



# *The Australian Rangeland Society*

**Council meeting No. 213 – 20 January 2010**

## **MINUTES**

4pm Queensland Time by Teleconference

1. **Present:** John Taylor, Carolyn Ireland, Peter Marin, Graeme Tupper, Kate Masters  
**Apologies:** Peter Johnston, Annabel Walsh, Larissa Lauder
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** 25 November 2010 Council Meeting were approved – Moved Graeme, Seconded Kate, Carried.
3. **Business arising from the minutes:**
  - Honoraria. Peter J to write to each recipient. Carolyn will check with Peter where this is up to. Carolyn to forward payment information once this is done.
  - Professional Affiliation and Alliance Opportunities, Peter J to write to them.
  - Publications Committee to submit a concise Policy and Guidelines and Schedule of fees for Advertising in ARS Publications to Council for approval. Ken has drafted a policy for consideration by the Publications Committee before the final version is sent to Council.
  - Global Rangelands Repository. John recorded a conflict of interest – Carolyn took over the Chair. Recommendations from the previous meeting were:
    - that the Range Management Newsletter, Biennial Conference Proceedings and Abstracts of TRJ be made available for publication on the GRR but not full Journal articles.
    - some documents are already scanned in pdf format (TRJ Abstracts). There will be a cost to scan the balance of documents. It is recommended that the ARS seeks financial support from GRR for scanning the balance of the documents.Moved Carolyn, Seconded Peter M, Carried. Subject to Peter Marin examining the copyright and reporting to Ken and John Taylor.  
There is a GRR Project Meeting at SRM. John will report back to Council at the next meeting.
  - Potential new publishers for TRJ. Ken Hodgkinson has requested a 12 month extension on the CSIRO Publishing contract for TRJ. Council will approve 12 month contract on the proviso that John Taylor forward contract to Peter J and Peter M who will look at the contract, approve it and then John will sign it and send it to CSIRO. New Chief Editor – need to advertise nationally and internationally. Publications Committee are drafting the criteria.
  - Website requirements – John will feed Rangeland Alliance links to Ken Hodgkinson for the website once he has checked back with each organisation. Carolyn to send Geoff Axford (new SAAL NRM Board Regional Manager) details to John.
  - WA Conference Proposal. Larissa will attend the next Organising Committee Meetings in Perth and will update Council by email.

- IRC in Argentina. Requested a shared Trade Booth for ARS/RA/CSIRO Publishing. Registration still not up on the Website. Banner has been delivered to Carolyn.
- Review of Membership and Company memberships and discounts for attendance at the Rangelands Conference. Graeme and Kate have prepared a paper for this meeting. 18 categories rather than 20 but all still relevant. Newsletter now electronic – we should still deliver electronically rather than just post to the website. Printed copy for those who do not have email – if others want a printed copy then they should pay for it. Electronic Overseas Journal subscribers should pay a bit more for their subs because of the cost of overseas airmail. Conference discount is difficult. Some people who paid as members were not. Graeme has tried to make this fair – discounted registration (for members) should be the same as full Conference Registration less membership fees. Need to be sure that non-members do not try to register as members at the Kununurra Conference. John asked for number of members in each category to be added to the spreadsheet and also for the Ecological Society of Australia structure to be looked at. Graeme and Kate to consider all the comments from Council. Council to review the final report at next meeting in March.
- Changing articles to reflect the timeframe for calling meetings (currently 6 weeks) and advertising meetings on the website or by email. Hold this item over until we have other items for an Ordinary Meeting, (possibly the Membership Structure – John to check whether we need to do this).
- SRM Meeting in USA. Have a trade display at Billings for ARS/RA/CSIRO Publishing. John is prepared with a banner and promotional material. John will man this at morning and afternoon tea and lunch. 2012 SRM Meeting is in Spokane, WA.
- \$2000 travel grants awarded to Bob Shepherd, Christine Ferguson, Peter O'Reagain, Carolyn Ireland and Bob Karfs. Unsuccessful applicant Ray Thompson also notified.
- Appointment of Prof Murray MacGregor to the Publications Committee. John to write letters confirming these appointments.
- Extension of Associate Editor terms for another 3 years – Maria Fernandez-Giminez, Neil Macleod and Brandon Bestelmeyer. Approved by Council. John to write letters confirming these appointments.
- Proposal from CSIRO to list a paper by Gary Bastin in an Institutional Repository. Wait for a recommendation from Publications Committee.

#### **4. General Business:**

##### **4a. Membership – Graeme Tupper:**

Membership renewals went out this week. Membership 112 active members, 196 still to pay making a total of 308. Have received 15 membership applications which have not paid. There are 80-90 Institutional members. Noelene moving back to Australia – items due with her by the end of February for RMN publication in March. Members need to be followed up if they have not paid after this issue is published.

##### **4b. Finance – Peter Marin:**

In terms of the current financial situation we have a total of about \$274,0530 across the three bank accounts. The breakdown is about \$10,000 in the operating account. We have about \$19,000 in the conference account. Business Online Saver Account approx \$244,000 dollars. Memberships 2011 starting to filter in.

Professional Conference Organizers (PCO) for the Bourke Conference were responsible to report to Peter M so that he could submit the BAS forms. PCO tardy, and as a result our June and September BAS were not submitted on time. Tax Office enquiry ensued. BAS now submitted and we are currently up to date with the Tax Office. PCO have promised a final accounting which has still not arrived. We have also had problems with suppliers not

being paid. We need a Council Member more actively involved in the Conference in future and we ensure that we have a more professional and reputable PCO. Peter M will make contact with Larissa to apprise her of these issues and make sure that she is part of the group that chooses the PCO and is comfortable with them. PCO's need to provide evidence that they are competent Conference Organisers before they will be engaged..

#### 4c. Publications Committee

No report tabled.

#### 5. New Business:

#### 6. Correspondence:

##### INCOMING

26-Nov-10	Email	Tim Ferraro	To John Taylor enquiring about ATO matters
26-Nov-10	Email	Peter Marin	Explaining ATO matters
26-Nov-10	Email	Ray Thompson	Application for Travel Grant to attend IRC
28-Nov-10	Email	Bob Karfs	Application for Travel Grant to attend IRC
30-Nov-10	Email	Peter O'Reagain	Application for Travel Grant to attend IRC
03-Dec-10	Email	Link Digital	Quote for Banner
16-Dec-10	Email	Peter O'Reagan, Carolyn Ireland, Bob Karfs, Chris Ferguson	Thanking Council for their Travel Grants
22-Dec-10	Email	Chris Anderson	Accepting proposal to share Trade Booth
04-Jan-11	Email	Don Burnside	ARS 2012 Flyer for John to take to Billings
05-Jan-11	Email	Chris Anderson	Advising we need to send things to Billings in a timely manner because of US Customs etc

##### OUTGOING

09-Dec-10	Email	Link Digital	Accepting quote for Banner
15-Dec-10	Email	Christine Ferguson, Bob Karfs, Peter O'Reagain, Carolyn Ireland, Bob Shepherd	Awarding Travel Grants of \$2000 to attend overseas conferences
15-Dec-10	Email	Ray Thompson	Travel Grant not awarded as has not been a member for 12 months
16-Dec-10	Email	Bob Shepherd, Chris Ferguson, Bob Karfs	Welcoming them to the IRC Rosario contingent
19-Dec-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Informing PC of Council's decision to appoint Prof Murray MacGregor to the PC and to extend the terms of three Associate Editors
21-Dec-10	Email	Chris Anderson, CSIRO Publishing and John Taylor, RA	Offering to share Trade Booths at various International Conferences
06-Jan-11	Email	Link Digital	Large amount of email traffic re banner

#### 7. Next meeting – The next meeting will be held by teleconference on 17 March 2011 at 4 pm Queensland Time

Meeting closed at 5.30 pm.