

May 13, 2002

Hello Folks,
Sorry for the short notice.

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING SOLICITED: The Section Chair and Vice-Chair are preparing a slate of nominations for the upcoming section elections in May. Positions open are Vice-Chair and Secretary.

The Vice-Chair is responsible for arranging the scientific program for all meetings and symposia of the Section, assuming duties of the Chair when needed, and then moving into Chair and Past-Chair in the following 2 years.

The Secretary is responsible for keeping section records and an up-to-date mailing list, as well as helping out with other Section activities. The Secretary serves for 2 years. Please send in names for consideration for nomination (including self-nominations) by Thursday, May 16.

Current Positions were and are:

2000 Officer/Founder
Interim Chair: Scott Kronberg

2001 Officers
Section Chair: David Pyke
Section Vice-Chair: David Breshears
Section Secretary: Robert A. Washington-Allen

2002 (Current) Officers:
Section Chair: David Breshears
Section Vice-Chair: Jeff Herrick
Section Secretary: Robert A. Washington-Allen

Please send your nominations by e-mail by May 16th to:

<http://us.f404.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=washingtonra@ornl.gov&YY=71292&order=down&sort=date&pos=0>

or

http://us.f404.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=esa_range_ecology@daacs.esd.ornl.gov&YY=71292&order=down&sort=date&pos=0

SECTION LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

The section applied for ESA funds to support long-range planning. Proposed future directions and priorities will be presented at the Section meeting at ESA and be distributed by e-mail.

ESA WORKSHOP:

The section is sponsoring a workshop (WK#2) at the upcoming ESA meeting in Tucson this August: Creating Consensus on Western Rangeland Status: A Qualitative Approach, organized by Past Section Chair Dave Pyke and current Section Vice Chair Jeff Herrick (1 PM to 5 PM, Saturday, August 3, Tucson Convention Center, Apache Meeting Room) . Participants will learn how to apply the qualitative assessment approach described in the interagency publication "Interpreting Indicators of Rangeland Health". For more information, please contact Dave

(http://us.f404.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=David_A_Pyke@usgs.gov&YY=71292&order=down&sort=date&pos=0) or Jeff (<http://us.f404.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=jherrick@nmsu.edu&YY=71292&order=down&sort=date&pos=0>).

SECTION-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM:

The Rangeland Ecology section is jointly sponsoring a symposium (#15) with the Applied Ecology section and the Society for Ecological Restoration: Fire and Invasive Plant Ecology and Management: The Need for Integration to Effectively Restore Ecosystems, organized by Matt Brooks. Tuesday August 6, 1:00-4:45, Leo Rich Theater, Tucson Convention Center.

SYMPOSIA FOR 2003:

It's not too early to begin thinking and organizing ideas for the 2003 symposia. We will discuss them at the business meeting.

ESA SOCIAL:

Our social will be held jointly with the Applied Ecology and Soil Ecology sections: 6:30 PM to 8 PM at the Radisson Hotel Starlight and Starlight Patio (outside courtyard and down stairs to lower courtyard).

SECTION BUSINESS MEETING:

Our Business Meeting at ESA will be held to 30 minutes or less and will begin at 11:30 on Tuesday, August 6.

Thanks and Kindest regards,

David, Jeff, and Robert