



April 2020 SER-Rocky Mountain Chapter Member Newsletter

SER-RM Board Election Results!

The SER-Rocky Mountains Chapter would like to congratulate our **new Board of Director and Committee Chair members**. We did not need to have an election because we had a individual volunteer for each position.

The BOD and Committee Chairs are:

- * President: Jesse Dillon, Transitioning from Vice President
- * Vice President: Brock Bowles, New to Board
- * Past President: Mark Paschke, Transitioning from President
- * Treasurer: Garrett Stephens, Remaining in position
- * Secretary: Carla DeMasters, Remaining in position
- * Outreach Committee Chair: Michael Curran, Remaining in position
- * Membership Committee Chair: Marena Disbro, New to Board
- * Scientific Meeting Committee Chair: Jeremy Sueltenfuss, New to Board
- * Communications Committee Chair: Megan Bowes, New to Board

For more information about members, please visit
<https://chapter.ser.org/rockymountains/about/board/>

Upcoming SER-RM Webinar

Regenerative Solutions to Ecological Restoration Through the Carbon Soil Sponge

April 29, 2020, 6PM - 8PM

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the March 2020 RM SER Pub Talk and another big thanks for the hospitality provided at THERE... Community members gathered as Brittney Clements of Carbon Culture Mushrooms discussed ecological restoration through the carbon sequestration through the carbon soil sponge. The idea that carbon is not the enemy but rather has been massively displaced was discussed as well as ways in which conventional and industrial agriculture and land management have led to a degenerative system. This conversation offered a broad brushstroke over regenerative agriculture and land stewardship as solutions for ecological restoration and the importance of bringing life back into the soil.

Brittney will be the guest speaker for the **upcoming April 29th Wednesday Webinar** to continue the conversation around regenerative solutions to ecological restoration through the carbon soil sponge. The Wednesday Webinar will be an evolution of the March Pub Talk, and also stand alone on its own. She will address the much greater issues we are facing as a collective, global, community and how regenerative land management coincides with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Attendees will leave with a framework of principles which can then be applied practically anywhere in the world to fit the needs of the local and bio-regional environments. The soil really is a solution and every individual, community, country, or nation has the ability to respond and participate in symbiosis with our earth.

Registration:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2386360651777341708>

food, fun, and ecological restoration

HAR – SER-RM 2021 Conference

The High Altitude Revegetation Committee and SER-RM are now planning for the **April, 2021 conference**. Members are encouraged to join in the organizing

effort by volunteering to serve on one of the organizing committees, which include: Program, Advertising & Media Relations, Vendors and Sponsorship, Logistics, and Workshop/tour. **Please contact Jeremy Sueltenfuss**, Jeremy.Sueltenfuss at colostate.edu if you are interested in assisting.

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Professional Development Grant Call for Applications

Visit our website for eligibility information and application instructions:
<https://chapter.ser.org/rockymountains/grants/>

Recent Awardee: Garrett Stephens is a recent recipient of SERRM's professional development grant to attend the *Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop* in Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 2-4, 2020). This workshop was organized by the Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes (SWERI), which are Colorado Forest Restoration Institute (at Colorado State University), Ecological Restoration Institute (at Northern Arizona University), and New Mexico Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute (at New Mexico highlands University).

Said Stephens, "This event really focused on putting the work back in workshop, which is one element I really enjoyed. Breakout sessions were very helpful for having smaller group discussions so that everyone had a chance to share and ask questions. The workshop was well attended by a diversity of researchers and practitioners, so it was a great opportunity to learn about the successes and challenges of forest restoration collaboratives around the Southwest. We all seem to be facing a lot of the same challenges, although the collaborative I represent on the Colorado Front Range, the Upper South Platte Partnership, is focused on non-federal lands while most other attendees belonged to USFS-focused partnerships from the national Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program; clearly non-federal lands have fewer restrictions and red tape, and present neat opportunities for adaptive management."

"One of my primary take-aways, from more seasoned collaborators, was to ensure that collaboratives create solid foundational documents, which will maintain the vision and focus that can easily be lost as partners come and go and new ideas arise. I also came away with a sense of accomplishment, in that our collaborative has made great progress despite past and present difficulties. Thank you to SERRM, for helping me attend a very relevant and worthwhile

workshop.”

High Altitude Revegetation Committee is Sponsoring New Student Travel Awards



The High Altitude Revegetation (HAR) Committee promotes understanding of revegetation procedures when fragile high elevation and high plains ecosystems are disturbed by human activities. The committee is a grassroots group interested in the revegetation and restoration of plant communities and ecosystems.

The High Altitude Revegetation Committee (HAR) announces the availability of Student travel grants (\$1000) for students presenting a technical paper or poster at a national or regional land reclamation or ecosystem restoration conference in 2020. Three student travel awards will be presented this year. Applications due by 30 April 2020.

Visit the [HAR website](#) for information on how to apply.

RESCHEDULED: SER's North American Continental Conference

Québec RE3 Conference: Reclaim Restore Rewild

June 19th - 24th, 2021

Quebec, Canada

[Québec RE3 website.](#)



Note: The **2020 Conference has been POSTPONED to 2021** and will Resume in Quebec (not Korea as originally scheduled)

Since 2005, the SER World Conference has been the premier venue for those interested in connecting with the international restoration community. Our World Conferences are an exciting biennial gathering of experts in the scientific, technical, and socio-economic dimensions of restoring damaged and degraded ecosystems all biomes and on all continents. Conference attendees are passionate about discussing and debating big picture issues and broad trends, as well as specific tools, techniques, research, and policies for restoration.

SER is proud to host our next World Conference in Quebec City, Quebec, June 19 - 24, 2021. SER2021 will be the Society's 9th World Conference since 2005 and 25th meeting since our founding in 1988.

Jointly hosted by the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA), the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) and the Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS), the theme of the conference is "From Reclaiming to Restoring and Rewilding".



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