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Notes From the Executive Director

It's hard to believe we are about 2 months out from what I am supremely confident is going to be an ISSRM for the history books in Houghton Michigan. Kathy Halvorsen, Richelle Winkler, Jill Fisher, and company have put together an amazing program and the response in terms of abstract submissions and registration has been most gratifying. If you have yet to make plans to go, I am here to tell you there is still time. As the guy in the Men's Wearhouse commercial says "You won't be disappointed, I guarantee it".

I want to thank outgoing Council members Courtney Flint, Becky Schewe and Rose Verbos for their years of hard work and valuable service. Sadly the ISSRM in Houghton will be their last in a Council role and we certainly hope and expect they will find other ways to stay engaged with us. They are 3 highly respected colleagues and valuable members whose presence we will continue to value in our organization. I also want to welcome newly-elected Council members Paige Fischer, Kristen Floress and Rudy Shuster to the fold and to welcome back the re-elected members, Neelam Poudyal and Erin Seekamp. I also want to welcome Shawn Olsen-Hazboun as incoming Student Representative and



Mysha Clark as Student Representative-Elect. There is no doubt that we have a talented group on Council going forward and I look forward to working with everyone. While I am acknowledging people, I want to thank Paulus and Jessica for the improvements to our web site and our information systems. Keeping track of IASNR and ISSRM matters has never been easier nor has registering for the conference. I also want to thank Jessica for the job she does interacting with individual members, Council and ISSRM planners. As our organizational activities expand, her role has grown ever more important in looking after the myriad of details involved in our day to day operations.

Before closing, I want to call attention to two other things. One is thanks to some excellent facilitation by Steve

Daniels at our mid-year Council retreat in Tempe in February and editorial work by our Secretary Joan Brehm, we are closing in on having an Operations Manual for the organization detailing the roles and responsibilities for officers, Council members, staff and for our permanent committees. This is a helpful step forward as our organization matures and should be particularly helpful for new Council members and the next slate of officers. In a related matter, we have posted some additional constitutional and bylaw changes relating to future terms of office for officers and Council members. Tom Fish will have some details in an article on pg. 4, but one major change we are proposing is to shorten terms of office for officers and Council members to three years in the hopes of attracting more candidates to run for these (particularly officer) positions in future elections. We plan a vote on the proposed changes at the business meeting in Houghton in time for the changes, if approved to take effect in time for the next election.

Let me close by saying how much I look forward to seeing everyone in Houghton!!!

ISSRM 2016



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REGISTRATION
FOR
ISSRM 2016
IS NOW
OPEN!

Go to the
[ISSRM 2016 Website](#)
to complete
your
registration.

Submitted by Kathy Halvorsen and Richelle Winkler:

The 22nd International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) will be held at the [Michigan Technological University](#) in [Houghton, Michigan](#), USA on the [Keweenaw Peninsula](#) near Lake

Superior. The 2016 ISSRM will offer excellent opportunities to engage a diverse community of scholars, practitioners, and decision-makers and to experience Yooper (Upper Peninsula of Michigan – or “U.P.”) culture in person. Along with the typical complement of activities – e.g., student forum, quiz bowl, posters, presentations, and organized sessions – the 2016 ISSRM will foster creativity and disciplinary integration through excellent keynote speakers, social events, field trips, and local recreational opportunities.

The 2016 ISSRM theme is [Transitioning: Toward Sustainable Relationships in a Different World](#). Climate change, environmental degradation, and resource limitations as well as globalization and demographic transitions, have created a present and future world very different from the industrialization and limitless economic growth of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Our world is facing serious social and ecological (socioecological) transitions. Agencies, governments, communities, and businesses are struggling to adapt to these new realities

that are increasingly challenging hegemonic social relationships with the natural world. The theme “Transitioning” seeks to capture the fear, urgency, excitement, opportunities, and challenges associated with the myriad socioecological changes facing the international community.



Photo Credit: Chris Henderson

With over 425 registrants to date and 500 submissions for papers, posters, and organized sessions, this year’s ISSRM meeting is certain to be full of exciting research, discussions, and engagement among social scientists and decision-makers from around the world. We look forward to seeing you all in Houghton, Michigan June 22-26th, 2016.



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Elections Committee

Submitted by Tom Fish:

IASNR strives for the organizational leadership to be “broadly representative of the membership reflecting a balance of: (1) disciplinary orientations in the social sciences; (2) natural resource management fields; and (3) professional practice” (e.g., academic and agency scientists; resource managers; domestic and international scholars; mid-career and seasoned professionals). Service on the IASNR Council affords members the opportunity to contribute substantially to current operations and future directions of the organization. The Council has approved proposed amendments to the IASNR Bylaws to reduce the term of service for Executive Officer and professional Council positions from four to three years. This would result in a three-year cadence for positions, with three of the nine professional Council positions, along with the new Student Representative-Elect position, elected every year; and Executive Officer positions elected every three years. Under the proposed process, the next call for nominations would be issued in late 2016 and elections would be held in early 2017. The proposed amendments to the election process and term

of service are currently under consideration by the membership for approval at the IASNR General Assembly in June at the 2016 ISSRM.

For additional information, visit the “About IASNR” tab on the [IASNR](http://www.iasnr.org) website or contact the Elections Committee c/o Tom Fish (Tom_Fish@nps.gov).



Site Selection Committee

Submitted by Gene Theodori:

The ISSRM Site Selection Committee is pleased to announce that the **24th ISSRM will be hosted by Utah State University at the Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort near Salt Lake City, UT, June 17-21, 2018.** The proposed symposium theme is “Landscape Legacies & Global Trajectories.” Symposium co-chairs include:

Richard Krannich, Professor, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology, Utah State University

Jordan Smith, Assistant Professor, Department of Environment and Society, Utah State University

More information will be forthcoming. As always, the Site Selection Committee is actively seeking host institutions for future symposia.

And don’t forget that ISSRM 2017 will be in Umea, Sweden, June 19-22, 2017!

IASNR Governance Update

Submitted by Tom Fish:

The IASNR Council met in February to discuss a number of topics related to IASNR governance, operations, and activities. This included taking a look at organization objectives, membership characteristics, student engagement, Executive Officer, Council, and Committee roles and responsibilities, and member- and community-of-practice- oriented products and services (e.g., publications, ISSRM, professional development opportunities). The Council discussed and approved several actions and associated amendments to the IASNR Constitution and Bylaws to improve consistency, efficiency, and transparency for the organization. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws, a notification and solicitation for review and comment was distributed via email to the membership in March. A brief summary of the proposed changes is included below.

- Establish an organizational Code of Ethics outlining appropriate and expected conduct, professional standards, associated policies and procedures, oversight, enforcement, and sanctions. Agreement with the conditions of the IASNR Code of Ethics will be a standard requirement for all members and participants in IASNR events, programs, and activities (see “Review” link below for additional details).
- Establish as a permanent Standing Committee, an Ethics Committee responsible for promoting ethical conduct of members, investigating complaints concerning the ethical conduct of members, and imposing sanctions when violations of the IASNR Code of Ethics have occurred (see IASNR Constitution Article 8.2).
- Establish as a permanent Standing Committee, an Audit Committee responsible for oversight of the organization’s bookkeeping and financial reporting processes, selection of the external auditor, and development and oversight of strategies implemented for internal control and risk manage-

ment (see IASNR Constitution Article 8.3).

- Reduce the term of service for IASNR Executive Officer and professional Council positions from four years to three years (see IASNR Bylaws Article 6.4 and 7.3).
- Modify frequency of elections for Executive Officer positions from every four years to every three years (see IASNR Bylaws Article 7.4).
- Modify frequency of elections for professional Council positions from biennial to annual, with solicitation for nominations and elections for three of nine professional Council positions, and the Student Representative-Elect position, held every year (see IASNR Bylaws Article 6.7).
- Standardize term of service start/end dates for Executive Officer and Council positions to coincide with IASNR fiscal year, January 01-December 31 (see IASNR Bylaws Article 6.4, 6.5, and 7.3).

The formal “[IASNR Constitution/Bylaws and Code of Ethics – Solicitation for Member Review](#)” is available on the IASNR website at: www.iasnr.org/?p=1904. Please review and provide comments, indicating the specific Article and corresponding document (i.e., constitution or bylaws) for each. Comments must be submitted by email to **IN-FO@iasnr.org** no later than **June 15, 2016**. All submitted comments will be reviewed and compiled for presentation before the IASNR General Assembly at the 2016 ISSRM, where a vote by the membership will be administered to approve the Code of Ethics and ratify all proposed amendments.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful review and consideration.
~IASNR Council

Student Affairs Committee

Submitted by Rose Verbos:

The IASNR Student Affairs Committee has been busy getting ready for ISSRM 2016, updating the student sections of the website, and reinvigorating student chapters. Below you can read some updates from the S.A.C. sub-committees. However, we first look forward to welcoming Shawn Olson-Hazboun from Utah State University as the new Student Representative and Mysha Clarke from Purdue University as the new Student Representative-Elect. Following is a bit about each of their goals for moving the Student Affairs Committee forward over the next few years.

A message from Shawn Olson-Hazboun: Hello to all student members! I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to serve you as the Student Representative of the SAC. I am looking forward to stepping into this role at ISSRM 2016 and to pick up where the former Student Representative has left off. I am particularly excited about continuing to find ways to provide more professional resources for student members, not only through the Student Forum at our annual meeting, but throughout the year as well. I am especially committed to making resources available for both academic and non-academic career tracks. If there is anything that you think would be particularly useful, such as webinar or workshop on a certain topic, please email me at shawn.k.olson@usu.edu. Hope to see you in Houghton!

A message from Mysha Clarke: I am honored to be selected as a student representative elect for the upcoming year. I look forward to all the wonderful opportunities IASNR has to offer in addition to contributing my part to build on the Student Affairs Committee. In particular, I would love to work with the collaboration committee by focusing on strategies to recruit and maintain members for the SAC committees and sub-committees. In addition, I look forward to working with the student chapters and together finding ways and activities to keep them connected with each other and IASNR members in

the organization outside of ISSRM annual meetings. Thank you for electing me, I anticipate having a great year with the organization.

Be sure to meet them at ISSRM 2016, introduce yourself, and find out how you can get involved in new student initiative.

Collaboration Committee – Chaired by Allie McCreary, North Carolina State University

The Collaboration sub-committee would like to remind you that any student IASNR member interested in forming a student chapter, can find more information online (from the IASNR homepage, click on "About IASNR and our journals" or follow this link: http://www.iasnr.org/?page_id=124)

There are templates for chapter constitutions and by-laws, as well as a chapter application form, all of which are required to form a student chapter. Requests for additional information can be directed to current S.A.C. chairs. Existing student chapters should complete and submit their Application Renewal form by June 30th .

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Student Affairs Committee Cont.

Here is an update of what to look for at ISSRM 2016 this year:

*Professional Development –
Chaired by Jennifer Dunn, Michigan
Technical University*

This committee is currently working to coordinate the ISSRM 2016 Student Forum held on Sunday June 22nd. Our goal this year is to engage participants in discussion topics selected by the student committee and provide networking opportunities for the students. Student participants can expect to attend sessions on academic publishing, non-academic and academic career paths, a meeting on how to start an IASNR student chapter, and a CV/resume workshop. Be sure to sign-up by checking the “ISSRM Student Forum” box on your ISSRM Registration Form. Registration is capped and will close once filled

**Get ready for another great
ISSRM Student QUIZ BOWL!!!**

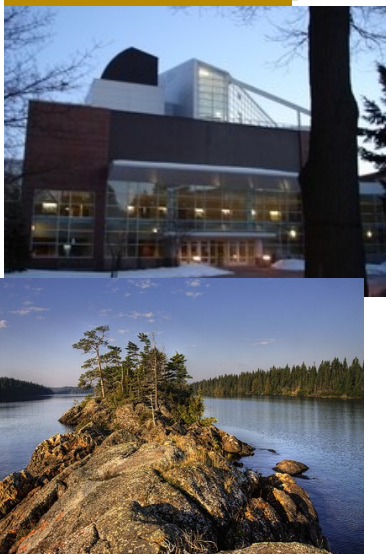
The IASNR Student Affairs Committee and ISSRM coordinators are hoping you will join us for this year's ISSRM Quiz Bowl in Houghton, Michigan on June 24 from 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm, right before the picnic on the Lake Superior! The Quiz Bowl is always a fun event where students compete with each other in a Jeopardy-style format answering theoretical, methodological and local area knowledge questions. We

hope to encourage some friendly competition and also help students to meet each other.

This year, we will have 5 teams consisting of 4 students per team (undergrad and/or graduate students). Three "university teams", each of these team will represent a specific university, one international team with students from universities outside the U.S., and one team of students who want to participate but are not on another team, these can be students from any country. We will provide prizes for the winners and free beverages and snacks for the participants and the audience! There is still time to sign-up for this year's Quiz Bowl, please email to Mayra Sanchez mo-sanche@mtu.edu for further details. Looking forward for this fun event!.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions! We hope to see you at ISSRM 2016.

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