

**RSEC Annual Meeting  
January 29, 2012 --- Spokane, Washington**

In attendance:

28 people. [see attached sign in roster]

Executive council:

Laurie Abbott, President

Chris Call, Vice President

Jeff Fehmi, Secretary

Treasurer: Shawn DeKeyser

Historian/webmaster: Karen Launchbaugh

**Program on: "Offering Multi-Institution Courses- The Devil is in the Details"**

Three experts in program development gave presentations, followed by a 30-minute discussion. Karen Hickman served as moderator.

- Mike Evans, University of Arkansas: ACCEPtS: An Alliance Among Institutions for Cooperative Course Sharing in the Plant Sciences [ACCEPtS handout attached]
- Ed Miller, Oklahoma State University: Cooperative online programs: What's with all the rules?
- Dana Reinert, Institute for Academic Alliances, Kansas State University: Best Practices in Multi-State Inter-Institutional Academic Programming

**RSEC Business Meeting**

L. Abbott RSEC President opened meeting

1. Minutes for 2011 meeting were presented – they were also sent out via email. L. Abbott. A hard copy was on hand for further review. No one wanted to discuss them. A motion to accept them was seconded and they were approved unanimously. Please send corrections via email.
2. Treasurers report – Shawn Dekyser: Distributed copies of the report [see attached treasurer's report]. There were 27 member institutions for 2011. Check your institution mailing address. Recall membership fee was changed to \$100 from \$50. There are already 13 member institutions renewed so far for this year with more expected soon. Savings account balance was \$14,311.22 Checking balance \$72.30. UC Berkeley paid back dues. There was some discussion on accepting credit cards. We had that recently but it was not renewed due to the cost. Some universities do not want to write checks. Shawn will look into it. Treasury report approved.
3. RSEC rep list was passed for updates. L Abbott.
4. HEC update: researching education for a changing world. Karen Launchbaugh
  - a. Teaching objects. Mel George. Wrangle1.com CA oak woodlands are the one example. Can download PowerPoint presentations. There will be pictures, gigapan, videos, etc.
  - b. Symposia. Chris Call. Teaching to learn learning to teach symposium coming up at the meeting. Speakers were outlined. Symposiums should occur each year. Some of the presentations will become papers and will go into a special edition of Rangelands.

- c. Survey. K. Launchbaugh. Need list of recent grads to complete a survey of grad from the last 6 years (2005 on). Range specific grads (454 types). If you submit grads you will get the data from your students. They will be internet surveyed for the courses they had, how useful they thought they would be and now that they are out how useful they actually were. Based on the survey from a few years ago.
  - d. Focus groups. K. Launchbaugh. Focus groups are being set up for up to 20 places in the west. 12-15 people. There is a chain referral process to ensure suitable group. Similar to rangelands Australia. [see request to RSEC members handout]
  - e. Teacher skills – professional development for faculty. L. Abbott. Mentoring: team reciprocal combination of senior faculty, junior, recently tenured, and graduate students. Distance workshops for tools that help with teaching and other skills e.g. google earth uses being taught by Amy Ganguli. Future: Gigapan, echo360 (or video tools), tutorials, etc. Submit ideas if you want to have something specific.
  - f. On-line class listing project. Listing all range classes. Many University/College websites have impossible to navigate pages. Passed out a list for people to update/add to. Info will be posted on rangelands west site.
  - g. Recruiting students. Susan Marshall/ Lisa Perry. There are a variety of options out there. See handout. Based on 218 students responded last year. Need to focus on people that are already primed for ag careers. Recruit within your institution. Recruit for transfer students. Community college counselors are a good resource. Lecture in Freshman classes. Next Step. To set up a website that outlines all the range programs in the US. May be launched by next year's meeting. [see attached recruiting handout and survey summary]]
  - h. Course delivery options. L. Abbott.
  - i. All are welcome to help with any part of the HEC work. Karen Launchbaugh and Chris Call can sort anyone to the right POC
5. Passed out a list for a comprehensive list of all range faculty. L. Abbott. Please add to this list allow a better mailing list for range topics.
  6. WDC 23 T. Stringham. Education across institution borders. J Tanaka is the lead. The meeting will be in conjunction with the Rangelands West meeting in Tucson AZ. 2nd week in March. The intent is to allow range programs bridge across multiple colleges and universities. All can participate even if they are not from a land-grant school.
  7. Teaching awards. P. Johnson. Junior and senior awards. There are nominations for both this year and both will be awarded. Nominations seem to be falling off – encourage people to submit them. The committee suggests that two or more nominations are needed for a category to be awarded. Students can nominate. People from other institutions can also nomination. Nominations are considered for two years then a new packet must be submitted. What triggers it as a new nomination? Should nominees sit out for a year? Much unstructured discussion ensued. No official action was taken. No policies were changed.
  8. Graduate student proposal. L. Abbott. Abbott and Ganguli are the co-chairs of the graduate student awards (part of the SRM student activities committee) and would like people step up and take over the program. Asking for a two year commitment or a suggestion. M. Kothmann said he will help recruit someone to help.

9. Elections. L. Abbott.
  - a. Election for Secretary. Mark Horney and Susan Marshall were nominated. Susan was elected.
  - b. Teaching awards committee. Clayton Marlow was elected to fill a vacancy. Current members include: Walt Fick through 2012 (he also agreed to be the chair this year), Chris Call through 2012, Karen Hickman through 2013, Susan Edinger-Marshall, through 2013, Greg Finstad through 2014, Pat Johnson through 2014.
10. Historian's report is on the web.
11. Round Robin: Brief updates from RSEC representatives about the current status of programs at their member institutions.
12. The duties were passed from L. Abbott to C. Call.
13. The meeting was adjourned.