

BYLAWS

**Bylaws of the Society for Range Management (NM Section) as amended
and adopted June 1984 and November 2011**

ARTICLE I. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

Section 1 – Corporation: The Corporation shall consist of those members of the Society for Range Management who are members of the New Mexico Section.

Section 2 – Objectives: The general objectives and purposes for which this corporation is formed shall be to develop a comprehensive understanding of range ecosystems and of the management, use and conservation of range resources; to assist all who are interested in range resources to keep abreast of new findings and techniques in both the science and art of range management; to improve the effectiveness of range management in obtaining from range ecosystems the products and values necessary for man's welfare; to create a public appreciation of the social and economic benefits to be derived from range resources; and to promote the professional development of its membership.

Section 3 – Operation: The Corporation will conduct meetings and field trips, disseminate information, acknowledge achievements and accomplishments, carry on educational and promotional work, and otherwise determine the needs and demands for the objectives named above.

Section 4 - Nonprofit Status: The Corporation is not organized for a pecuniary profit. No part of the income shall inure to the benefit of any individual or member, except reimbursement may be made for any expenses incurred for the Corporation by any officer, director, agent, member, or any other person pursuant to and upon authorization of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 - Political Status: No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Eligibility: Persons shall be eligible for Section membership who are members in good standing of the Society for Range Management.

Section 2 – Dues: Annual dues of the Society for Range Management (New Mexico Section) shall be payable to the Executive Secretary of the Society for Range Management. Additional dues and fees may be assessed by majority vote at the annual business meeting or by majority vote of a mail (surface and/or electronic) ballot.

Section 3 - Active Membership: The date when Section dues will be delinquent, and the period of delinquency following which members will be dropped from Section membership rolls, shall conform to those established by the Society for Range Management. Reinstatement in the Section will follow reinstatement by the Society for Range Management.

ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1 - Number of Directors: A board of directors shall manage the business of the Corporation. The board of directors shall include the president, president elect, immediate past president, current chapter presidents and four (4) Directors-at-Large. The secretary and the treasurer shall be non-voting members.

Section 2 - Term of directors: The tenure of the president, president elect, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president shall be one (1) year. The tenure of the four (4) directors-at-Large shall be two (2) years, except when elected to fill an unexpired term, and their terms shall be staggered so that two (2) new directors are chosen each year.

Section 3 - Eligibility for Election: Only members shall be eligible for election as directors. The president shall not be eligible for re-election to the office of president elect for a period of one (1) year.

Section 4 – Vacancy: Vacancies in an unexpired term of any officer, except the Student Chapter President, shall be filled from the Section membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and such elected officer shall serve the unexpired term. Upon vacancy of the presidency, the president elect shall assume the office of the president for the remainder of that term and also serve his regular term. If the president elect in turn vacates, leaving a vacancy in both the offices of the president and president elect, a temporary president shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from within the membership to serve the unexpired term. This individual would be eligible for election to the office of president or president elect for the next term. All appointments by the Board of Directors will be presented for ratification by the membership at the next general meeting.

Section 5 – Audit: An annual audit of funds shall be prepared. A special audit shall be made upon order of the Board of Directors.

Section 6 – Reports: The Board of Directors shall make and file such federal and state corporate reports and returns as may be required.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - Change of Officers: The president elect shall succeed to the presidency. The secretary and the treasurer shall be appointed by the incoming president and ratified by the Board of Directors. The new president elect and two (2) new directors-at-large shall be elected by mail (surface and/or electronic) ballot. The newly elected officers shall be installed and assume their duties at the time of the annual meeting.

Section 2 – Nominations: The Nominating Committee, appointed by the president, shall prepare a list of candidates for each elective office. In addition, any member may propose additional candidates to any elective office providing: (a) each petition contains only one name; (b) each petition is signed by at least ten (10) members; (c) the nominee must be a member, and (d) the petition must be received by the chairman of the Nominating Committee three (3) months prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall verify each candidate’s consent to nomination.

Section 3 – Elections: A ballot shall be sent to all members of the Section by surface mail or electronically. Ballots will be returned to the chairman of the Nominating Committee who, with the assistance of at least one other member, will count the ballots and certify the results of the election of the president. The president will notify those elected to office at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting. The president will instruct the Nominating Committee as to the dates of required action on the balloting to meet the deadlines.

ARTICLE V. MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION

Section 1 – Directors: The Corporation shall be governed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – President: The president shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation and shall (a) preside over all meetings of the corporation and/or its Board of Directors; (b) call meetings at his discretion or when required by a majority of the Board of Directors; (c) perform all acts and duties usually performed by the executive officer or any other duties authorized or required by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - President Elect: The president elect shall, in the absence of the president, preside at meetings and discharge his duties.

Section 4 - Secretary: The secretary shall (a) keep a complete record of all meetings, (b) supervise all records of the Corporation, and (c) function as the corporate secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary as the corporate secretary to file a report with the New Mexico State Corporation Commission annually thirty days (30) after the annual business meeting. He shall also be responsible for any returns or reports required by the Internal Revenue Service and other reports required by the State Corporation Commission.

Section 5 - Treasurer: The treasurer will receive and safeguard money for dues, fees and assessments and all approved bills, makes investments for the NM Section and assists in fund raising for the NM Section.

Section 6 – Awards: Awards recognizing contributions to the art and/or science of range management, or to Corporation, may be made upon approval of the guidelines by the membership.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1 - Annual Meeting: A meeting of the Corporation shall be held annually at such time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by surface and/or electronically to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The authority to transact business of the Corporation shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting.

Section 2 - Other Meetings: Other meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or any ten (10) members of the Corporation upon not less than fifteen (15) days written notice to each member, which notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. The members in attendance at a regularly called meeting shall have the authority to transact the business of the Corporation by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Procedure: Amendments to the bylaws may be made at any regularly called meeting and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided fifteen (15) percent of the members are present. Amendments to the bylaws may also be referred to the entire membership by mail (surface or electronic) ballot and be amended by a simple majority of the members voting.