



Texas Section Society for Range Management

August 5, 2019

Dear TSSRM Member,

The Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) will be hosting its annual meeting in Kerrville, Texas on October 9-11, 2019. The theme for this year's meeting is "***Celebrating 70 Years-A Legacy of Stewardship***". We will look back on where we came from and what the future might hold for TSSRM and Texas rangelands.

The agenda this year will include speakers on topics such as grazing, prescribed burning, brush, water, wildlife and education. Each topic will be presented by a seasoned professional and a younger professional. The more seasoned professional will be giving the presentation on the future, while the younger professional will talk more about the past. Pendleton presentations will be intermixed with the paired talks. The 3MT (3 Minute Thesis) presentations are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.

A tour of the historic Hillingdon Ranch in Kendall County will finish the 2019 annual meeting. The ranch was established by Alfred Giles in 1887. Mr. Giles was a renowned architect and designed many historic buildings in the San Antonio and Hill Country area. The ranch is currently managed by Robin Giles (grandson of Alfred Giles); his wife, Carol; their son, Grant; and Grant's wife, Misty. Registered Angus cattle, Fine Wool sheep, Angora goats, and White-tailed deer are the tools used for managing the native plants adapted to Hillingdon Ranch.

We hope that you will attend our annual meeting. The TSSRM Annual Meeting serves as the primary source of income to support scholarships, student contests, symposiums, field tours, publications, and professional meetings. Donations from individuals like you are essential for continuing these efforts. Contact Mark Moseley (mosemoseley@gmail.com 210-516-5038) if you would be interested in making a tax-deductible donation to our annual meeting.

Please take a look at the enclosed registration packet as you make your decision. If you have any questions regarding the meeting feel free to contact the Annual Meeting Planning committee members. Charles Anderson at 325-456-5771 aeconslt@wcc.net or Lee Knox at 325-725-2581 or leeaknox@yahoo.com. If you would prefer to pay for registration with a credit card, you may do so at <https://tssrm.flywheelsites.com/product/2019-annual-meeting/>.

Sincerely,

Lee Knox
Annual Meeting Co-chair

Charles Anderson
Annual Meeting Co-chair



2019 Texas Section Society for Range Management Annual Meeting



“Celebrating 70 Years-A Legacy of Stewardship”

Wednesday, October 9th

8:30am-11:30pm	Young Professionals Training- Bluebonnet Rooms
10:00am-Noon	Board Meeting – Board Room and Executive 1 &2
8:00am-12:00pm	Trade Show Set Up – Inn of the Hills Conference Center Hallway
1:00pm-6:00pm	Registration
2:00pm-4:30pm	3MT Presentations-Grand Ballroom, Inn of the Hills Conference Center
3:00pm-5:00pm	Trade Show – Inn of the Hills Conference Center
4:30pm-5:30pm	Business Meeting – Grand Ballroom, Inn of the Hills Conference Center
6:30pm-10:00pm	Welcome Mixer – Courtyard, Gazebo & Bluebonnet Rooms

Thursday, October 10th

6:30am-7:30am	Young Professional’s Breakfast – Bluebonnet 1 & 2
8:00am-5:00pm	Trade Show – Inn of the Hills Conference Center
8:00am-5:00pm	Registration
8:00am-Noon	General Session I – Grand Ballroom, Inn of the Hills Conference Center
8:30am-10:00am	Collegiate Plant ID Contest – Tennis Courts Inn of the Hills -Plant ID Contest Grading – Executive 1 & 2
10:30am-4:30pm	Student Posters on Display – Rooms C & D of Conference Center
8:00am-3:00pm	Membership Plant ID Contest – Rooms C & D of Conference Center
10:00am-11:00am	URME Contest – Bluebonnet 1 & 2 URME Contest Scoring – Bluebonnet 1 & 2
Noon-1:30pm	Awards Luncheon – Grand Ballroom, Inn of the Hills Conference Center
1:30pm-5:00pm	General Session II – Grand Ballroom, Inn of the Hills Conference Center
1:00pm-4:00pm	Student Poster Competition - Judging
6:00pm-7:00pm	President’s Reception –Atrium Inn of the Hills Conference Center
7:00pm-10:00pm	Awards Banquet & Dance – Grand Ballroom, Inn of the Hills Conference Ctr

Friday, October 11th

6:30am-7:30am	Past President’s Breakfast – Angora North & South Inn of the Hills
8:00am-1:00pm	Tour of Hillingdon Ranch-Board buses in front of the hotel

Young Professional's Program

“Respect on the Range: Optimizing Communications”:

This interactive discussion forum is to develop a channel of opportunity for effective and productive communication between young professionals and private landowners. Participation by landowners, agency employees, students, and young professionals is highly encouraged to acknowledge and appreciate the value of landowners, knowledge and experience of natural resource professionals, and the privilege of working together to carry out our legacy of land stewardship. Young professionals will recognize and strengthen skills in carrying out progressive conversations and collaborating to meet the needs of our rangelands. This discussion will develop a bridge of understanding, responsibility, and build a productive relationship in order to provide quality assistance, in while achieving the objectives of the operation and the ecological needs of the land.

The training is free, but we request that you register so we know how many to handouts to prepare.

3MT

The **Three Minute Thesis** competition or 3MT, is a competition that challenges graduate students to present their research in just 180 seconds, in an engaging form that can be understood by an intelligent audience with no background in the research area. This exercise develops presentation, research and academic communication skills and supports the development of research students' capacity to explain their work effectively.

Mentoring Program

This year, the Mentorship Committee is focused on building relationships amongst the membership. A Plant ID Contest will be held on Thursday, October 10th, using the Collegiate plants and format, pairing two members together to work as a team. A sign-up board will be available at the annual meeting to establish pairs and timeslots. A Membership Speed Dating Event will also be held during the Mixer, from 7 pm to 8 pm. Seasoned Members, please consider volunteering for a hour to be a stationary mentor during the speed dating event. If you would like to participate as a mentor during the event, please send an email to Alex Smith - Mentorship Committee Chair at Alexandra.smith@tx.usda.gov.

Membership Plant ID Contest

Once again, Barron Rector and Steve Nelle will set up a plant identification contest for the annual meeting. I am certain the contest will be as challenging as those in the past. We need to give Barron and Steve a pat on the back for making this an annual event.

Plant ID & URME

The College Activities Committee is charged to promote the participation of college and university students in the Texas Section. The committee also administers the Plant Identification contest to the college students. The contest consists of 50 live plants that have been grown in pots. There are a mixture of grasses, forbs and woody species. The students are asked to write down whether it is an annual or perennial, tribe or family, genus, species and native or introduced.

This committee also administers the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) that is put together by a third party. Students get tested on different range management questions and scenarios. The committee chair hands out the awards from these contests during the Awards Luncheon.

Photo Contest

The TSSRM Photo Contest Committee is now accepting photo contest entries till Friday, September 6th. Members are encouraged to submit their photos under 6 categories including Plants, People, Ranching & Livestock, Texas Landscapes and the Meeting Theme “Celebrating 70 Years -A Legacy of Stewardship.” We are excited to announce that the Grand Champion photo will be on the front cover of the February 2020 issue of The Cattlemen magazine. For contest rules and more information go to <https://tssrm.flywheelsites.com/photo-contest/>.

Pendleton Presentations

The Don Pendleton Memorial Collegiate Awards consists of oral and poster presentations from undergraduate and graduate students. Oral presentations will be given by graduate students or young professionals that have completed their research. These presentations highlight current research that occur from across the state and address many of the current wildlife or rangeland concerns that landowners encounter. Undergraduate and graduate students will also have posters about wildlife management, rangeland management, prescribed burning, herbicide use and many other topics that will be very informative. Each poster is developed by the student and provides information about each project or research with potential management implications useful to landowners or anyone interested in rangeland and wildlife management. Oral and poster presentations will occur throughout the day on Thursday, October 10th.

Shopping Spree

We are planning a self-guided shopping spree for spouses, but no purchase is required. We will be providing interested spouses a listing of several businesses in the Kerrville area that they can visit. Each business will certify that the spouse was in their store. Spouses will turn in their form when they return at the end of the day from their shopping excursion. Winners will be recognized during the banquet.

**Texas Section Society for Range Management Annual Meeting
Celebrating 70 Years: A Legacy of Stewardship**

October 9-11, 2019

Early Registration Cutoff – Friday, September 13, 2019

Registration Fee Includes: Mixer/Social, Awards Luncheon and Banquet

<u>Registration Fees</u>	<u>Cost/Person</u>		<u>Number</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>
	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>		
Guest (Exhibitor or non-member speakers only)	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
Member/Non-member	\$100	\$150	_____	_____
Spouse	\$60	\$65	_____	_____
Student	\$80	\$80	_____	_____
Day Registration (Meals included; Wed. or Thur. only)	\$75	\$75	_____	_____
 <u>Wednesday, October 9, 2019</u>				
NRCS/Extension Training Session	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
 <u>Thursday, October 10, 2019</u>				
Young Professionals Breakfast	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
Spouse's Shopping Spree	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
 <u>Friday, October 11, 2019</u>				
Past President's Breakfast	N/C	N/C	_____	_____
Tour (Limited to first 200 registrants)	\$25	\$25	_____	_____
			Total Amount	
			Enclosed \$	_____

**Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center
1001 Junction Highway, Kerrville, Texas 78028
1-800-292-5690**

Room Rate: \$93 per night. Ask for **Texas Section Society for Range Management Room Block** which ends **September 16, 2019**

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Return Registration Forms and Checks made payable to **TSSRM** to:

TSSRM Registration
Attn: Aaron Williams
7452 FM 1940
Franklin, TX 77856

Or Make Payments Online:

<https://tssrm.flywheelsites.com/product/2019-annual-meeting/>

For further information or refund requests (prior to September 27, 2019)
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