

SER-SW Chapter Board Meeting Agenda Q2 2020



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Week of April 6, 2020: Committee updates were collected via email and are provided below.

I. Outreach Committee – Rebecca Mann

The Outreach Committee/Collaborative Working Groups met on March 16. Meeting notes are below.

- Discussed and Identified near-term goals and their objectives
 1. CCWG contact list – potentially host on SER website?
 - Molly/Becky will follow up
 2. SER-SW working group list – on SER-SW website: encourage engagement
 - Becky will create listings for UT groups as an example
 - Will ask for input from others on SER-SW board
 - Create a blurb about working groups in upcoming newsletter and call for proposals
 3. How-To guide for starting a working group
 - SER-SW outreach materials: make available to RFP funded groups via link on drive
 - Becky will write a blurb for newsletter
 - Will solicit feedback from working groups contacted for suggestions for creating successful working groups

Task Progress and 4/7/2020 Updates

1. CCWG contact list
 - a. Molly and Becky contacted Laura Capponi about hosting CCWG contacts on SER website; awaiting response from Laura
2. SER-SW Working Group list
 - a. Becky drafted UT listings
 - b. Emailed SER-SW Board to solicit additional listings (details below)
 - c. Becky submitted a blurb about working groups for the newsletter; Molly will reach out to Lorelee for further details
3. How-To guide
 - a. Identified key questions to ask working group contacts for their feedback on what makes a successful working group
 - i. How long are your meetings?
 - ii. How long have the meetings been going on?
 - iii. How far do people travel for your meetings?
 - iv. How are the meetings comprised? (e.g. Speakers, all-group discussions, small group discussions)?
 - v. What positive aspects of your meeting format would you recommend to other working groups?
 - vi. What technology or innovations would you suggest to other working groups?
 - vii. What would you recommend avoiding, or what can go wrong in working groups?
 - viii. Any other advice for starting a working group?
 - b. Asked SER board to solicit feedback when contacting working groups

Request from the SER-SW board members (by April 17th if possible)

We need input to create the working group directory, particularly from Arizona, California, New Mexico, & Nevada. Below is a list of a few working groups in Utah, showing how the listings could be formatted. Feedback welcome. If you know of a working group to add to the directory, this is the info we need:

1. Name of the group
2. A blurb about their scope/mission (see examples below)
3. Meeting time of year & location
4. Contact person & email
5. A photo, if possible
6. Permission from a group leader to add them to the directory
7. Whether or not they receive funding from SER-SW

When contacting group leaders to get permission to add them to the directory, if you feel comfortable, we're also hoping to solicit their general feedback on running a working group, to inform our How-To guide; no deadline for this feedback. Here are a few questions pertinent to that:

4. How long are your meetings and how long have they been going on?
5. How far do people travel for your meetings?

6. How are the meetings comprised? (e.g. Speakers, all-group discussions, small group discussions)?
7. What positive aspects of your meeting format would you recommend to other working groups?
8. What technology or innovations would you suggest to other working groups?
9. What would you recommend avoiding, or what can go wrong in working groups?
10. Any other advice for starting a working group?

Directory Listings – Examples from Utah

Colorado Plateau Science and Management Forum

The purpose of the Colorado Plateau Science and Management Forum is to facilitate communication, collaboration and knowledge exchange between researchers and resource managers on the Colorado Plateau. The group was formed in response to interest generated at a 2016 Canyon Country Science Symposium meeting in Moab, Utah. It was clear that researchers and resource managers wanted more opportunities to discuss our most pressing and current resource management issues. The group plans to host a Forum meeting every two years with rotating locations across more northern Colorado Plateau locations. Attendance is limited to resource managers or those closely involved with resource management decisions and researchers, including students and post-docs.

Meeting Time of year: Fall (odd-numbered years)

Meeting Place: Rotating throughout the Colorado Plateau

Contact Person: Kristen Redd, kristen.redd@tnc.org

Canyon Country Restoration Workgroup (CCWG)

The Canyon Country Restoration Workgroup seeks to gather those working in ecological restoration in our region, including southeast Utah and southwestern Colorado, to discuss our restoration efforts and provide a space for idea sharing, knowledge transfer, and collaboration. Yearly winter meetings in Moab, UT, will provide an opportunity to network, learn, and share about projects occurring across the region. Each meeting has a centralizing theme, e.g. “Tools for restoration”, “Building restoration Collaborations”, or “Restoration of Soil”. Meetings will last approximately 2 hours and consist of invited talks, followed by group discussions and idea sharing. Talks generally will range 15-20 minutes and represent both management and research perspectives.

Meeting Time of year: early Spring (yearly)

Meeting Place: Moab, UT

Contact Person: Rebecca Mann, rmann@usgs.gov

Southeast Utah Riparian Partnership (SURP)

The SE Utah Riparian Partnership is a diverse public-private partnership of local, state and federal agencies; businesses; nonprofit organizations; and individuals. The group’s mission is to restore, protect and maintain a healthy riparian ecosystem in Utah’s Colorado River Watershed. All members of the Partnership are committed to information sharing, networking, and collaborative interdisciplinary action in research, planning, monitoring and on the ground project implementation. The Partnership works on riparian and riverside lands adjacent to the Colorado River, and its major tributaries and washes in Grand and San Juan Counties of Utah. Partners work to restore areas impacted by several invasive

plants including tamarisk, Russian olive, Ravenna grass and Russian knapweed. These introduced species out-compete native plants, often leading to diminished habitat, incised banks, simplified river channels and increased fire danger. In recent years the Partnership has also begun to address impacts of rapidly increasing recreational use in these riparian areas. The collaboration and commitment from both private and public entities involved in the SEURP is unique and allows for success on projects that would otherwise be difficult to accomplish.

Meeting Time of year: TBD

Meeting Place: TBD

Contact Person: TBD

<https://riversedgewest.org/about-us/partners/southeast-utah-riparian-partnership>

II. Herbicide Statement – Elise Gornish

Here is the most recent version of the herbicide statement:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nb04uQCuyCT2ahTgzgx--M7GqvOKQzE5XMiXBOEu38/edit>

Please provide any feedback within the next two weeks. After that, we can vote on next moves.

III. Student Chapter Updates – Elise Gornish

- a) U of A had plans to install a second pollinator garden at the Cooper Center (Tucson AZ), but these plans are now on hold, as are our bi monthly meetings.
- b) NAU : A lot of the things we were planning for the rest of the semester are on hold right now, but we do have some native plants (Penstemon, black-eyed susans, etc.) growing in the NAU greenhouse that we are hoping to sell at the farmer's market this summer. We also have new officers! Bella Johnson is our new president (ijj26@nau.edu).

IV. Communications update - Tiffany Pereira

I'm getting a hang of the Facebook page and the publishing tools available. The community really seems to like the job postings. I will be looking to post some light hearted postings, or simply some pictures that might be calming for people in these times. Sourcing information to post is what I am slowly building up. So if you receive updates from certain groups and communities, please forward them to me so I can join those mailing lists myself. If you ever get any other info that you thing might be worth sharing, do send it along as well. Also remember to share the page or posts within your own circles!

V. Grant RFP - Lorelee Larios

As a general reminder, we have 3 grants: Student Travel Grants to the SERSW conference, Student Association Grants, & Workshop Grants.

Here is the [RFP for the workshops](#). It is ready to distribute. I have been hesitant to do so given the current situation and restrictions in gatherings. But I would really appreciate your input on how to best proceed for this grant. Some questions in particular that I have are:

1. Should we have a fixed date or rolling deadline for submissions?

2. Should we restrict funds to workshops occurring after a certain date (granted, what that date would be is a bit of an unknown)?

3. Should we delay posting the RFP because of uncertainty in an applicant being able to hold workshops?

Community Engagement committee update - Becky is lead

International relations - Cameron is lead

Budget update - Vicky