

WANTED - Nominations for National Awards

Names and qualifying information are needed for submission to the SD Section Awards Chairman and International Awards Committee for individuals that deserve state and national recognition for accomplishments in range.

Awards that are available for the SD Section are:

Excellence in Grazing Management - The producer affairs committee will solicit nominations for outstanding rangeland managers from throughout South Dakota on a yearly basis. One award may be given for each of the four designated geographic areas of the state. In the case of a geographic area not being represented by an award winner, recipients may be selected from other geographic areas, with the total number of award winners not to exceed four (4). Judges for this award will be appointed by the current President. Awards will consist of a suitable engraved plaque and a yard sign. Awards will be presented at the section's annual meeting.

Top Hand Award - This award will be offered on an annual basis and is intended for special recognition of those who have had a major impact on South Dakota rangeland and associated resources. Nominees will be considered whose actions are above and beyond what is normally expected or because of lifetime contributions. Nominations will come from the awards committee members, or from others that the committee may choose to seek advice from. Recipients need not be section members. The award will consist of a suitably engraved plaque and will be presented at the section's annual meeting.

Other Awards - The president, board of directors, and awards committee may select, as deemed appropriate, individuals for recognition of outstanding service to the section. Suitably embossed and framed certificates of appreciation will be presented at the section's annual meeting. There is no limit to the number of individuals who may receive these awards. Membership in the section is not required.

Awards that are available for the International Section are:

Frederic G. Renner Award - The premier Society award requires SRM membership and sustained accomplishments or contributions to range management during the last ten years. Includes honorarium. The primary criterion for selection of a recipient for this award is sustained outstanding accomplishment(s) in, or contribution(s) to, any aspect of range science and range management by a member of the Society during the past ten years. This award is for any individual or group of individuals working as a close team. This award generally signifies the apex of the recipient's career.

W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award - Requires SRM membership and effective maintenance or improvement of range resources with lasting efforts. Includes honorarium. This award has as primary criterion the recognition of exceptional landowners, land managers, administrators and counselors in the field of range management and supporting disciplines. This award should be timely and commensurate with advances in range management during the ten years prior to nomination. This award typically is given to one individual.

W.R. Chapline Research Award - Requires SRM membership and exceptional and sustained research accomplishments related to rangelands. Includes honorarium. This award has its primary criterion the acknowledgement of exceptional research in the field of diverse scientific disciplines related to range management. This award may be given to an individual or a group. The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding research professional for excellence in achievements.

Fellow Award - Requires SRM membership, continuous for at least ten years, in recognition of service and contributions to the Society. The primary criterion for selection of a recipient for this award is tangible evidence that the exceptional service performed by the nominee is widely effective and generally recognized throughout the Society.

Outstanding Achievement Award - SRM membership not required. Awarded for outstanding achievement (eminently noteworthy) in any range management-related area. Organizations (e.g., agencies, commodity groups) are not eligible for this award. Teams, whose accomplishments are individually inseparable, are eligible.

The Outstanding Achievement Award has been subdivided into two groups: Research and Academia; and Stewardship (ranchers, agency professionals, consultants). Each group will be ranked separately. If enough nominations are not received in either group, then the balance to be awarded in any given year will be considered from the other group.

The primary requisite for this award is tangible evidence that the professional contributions of the nominee are eminently noteworthy. Both individual and groups may be nominated for this award. Qualifying contributions may be, but are necessarily limited to: management practices, research, administration, teaching, writing, legislation, foreign affairs, business activities, or public relations.

Outstanding Young Range Professional Award - Requires SRM membership and recognizes superior performance and leadership potential in any range-related area. Nominee must be less than 40 years of age on January 1st of the year the award is conferred. The primary criterion for this award is tangible evidence that the nominee's accomplishments demonstrate extraordinary

potential and promise as a future leader in the range profession. The nominee shall have not reached his or her 35th birthday by January 1st of the year the award is to be conferred.

Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award - Designed to recognize SRM members for long-term contributions to SRM and range management. Requires tangible evidence of outstanding lifetime contributions to the art and science of range management and continued SRM involvement at both the Section and Society levels. This award will reward tangible evidence of sustained, outstanding lifetime contributions to the art and science of rangeland management.

Nominations are limited to five typewritten pages using the format shown below. **Ten copies of the nomination are due in the Denver office on or before April 30th.**

In the events of a tie vote by the Awards Committee, the first tiebreak is Section Award(s).

Detailed explanations of criteria and background of each award are included in the SRM Awards Committee Handbook. These are available from your Section Awards Committee chair, Section President or SRM Awards Committee chair and committee members. Please submit nominations in the proper category according to the criteria for the award. Major accomplishments germane to the specific award criteria should be emphasized in the nominations, especially in the justification statement.

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