

Constitution and By-Laws of American Society of Range Management

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of the Society shall be the American Society of Range Management.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the Society shall be to foster advancement in the science and art of grazing land management, to promote progress in the conservation and greatest sustained use of forage and soil resources, to stimulate discussion and understanding of scientific and practical range and pasture problems, to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and facts among Society members and with allied technologists, and to encourage professional improvement of its members.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Persons shall be eligible for membership who are interested in or engaged in practicing range or pasture management or animal husbandry; administering grazing lands; or teaching, or conducting research, or engaged in extension activities in range or pasture management or related subjects.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer.

Section 2. The Society shall have a governing body which shall be known as the Council and 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, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be one year. The immediate past President shall serve as a member of the Council for one year. The terms of the six elected Council members shall be for one, two, and three years respectively for two each for the first term after this constitution is adopted. Thereafter, the two Council members elected each year will serve a three-year term. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the regular annual meeting after their election.

Section 4. The President and other officers, shall not be eligible to re-election to the same office until at least one year has elapsed after the end of their respective terms. The Secretary may be reappointed to a second successive term. Council members may be re-elected if they have not served a full term of three years.

Section 5. Vacancies in any unexpired term of office shall be filled from among the Society members by a majority vote of the Council.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. All officers of the Society, other than the Secretary, shall be elected by letter ballot which shall be sent to all members by the Secretary.

Section 2. The Secretary shall be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Council.

Section 3. A nominating committee

and an elections committee shall be appointed by the President not later than May 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 in the Council; 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 Council member position, but may include others than those received by petition; such list of candidates shall be furnished to the Secretary not later than September 1.

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 10 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 August 1.

Section 5. As soon after receipt of the final ballot from the nominating committee as possible, and not later than October 1, the Secretary shall send to all members a typed or printed ballot containing a list of all candidates made by the nominating committee or duly nominated by petition. An envelope shall be provided in which the ballot shall be enclosed, the envelope sealed and signed by the member voting and returned in a second envelope to the Secretary.

Section 6. All ballots received on or before November 30 shall be turned over, unopened, to the elections committee for counting. The candidate receiving the

greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected to that respective office. In the first election of Council members the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to a three-year term; the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes to a two-year term; and the two receiving the next highest number of votes to a one-year term. In succeeding elections the two candidates receiving the two highest number of votes for the Council shall be declared elected members of the Council. A tie vote for any office shall be resolved by the Council. Should a candidate receive votes sufficient to elect him to each of two or more offices he shall be declared elected only to the office of the higher or highest rank to which nominated and for the purpose of such determination it shall be deemed that the offices from highest to lowest rank are in the following order: President, Vice President, Council member, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI. MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The Society shall be governed by the Council.

Section 2. The Council shall meet immediately after the close of the annual meeting of the Society, at such other times as the Council may select, and at the call of the President. Six Council members shall constitute a quorum of the Council.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Society for the presentation and discussion of professional papers and for professional intercourse shall be held annually at such time and place as the Council may determine. Notice of such meetings, including the tentative program, shall be announced to the membership

by the Secretary at least sixty days in advance of the meeting.

Section 2. Business meetings and other meetings may be called at intervals by the Council. Upon written request of not less than fifty members, which request will state the purpose of the meeting, the Council shall call a special meeting of the Society. The call for such a meeting shall be issued not less than thirty days in advance and shall state the purpose thereof, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

Section 3. The By-Laws shall provide rules for the order of business at meetings, but at each annual meeting the members by a majority vote may, without notice, modify or change these rules as to that meeting.

Section 4. The members in attendance at a regularly called meeting shall have the authority to transact the business of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII. LOCAL SECTIONS

Section 1. Local Sections, composed of Society members, may be established in any locality, and such organization shall become effective as soon as the proposed constitution and by-laws of any Local Section shall have been submitted to and approved by the Council.

Section 2. Local Sections, in their speech, writing, and action, shall conform to the principles, policies, and objectives of the Society, as set forth in its Constitution and/or By-Laws.

Section 3. The functions of Local Sections shall be the encouragement of members to prepare and discuss papers, to confer and to suggest as to matters of Society policy, to study local range and pasture conservation and management problems, to cooperate with other local sections and other local organizations in matters of common interest, and to bring about closer personal acquaintance

and a spirit of cooperation on matters relating to the objectives of the Society.

Section 4. The Council may annually assign, from the funds of the Society, to each Local Section, a sum varying in proportion to its needs not to exceed one dollar for each member belonging to that Section.

ARTICLE IX. PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. The publications and papers of the Society shall be issued in such a manner as the Council may direct.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be submitted to all members. The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members voting.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed at any business meeting of the Society, providing they are submitted in writing, and bear the written endorsement of at least twenty-five members. Such proposed amendments shall not be voted upon at that meeting but shall be open to discussion and modification and to a vote as to whether, in its original or modified form, it shall be mailed to Society members for action.

Section 3. A ballot shall be sent with the proposed amendment and the voting shall be by methods outlined for voting for officers, closing at noon of the twentieth day preceding the next announced business meeting of the Society. The presiding officer at the meeting of the Society following the close of the ballot shall announce the result, and if the amendment is adopted, it shall there upon take effect.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Applications for membership may be made at any time and applicants will be considered elected to membership

upon payment of current dues. The Council has the right to approve or reject applications.

Section 2. Annual dues of members shall be payable in advance to the Treasurer of the Society on January 1 of the current year.

Section 3. Members whose dues are in arrears on the first day of August will be declared delinquent. Members whose dues shall have remained unpaid for twelve months shall be dropped from the roll of membership.

Section 4. 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 Council and payment of the current year's dues.

ARTICLE II. MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The Council shall manage the affairs of the Society in conformance with the provisions of its constitution. It shall direct the investment and care of funds of the Society; act upon applications for the establishment of Local Sections; take measures to advance the interests of the Society; disseminate technical knowledge by publications, meetings, and other media; and generally direct its business.

Section 2. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society. He shall appoint necessary committees, preside at meetings of the Society and of the Council and shall deliver an address at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Standing Committees shall be accountable to the Council, under the general supervision of the President.

Section 4. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings and discharge his duties in the absence of the President.

Section 5. The Secretary, as the executive officer of the Society shall be

accountable to the Council under the general supervision of the President. The Secretary will be expected to attend all meetings of the Society and of the Council. He shall outline and duly record the business and proceedings therefore; maintain a suitable membership file; conduct the correspondence of the Society and keep full records of same; to make a report which shall be presented at the annual meeting of the Society, and perform all other duties which may from time to time be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and receive and deposit all monies in the name of the Society and shall pay all bills when certified by the Secretary. He shall make a financial report which shall be presented at the annual meeting of the Society. The final fiscal report of the Treasurer shall be published. He shall be bonded in a suitable amount as decided by the Council and at the Society's expense. His account shall be audited by the Council or their designated representative before presentation of his annual report.

Section 7. Within thirty days after assuming office, the Secretary and Treasurer will jointly prepare a budget for the current business year for submission to and approval by the Council.

Section 8. The business of the Society shall be conducted on a calendar year basis.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual meetings of the Society shall be held at dates and places determined by the Council. Regular business meetings of the Society shall be held in connection with the annual meeting.

Section 2. The order of the business at meetings of the Society unless otherwise provided shall be as follows:

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary
 Report of the Treasurer
 Announcements by the Secretary
 Committee Reports
 New Business
 Presentation of Papers

Section 3. A program committee for the next annual meeting shall be appointed by the President immediately following the annual meeting to be responsible for the formulation of the program for the approval of the Council. Any member desiring to present a paper at a meeting shall so notify the committee chairman.

ARTICLE IV. LOCAL SECTIONS

Section 1. An application for the establishment of a Local Section must be signed by at least fifteen members.

Section 2. A Local Section shall be recognized upon approval of its constitution and by-laws by the Council.

Section 3. Each Local Section shall elect a president, and a Secretary, and may elect such other officers and provide for such committees as it finds advisable.

Section 4. All members of the Society who reside within a Local Section area and who have paid their national dues shall be deemed to belong to the Local Section. Upon the formation of a Local Section, the Secretary of the Society shall keep the Secretary of the Local Section informed of the names of members in good standing in that area. Any member of the Society may attend the meetings of any Local Section, but may vote only in the Local Section to which he belongs.

Section 5. Each Local Section may hold such meetings and engage in such activities as it desires, and is encouraged to suggest needed action on the part of the Society. The Secretary of each Local Section shall report the proceedings of that section to the Secretary of the Society.

Section 6. National dues should be

paid directly to the national Treasurer. If a Local Section receives any annual dues for the national organization, it shall transmit the entire amount to the national Treasurer without any deduction therefrom for local expenses.

Section 7. The Council will examine and resolve any conflicts that may arise between Local Sections.

ARTICLE V. PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. All publications of the Society shall be under the direction of the Council.

Section 2. The publications of the Society shall consist of a quarterly or other journal when such an enterprise is deemed feasible by the Council and such other publications as the Council may direct.

Section 3. The Society shall not be responsible for statements or opinions advanced in papers or discussions at meetings of the Society, or printed in its publications.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed at any annual meeting of the Society and may be adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present, or may be referred to the entire membership for majority vote by letter ballot.

Section 2. Voting shall be by written ballot.

Section 3. Tellers shall be appointed by the presiding officer.

Section 4. The tellers shall not receive any ballot after the stated time for the closure of the voting.

Section 5. Tellers shall consider a ballot as valid provided the member is in good standing as certified by the Secretary, the intent of the voter is clear, and provided also he has conformed to the regulations for voting.