



The Section Business Meeting was called to order by President Paul Loeffler at 11:21 pm with 66 members present. [Quorum has been established.](#)

SRM NATIONAL REPORT (*Allen Rasmussen*) Moved up due to other commitments later in the day...

Welcome from the SRM Board of Directors and thank you for everything you have done for the national society. UPDATES: EVP Jason Campbell has resigned effective this week – announcement for new EVP probably in December. We will be trying something new and different in the selection process and the position will be located in Wheat Ridge CO. We will be having a listening session in Louisville where we want input from the membership on what to look at in a new EVP. Texas, as the largest section, should start thinking now and be prepared to provide input and help with the selection process. Membership is holding steady or slightly up. That we are holding steady puts us ahead of many other indications. The audit was recently completed and we are actually in the black this year. We have put \$75,000 into our reserve account, a very positive move to get our financial house back in order. Regional meetings will be kicked off next month – Sage Grouse – Western Governors Assn is now a co-sponsor and we have pulled together a significant faction for what appears to be successfully planned meeting. We will be working with national chiefs and others trying to address the ethics issues – every society is affected. DOI is much easier to deal with right now, USDA more restrictive presently – although Forest Service is better than NRCS right now. We will be meeting with NRCS chief Arlen Lancaster. Again, I encourage you to attend the listening sessions in Louisville on direction for new EVP.

Loeffler thanks Rasmussen for his work at the national level. The more feedback and support we can give to these folks is needed and encouraged.

MEETING MINUTES (*Healy*): Minutes of the October 2006 business meeting were presented to the membership in the agenda packet. [Motion to approve the 2006 business meeting minutes as submitted by Ray Schimcek, seconded by Nick Garza. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.](#)

TREASURER'S REPORT (*Moen*): Section Fund balances are:

General Operating Fund (as of 9/30) \$ 20760.74
TSSRM Endowment Fund (as of 9/30) \$ 48136.58
TSSRM Memorial Scholarship Fund (as of 9/30) \$ 66934.28
Bill Wyche Memorial Scholarship Fund (as of 9/30) \$ 56518.54
TSSRM Youth Endowment Fund (as of 9/30) \$ 10001.00
General Operating Fund CD's (as of 9/30) \$ 20,000.00

- Financial Audit was completed.

[The financial report was reviewed in detail by the Board the other day and everything was found in order. The financial audit was also completed recently and everything was found in order thanks to Robert Moen's efforts.](#)

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

- **2007 Annual Meeting - Lubbock** (*Jenny Pluhar*): Small but enthusiastic committee. We had 299 registrants (of the 464 members). We did some things different with the tour, etc. thus we anticipate returning to the board \$5-10,000. I hope everyone had a good time.
- **2008 Annual Meeting - Nacogdoches** (*Jerry Payne*): We will be at the Fredonia Hotel on October 8-10 – a historic hotel in an exciting location. They have guaranteed a hotel rate of \$70/night *4 years early*. Annual Meeting Planning Committee is in place. Great venue. Advance reservations can be made downstairs and/or via telephone with Jennifer Garcia. Hotel reservations required **by September 1st** for the guaranteed rate. Mike Stellbauer and Craig Pate are the meeting co-chairs.
- **2009 Annual Meeting - Beaumont** (*Melony Sikes*): Wes Newman and Johanna Pate are meeting co-chairs. Meeting will be on the order of rangelands and their impacts on the marsh and estuary systems. Dates have been selected, will be posted in Grass Roots.



In your packet, additional information on newsletter deadlines, membership information, and the newly approved annual meeting process and map indicating our section core area. Idea is to have meetings in the core area 3 of 4 years unless otherwise approved by the Board. Currently the planning committee is looking at Bryan/College Station, Fredericksburg, and Odessa. All are good proposals and the committee will bring a recommendation to the board in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Activities/I&E (Bill Pinchak):** *As you know we tried an experiment this year where we combined the committees for a more effective outreach effort. Identified locations where we had the informational booth at events and the new ORM meeting process.*
- **Nominations and Elections (Jenny Pluhar):** A number of excellent candidates were considered for this year's ballot and it was a difficult decision for the committee to narrow the list down for the ballot. If you were not selected for the ballot this year, please consider leaving your name in the hat for next year. Ballots were distributed in early September. My committee had 12 possible directors and the committee had a difficult selection for the ballot. 470 ballots, 260 returned ballots – This year we had a photo finish in the election. **For 2008 - 2nd Vice President Candidates** included Bill Pinchak and Ray Schimcek – **Bill Pinchak was elected as 2nd VP.** **Director Candidates** included Jeff Goodwin, Scott J Petty, Frank Price and Diaz Murray – **Scott Petty and Jeff Goodwin were elected Directors. Congratulations!**
- **Texas Native Lands Alliance (Allan McGinty):** This started 2-3 years ago as a way to identify who we are and how to tell people about what we are and where we are headed. Contacted friends to put together a steering committee – TSCRA, TWA, GLCI, TAMU Inst for Renewable Resources, Dow and Remme Corp. to discuss this. This is an alliance, not another organization. We had a charter meeting October 4th selected by the steering committee. TSSRM is currently the lead group on this, and anticipate having 20 organizations signed onto the alliance. Excited that this effort is coming to fruition and I think it is something to be proud of.

Audience: TDA CEUs (McGinty will mail them out).

CPRM/CRMC CEUs (8 hours) will be turned into the SRM Office if you signed up.

How to access section reports to find out who then are section members. While I am right there, SRM started a membership challenge last year, and they plan to do something similar again this year. Please recruit new members.

TSSRM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Paul Loeffler) I would like to thank each of you for all your efforts this past year. I wanted to thank you for electing me 3 years ago as 2nd VP. It has been a proud moment to serve you, and I appreciate the chance. I also need to thank my wife and children for allowing me to do this job, a supportive family has a lot to do it. We had an outstanding board and it has been a privilege to serve you. You committees do the work, not the board, so thank you for your efforts. Past Presidents are an outstanding group and are a source of information and a wealth of knowledge. A special thank you to the Lubbock AM crew.

It has been a good year. We have had some good accomplishments, some very visible, some still a work in progress. TNLA has great potential. We created a new committee – Young Professionals – and they did an outstanding job this morning and all year. The tour of the 2006 ORM winner – Holt Ranch in Big Lake – was excellent and recommend to continue. Dr. Pinchak alluded to our work on combining Activities and I&E committee. Please pay attention to dues dates – you get one notice. Our newsletter is excellent and we have had a number of favorable comments. Also check for the brief Member Bulletins.

As mentioned, this is the largest section, we are fortunate to have one of our own on the SRM ballot – Jenny Pluhar. I encourage you to support her. Another candidate on the ballot, also a TSSRM member, is Jack Alexander, please give him your consideration on the ballot.



**Texas Section
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**Section Annual Business Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2007
Holiday Inn Park Plaza
Lubbock TX**

One last thing, as it was a different meeting, we did not have a fundraiser but it did not fit this year's venue very well, so I have a bucket in the back for you to consider donations to the Memorial Scholarship fund. If you so desire, please donate.

Jerry Payne – outgoing TS Directors who will retire at the end of the year please come forward to be recognized: Tim Reinke and Cody Scott. Also being recognized is the outgoing president Paul Loeffler. Each was presented with a plaque.

[There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 12:12 pm.](#)

Bruce S. Healy, Secretary