amendments shall be open to discussion and modification. At its next regular meeting, the Council shall vote as to whether, in their original or modified form, the amendments shall be mailed to Section members for action.

SECTION 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send a ballot, together with a copy of the proposed amendment and the present wording to the membership. The ballot will provide for a "yes" and a "no" vote for each section of the bylaws being amended. If the referendum is held during a regular annual election of the Section, the ballots received on or before the cut-off date for regular balloting shall be counted. If a special referendum is held, the ballot will show plainly the date by which it is to be returned to be eligible for counting, such specified date to be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of mailing to the membership.

SECTION 3. A proposed amendment that received the required two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the ballots cast shall take effect immediately upon submission of a report of balloting results to the President.