WITH THE SECTIONS

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Section was held November 15-16 at Oregon State University. Theme was “Forward Look in Range Management”. Featured speaker was Congressman Al Ullman on Nov. 15. Remainder of program was in four sections: “Extending our Horizons in Range Research and Development”, “Place of the University in Development of Range and Related Resources”, “New Concepts in Range Rehabilitation”, and “Integration of Uses”. Moderators, in order, were Al McLean, Bill Anderson, Henry Gerber, and Don Niven.

Range Management Short Course on “Essential Ingredients of a Grazing System” will be held at Oregon State University February 21-25, 1966.

Section meetings in 1966 will be at Vale, Oregon June 1-2, and in Spokane, Washington November 28-29.

SOUTH DAKOTA
Annual Section Meeting was held at Wall, November 22-23, 1965. Duane Moxon was program chairman; session chairmen were Gordon I. Powers and Charles Schumacher; theme was “Range Management in the Future.”

The range booth at the State Fair attracted considerable interest. It was set up by Tom Strachan, John Holt, and Bob Koerner.

SOUTHERN
The Section’s annual meeting was held at the modern headquarters building of the Florida Cattlemen’s Association in Kissimmee, Florida on Oct. 12-13. An excellent program consisting of eleven papers was presented on the theme of the meeting, RANGE MANAGEMENT, ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. A field trip was held the second morning to the Large Animal Diagnostic Lab. and to Henry Partin’s Heart Bar Ranch.

TEXAS
Fifteenth Annual Section Meeting was held at Del Rio, December 3-4, 1965. Session chairmen were Dr. Judd Morrow, C. A. Rechenthin, and Howard B. Passey. Programs dealt with ecology and grass development, economics, research, and ranch management.

Thad Box, John Hunter, and Tom Copeland arranged a stimulating and informative Ranch Management Conference at Texas Tech, October 1, 1965. Some 156 people attended. Topics included drylot feeding of beef cows, performance testing, and influence of feeding and nutrition on range animal production.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

President’s Annual Report to the Membership

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My past year’s association with the Society’s business has been a challenging and rewarding experience. My thanks to you for this privilege and to all who have supported me and the Society’s cause, especially to the many who have gladly assumed the numerous assignments and functions requested of you. Special mention is due Executive Secretary Clouston and Editor Campbell whose conscientious attention to business, often serving beyond the call of duty, saw us through the year “in the black” and kept our communication lines open and our profession respectable.

Credits for any achievements, other than those associated with the Executive Secretary and Editor’s offices, are due to the volunteer services of our membership. These significant achievements are chronicled in committee and subcommittee reports to which you are referred for greater detail. Brief reviews are abstracted here, and a more complete account of the Annual Meeting in New Orleans will appear in the May issue of the Journal.

Membership made modest gains (approaching two hundred, December 1, 1965) a somewhat disappointing yet significant achievement during the first year of the currently higher dues rate. The President of one section, by careful review of the qualifications for and need for Society affiliation, convinced over 20 persons of the mutual advantages of membership. This same philosophy deserves adoption by Society members and not just membership committee members in all sections. We have a solid and useful organization
and need to share it with others with the proper respect for mutually beneficial opportunities and services.

The creation of an ASRM Trust ranks as one of the more significant forward-looking steps your Society has taken in recent years. Our house is in order to accept funds to undertake significant research, publications, and education including national scholarship awards that the members, committees, and Society patrons see fit to finance. Now that we have a tax-free instrument for such undertakings it becomes our challenge to make use of it personally and collectively to accomplish high priority projects which we have postponed.

This occasion marks the nineteenth anniversary of our organization. During the year frequent requests for opinions, or joint efforts with other scientific organizations suggest that the professional stature of our Society is growing and that we are gaining a respectable degree of maturity, perhaps more than commensurate with our age. Greater and more consistent representation with our sister societies and associations continues to be a challenge to us professionally in national and state meetings and especially from the service standpoint, in local meetings.

While we are becoming known among professional and natural resource organizations, our recognition in the international field needs attention. For whatever recognition we do have we are indebted to W. R. Chapline, our unpaid but nearly full-time chairman of the International Relations Committee. He has persevered until a reduced Journal subscription rate was recently approved for foreign members. His concern and constructive influence can be observed in almost all of our involvements in foreign programs from emphases of U.S. AID missions to programs and participants for international grassland congresses.

Improvements in the Journal give us considerable pride. There continues to be room for further improvement. A Journal Review Committee has been helpful by soliciting suggestions to make the organ better serve your wishes. Not all of these will prove feasible, but I feel certain that further improvements are possible and will be forthcoming.

Editor Campbell has said that his policy is to publish something of interest to each member in each issue. He has further pleaded that if the Journal articles do not interest you or serve your need to please write the desired kinds of articles yourself, even if a technical person needs to be drafted to polish the manuscript to get it past the editorial review committee. My views are that the same philosophy applies to the Society. If you are genuinely interested in ranges and pastures and their improvement and the Society isn't meeting your needs, get in and become active and make the Society better accomplish what you think it should. How else are we to improve?

Continued efforts have been made to improve the standards of our profession. New recommended standards have been called to the attention of agencies and U. S. Civil Service. Currently standards for range classifications are being reviewed by Civil Service. We hope to see improvements soon before further damage results to the profession and resource from continued employment of sub-standard personnel.

Our Public Relations Committee has drafted a new bill of necessities to guide us in the correction of our apparent deficiencies. This matter deserves every officer's and section's undivided attention and fullest support and cooperation.

Our Range Education Committee reports trials being conducted with new youth handbooks that involve projects. They have tailored a Range Youth Fact Forum program to be given a trial at our next summer meeting if interest and funds warrant. A national scholarship program has been planned and is ready to be implemented whenever funds permit. A plan has been developed for distributing career brochures by either Sections or schools within the Section. Educators are reviewing biological science materials for a new curriculum textbook.

Finally, as a result of suggestions first made by our Executive Secretary, a Planning Committee chaired by Bill Hurst is in the final stages of drafting a blueprint which will merge a full-time executive secretary with a part-time technical editor and provide both with essential secretarial and clerical assistance at a centrally located Society headquarters' office. We are a year away from such a shift but...
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as amended and corrected to December 31, 1965

SECTION 1. Membership

Anyone shall be eligible for membership who is interested in or engaged in practicing range or pasture management or animal husbandry; administering grazing lands; teaching, or conducting research, or engaged in extension activities in range or pasture management or related subjects.

SECTION 2. The Society has three classes of membership: Regular, Student, and Life. Student membership is restricted to students actually attending school, who are required to maintain an address in care of a school department or professor. Any regular member may obtain Life membership by payment of the Life membership fee.

SECTION 3. Application for membership may be made at any time, but membership will begin only at the start of the calendar year. The application for Regular or Student membership shall be accompanied by payment of one year's dues and a statement by the applicant signifying the January when membership should begin. The Board of Directors has the right to approve or reject applications, and if the application is rejected, dues will be refunded to the applicant.

SECTION 4. Annual dues for Regular or Student members shall be payable in advance to the Executive Secretary of the Society on January 1 of the current year.

SECTION 5. Members whose dues are in arrears on the 15th day of April will be declared delinquent and shall be immediately dropped from the roll of membership.

SECTION 6. A former member dropped for non-payment of dues will be eligible for reinstatement: (1) upon payment of dues in arrears at the time he was dropped, or (2) by approval of the Board of Directors and payment of the current year's dues.

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that our Society is truly professional and responsive to the membership's needs.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving our mutual interests during the past year. There are sufficient unattained goals that our new officers should be challenged to greater achievements and should find a full measure of satisfaction in striving to attain their new goals.

ARTICLE II. Officers and Directors

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President and a President Elect.

SECTION 2. The Society shall have a governing body which shall be known as the Board of Directors and which shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past President and six elective members, each of whom shall be a member of the Society in good standing.

SECTION 3. The term of office of the President, and President Elect shall be one year. The immediate past President shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors for one year. The terms for the six elected Directors shall be for three years. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the regular annual meeting after their election.

SECTION 4. The President, President Elect, and Directors shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office until at least one year has elapsed after the end of their respective terms.

SECTION 5. Vacancies in any unexpired term of office shall be filled among the Society members by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III. Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors

SECTION 1. The President Elect, and Board of Directors, other than the immediate past President, shall be elected by letter ballot which shall be sent to all members by the Executive Secretary. The President Elect shall succeed to the Presidency.

SECTION 2. The Executive Secretary shall be a paid employee of the Society appointed by the President in accordance with directions of the Board of Directors as to the duration of appointment, rate of pay, and time devoted to Society business.

SECTION 3. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President not later than March 1 of each year. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee: (1) to receive nominating petitions from the membership at large as provided in Section 3, (2) to prepare a list of candidates who are qualified for the elective offices, including the elective memberships on the Board of Directors; this list of candidates shall include all nominations duly presented to the committee by petition as herein provided; this list shall include at least two candidates for each elective office, including each elected Director position, but may include others than those received by petition; such list of candidates shall be furnished to the Executive Secretary not later than September 1. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for nomination to national office during the year in which they serve on the Nominating Committee, except when nominated by petition.

SECTION 4. Nominations by petition shall be subject to the following conditions: (1) each petition shall name but one candidate for each office; (2) all candidates nominated by petition must be eligible to hold elective office; (3) the petition shall bear the signatures of at least 25 voting members of the Society who at the time of signing such petition are eligible to vote by having paid their current dues. (4) petitions must be in the hands of the nominating committee by June 1.

SECTION 5. As soon after receipt of the final ballot from the Nominating Committee as possible, and not later than October 1, the Executive Secretary shall send to all members in good standing a typed or printed ballot containing a list of all candidates presented by the Nominating Committee or duly nominated by petition. An envelope shall be provided in which the ballot shall be sent to the chairman of the Elections Committee.

SECTION 6. An elections committee shall be appointed by the President not later than April 1st of each year, to receive and count the ballots. All ballots received by the chairman of the Elections Committee on or before November 30 shall be counted and the results reported to the President by December 15. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for Board of Directors shall be declared elected to the Board of Directors. Should a candi-