

2007 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2007 and Action Plan for 2008

Committee Code and Name: S67: 2010 Meeting Committee to Investigate Possible Concurrent Meeting with the Society for Range Management

Committee Chair: Rod Lym

Board Coordinator: Jill Schroeder

Committee Members Rotating Off: None, need to add Vanelle Peterson to the committee

Committee Goals for 2007 (what did the committee plan to accomplish in 2007): Committee was to explore the possibility and ramifications of joint meeting with SRM in 2010 in Denver, CO.

Summary of Progress for 2007:

What was accomplished toward the goals set by the committee? The Committee was initially chaired by Lee Van Wychen and began discussing the possibility of the two societies meeting together in the spring of 2007. Rita Beard was the liaison with SRM and met with them several times. Rita and Dale Shaner visited the hotel and found it acceptable and large enough to host both groups simultaneously. Ultimately, a MOU was signed by both parties to meet together in Denver in 2010 at the Adams Mark Hotel. Important points of the joint meeting:

1. WSSA will pay SRM \$11,500 to manage the meeting including registration and printing of program and proceedings.
2. WSSA agreed to a specific number of room nights in accordance with past meeting room needs.
3. SRM and WSSA members will be able to attend paper and poster sessions of each society.
4. Meal functions will be separate, with the possibility of a joint social.
5. Registration fees for the meeting will be distributed to each society based on the percentage of members from each society attending the meeting.

If funds were requested, how much was requested and how much was actually spent? No funds used.

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on any or all of the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education? The Joint meeting has been agreed to and will go forward. This will affect all the membership attending the annual meeting in 2010.

What is the current state of committee/project activity and what is needed to further the goals of the committee/project? The committee will meet in person during the annual meeting in Chicago. Roy Roath co-chair for the joint meeting for SRM plans to attend our meeting in Chicago. After the MOU was signed, we have been waiting to hear who the program chair for 2010 will be before we move forward. It is important that the program chair be involved with the planning from here forward.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action: Need to revise the name of the committee to better reflect our new mission. We suggest “2010 Joint Meeting with SRM” committee.

Committee Goals for 2008: Work with the WSSA program chair to start planning for 2010 including any joint symposia that may occur, joint social functions, meeting room allocation etc.

Plan of Action for 2008: To discuss with the SRM representatives the 2010 meeting frequently and meet as necessary to decide the format, room needs, possible joint tours etc. for 2010.

Resources needed for 2008:

Finances: Funding for conference calls. Possible travel for the 2010 program chair to Denver if needed. I request comp registration for the SRM representative (Roy Roath) to our meeting in Chicago.

Membership involvement (person-hours): Based on 2007, I estimate a time commitment of 3 to 4 hours per month for the members of this committee.