

**RSEC Annual Meeting**  
**February 3, 2013 – Oklahoma City, OK**

**In attendance:**

Executive Council:

Chris Call, President (Utah State University)  
Jeff Fehmi, Vice President (University of Arizona)  
Susan Edinger Marshall, Secretary (Humboldt State University)  
Treasurer: Shawn DeKuyser (North Dakota State University)  
Historian/webmaster: Karen Launchbaugh (University of Idaho)

Member Representatives and Guests:

Marc Horney, Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo  
Walt Fick, Kansas State University  
Jordge LaFantasie – Ft. Hays State University  
Laurie Abbott and Amy Ganguli – New Mexico State University  
Craig Carr – Montana State University  
Skip Smith and Paul Meiman – Colorado State University  
John A. Taylor – University of Queensland  
Sherman Swanson and Tamzen Stringham – University of Nevada Reno  
Mort Kothmann – Texas A&M University  
Ernest B. Fish – Texas Tech University  
Patricia Johnson – South Dakota State University  
Jim Waggoner – University of Wyoming

**RSEC Business Meeting**

Karen Launchbaugh asked that attendance roster from last time and other attachments be included with minutes. Jeff Fehmi noted that these were included in electronic communications. The idea being that these would be posted as a complete record in the RSEC archives and website.

M/Marc Horney, S/ Pat Johnson. Passed.

**Historian/Webmaster –**

Send stuff to Karen Launchbaugh, would like to pass on webmaster duties to someone else. Perhaps the vice president can take over duties (Jeff), Karen will work more to get a new person in that role.

**Treasurer's report** (Shawn DeKuyser)

Amendment item one 2<sup>nd</sup> line 28 member institutions in 2012, (see handout)

Shawn asked whether RSEC wants to add the ability to pay by credit card. A motion was made for the ability to take credit card payments, at a fee of about \$140 per year, or a less expensive option acceptable to the treasurer. M/Karen Launchbaugh, S/ Walt Schacht. Passed.

**Teaching awards committee report** (Walt Fick) seven nominations were received. Thanks were conveyed to Pat Johnson for assistance. Chris Call and Walt Fick will go off committee, Susan Marshall and Karen Hickman will be on for one more year, Greg Finstad and Pat Johnson are on for 2 more years. Paul Meiman and Walt Schacht volunteered to rotate onto committee.

Susan Edinger Marshall will serve as chair next year. There was quite a bit of discussion about having the nominator make sure that the winners would be present at the meeting but still keep it secret from the winners.

### **Higher Education Challenge grant update**

GENERAL OVERVIEW - Karen Launchbaugh (gave a powerpoint) – third year, one-year no-cost extension will be requested, reviewed participants, project goals, products – needs assessment (focus groups, Internet surveys of graduates and employers), teaching skills (workshops, teaching technology workshops, symposia), recruiting website, catalog of distance accessible courses, teaching clearing house, reusable learning objects, reusable learning objects, etc.

- Catalog of range-related, online/distance courses – Pat Johnson – gave a powerpoint, showed the search features, individual universities need to give refining feedback to Pat Johnson (e.g. frequency of offering, kind of course, etc.)
- Range degree program recruitment website – Susan Marshall – next year we will have a strategic plan to keep the website current, well-maintained and funded with a transparent structure, object categories (Committee-Marc Horney, Susan Edinger Marshall, Tamzen Stringham, Rangelandswest representative). Suggestions – make sure relevant search terms are linked to website, send bookmarks to Envirothon people (sustainable rangelands the topic this year), add link to course list, put downloads on RSCE website (bookmarks, postcards), change profiles on a yearly basis, develop budget and have RSEC pay half and employers pay half?
- Online teaching workshops – Laurie Abbott – Teaching technology, offered to faculty, First one on Google earth was offered in November, post tutorials, share new ideas, screen capture videos to share
- Peer-review process for teaching materials – Lovina Roselle – teaching clearinghouse (RTOs), best of the best access to teaching resources – consolidate efforts across universities, peer review/submission guidelines, grade level, credit for contributions, noteguides could have quizzes, assessments, open access to all. Peer review system needs to be set up in RSEC to route and review. Suggestion that there be stakeholders involved as reviewers. Perhaps, for agency-based information – to be consulted on. This needs to be done this year. Lovina Roselle, Jeff Fehmi and Amy Ganguli volunteered to be on the peer view committee, with Karen Hickman as chair.

**Western Coordinating Committee TEMP 1008** – Sherm Swanson (initiated with Ron Pardini and Tamzen Stringham), going to full status soon, Karen Launchbaugh, John Tanaka, Chris Call and Sherm Swanson conferenced and said that western directors should probably take charge of this instead of RSEC. There will be a meeting on this on Tuesday.

**SRM Program Accreditation Committee activities** – Laurie Abbott - Antonio Narro was accredited this year, total of 11, University of Idaho is going up for reaccreditation.

**Election of new RSCE member Institutions** – Marc Horney nominated, approved by vote.

**Other Business** Program for next year ? Final edition of HEC grant (final recommendations), teaching technology workshops, knowledge surveys...

### Round Robin of information

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Number of undergrad/grad hires</b>	<b>Faculty (new/retire)</b>	<b>Other</b>
Brigham Young			
Cal State SLO	20-25 minor, 15 option, 2 grads.		
Chadron State	122 ug, 6 gr		
Colorado State	53 range (35 resto/15 cons), 20 grads.	New range ecophysiology position	
Ft. Hays State Univ.	1 range conc. in Biol., 3 grads.		
Great Basin College			
Humboldt State University	40 total (half range, half soils)	One new visiting faculty, Fulgham retiring in 2014	
Kansas State University	8 ug, 6 grads.		
Montana State University	50 range, 50 wildlife rehab., 7-8 grads.	Extension forages position coming	
New Mexico State University	50 ug, 15 gr	2 retirements, Amy Ganguli new faculty	
North Dakota State University	15 (many dbl majors), 7-8 grads.	2 new positions anticipated	
Oklahoma State University			
Oregon State University			
South Dakota State University	25-30 ug, 6-8 gr	One new faculty (Laura Perkins)	
Sul Ross State University			
Texas A&M University	60 ug in REM, 200 total (5 ug degrees), no grads in range	Whisenant to South Sudan, 3 positions out there now, 3 more anticipated	Ecosystem Science and Management Dept.
Texas Christian University			
Texas Tech University			
University of Alaska Fairbanks			
University of Alberta			
University of Arizona	25-30 ug, 10-15 gr		New dean, reorg.
University of Idaho	62, emph resto.		
University of Nebraska	25-30 ug, 10 grad	Stubbenieck retired, new forage crop residue position	
University of Nevada-Reno	<10 in REM, no grads.		
University of Queensland	70 grads, much		

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Number of undergrad/grad hires</b>	<b>Faculty (new/retire)</b>	<b>Other</b>
	upheaval		
University of Wyoming	40 ug in range (119 total)	Tom Thurow retiring	
Utah State University	21 ug, 15-20 grads	Roger Banner and Chris Call retiring	
Washington State University			