

IASNR Council Meeting Minutes¹

Date: June 22, 2020

Time: 7-9 am US PT/8-10 am US MT/9-11 am US CDT/10 am-12:00 pm US ET/4-6 pm Central European ST/DK time/ 1-3 am AEDT Australian Eastern Daylight Time (Tuesday, June 23, 2020)

Location: Virtual

Voting Council Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carla Koons Trentelman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gladman Thondhlana
<input type="checkbox"/> Tanya Howard	<input type="checkbox"/> Rich Stedman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carena Van Riper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brett Alan Miller
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chloe Wardropper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jens Emborg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Azahara Mesa-Jurado	

Non-Voting Council Members Present:

Susie Sidder

Executive Officer Present: Steve Daniels Courtney Flint Zhao Ma

Incoming Executive Officers: Bill Stewart Becky Schewe Lee Cerveny

Incoming Council members: Kindra De'Armen Jesse Abrams Kate Sherren

IASNR / SNR Office Present:

Jessica Hill Paulus Mau

SNR Editors-in-Chief Present:

Tasos Hovardas Emily Huff

Call to Order: 10:04 am U.S. ET by Steve

1. Approval of Minutes

- Brett moved to approve the May Council meeting minutes. Carena seconded. All voting members voted pass.

2. Treasurer's Report (See Appendix 1 for more detail)

- Thanks everyone who reached out to individual members. This effort has really helped to bring up our member numbers.
- We probably want to hold a big membership drive in the fall.

¹ **Yellow** highlights are approvals/actions or votes taken. **Blue** highlights are to-do items.

- The budget looks a bit different from a month ago mostly because Courtney made some adjustments to the budget and categories to make it clearer. Overall, we are doing pretty well.
- Jessica: The membership number was from a few days ago, and new members are still coming in as people continue to register for the virtual meetings.
- Bill: We seem to only lost around \$2,000 for ISSRM 2020? Courtney: We were able to get most of expenses refunded.
- Steve: A comment for Becky – One of the challenges has been trying to figure out what expenses from the past will occur again in the future which affects sub-budget categories etc.
- Courtney/Jessica/Becky: We do not use QuickBook because it is not compatible with PayPal, which is the way most income comes in. However, our accountant is not happy about not using QuickBook, so that will have to be resolved at some point.

3. All-Members Meeting (General Assembly)

- In our Constitution and Bylaws, this is called General Assembly, but we have been calling it All-Members Meetings. If this is the name we want to use, we might need to change it in the future.
- Jessica explained how the app and the process work.
- Each committee needs to record a video and the deadline is today (June 22). If need a few extra days, please let Jessica know.
- Two live Q&A sessions will be scheduled to accomodate different time zones. All three EOs can attend both sessions. If someone is a committee chair but cannot attend any of the live Q&A sessions, please let Jessica know.
- WHOVA is flexible with video recording platforms. Just make sure it does not require a password to access.
- Chloe: Do we need to have a member from each committee to be at each of the two sessions?
- Only the chair needs to record the video for each committee.
- Steve: If we have an hour on the schedule and people want to join later during the hour, do we need to be there for the whole hour just in case people join late?
- Gladman: It's my first time doing this. Any examples?
- Zhao will complete her video and send it to Jessica and Gladman as a potential example.
- Jessica can share 2019 All-Members Meeting meeting notes so people can see what were reported by the committees last year. (DONE)
- Steve proposed four topics for the short video: (1) scope of the committee, (2) things we've done in the last year, (3) things we expect to do next year, (4) solicitation for involvement.
- Carena: One of the Site Selection Committee members suggested having future hosts to add their videos to this as well. Are they going to do it?
- Jessica: It might be hard to get 2021 host videos. So the plan is to make promotional effort for the 2021 meeting in September/October.
- Steve/Courtney feedback: It will be important to have their presence at the meeting because our members will be expecting that.
- Zhao will send an email to Max/Troy, cc-ing Steve and Jessica. (DONE)

4. ISSRM Name Change Survey

- Survey may be a confusing word. But for all member votes, we normally just have people raise their hands. This time we might have to do a poll to take the votes.
- Steve will mention this, but this topic needs to be its own video for the All-Members Meeting.

5. Committee Updates (if any)

- Publications Committee: Working on the book. Acknowledging \$800 from IASNR for publications.
- Communications Committee: We sent out a statement from IASNR about condemning violence and supporting justice.
 - Brett: Maybe we should post the statement on the IASNR website and on Twitter and Facebook as well. (Zhao followed up with Jessica. Jessica posted this information in Twitter after the email to all members went out. However, she does not have access to FaceBook.)
- Ethics Committee: A proposal to change the Ethics Committee to Ethics and Diversity Committee
 - It is going to be a voting matter for the Council. It won't be a voting matter for the whole membership.
 - Steve: I will be supportive of the name change if the committee's work reflects the responsibilities on diversity. How about the Committee send a updated scope of work for the Ethics Committee so the Council could make a vote?
 - Currently, we only have an ISSRM diversity statement, and the Committee is working on a diversity statement for IASNR.
 - Brett: Even though all members do not have to vote on this name change matter, it might still be something important to bring to all members.
 - Gladman: I remember engaging in a conversation and drafting of a document a while ago that was quite comprehensive. Can anyone help explain how the current effort differs from that document?
 - Chloe: The previous document was the Code of Ethics. It was explicitly focused on ethics and not explicitly on diversity.
 - Carla: It is important to not pigeonhole diversity in one box. Where are the different places in our organization that we can work on to make it more inclusive? For example, are there things the Elections Committee can work on to make sure we get broader representation? Could SAC be doing something about diverse students? Are we representing a wide range of nations when we say we are an international organization? What is SNR doing? These are just some examples. So we are making structural changes/improvements.
 - Brett: There are a lot of specific rules about how different IASNR committees work, but it might be important to also remind ourselves of the other broader objectives (such as diversity) that need to be addressed by all the committee work we do.
 - Steve: By having diversity be the responsibility of one specific committee shouldn't make it not a responsibility for all committees to work on it, but it will make the specific committee the lead in our efforts to move all other committees and the organization to continue working on it.
 - Becky: For another organization, we have a separate diversity committee with a member from each committee joining as a liaison/member.

- Kindra: Similarly for another association, they also have their own diversity committee. One thing they just passed as part of the Bylaws is to have their leadership to report on efforts they made in the past year to reduce racial disparities. If someone is interested, I am happy to talk about this in more detail.
- Courtney: I do believe committees are named in the Bylaws and Constitution. We create ad hoc committees at times, but there are some named standing committees. This needs to be reviewed for process. If member vote needed, will need to be in 2021 as too late for the 60 day notification process this year.
- Chloe: The Ethics committee will work on a proposal for adding diversity and inclusion work to the committee structure.
- Steve: Encourage the Ethics Committee to think broadly of all these options and come up with a proposal.

6. SNR Journal Update (See Appendix 2 for more detail)

- Tasos: Last week for the current EICs. Will stop screening manuscripts at the end of June. Prepared an annual report for 2019. We saw an increase in submission numbers, published several special issues, saw a growing community of scholars from around the world submitting to the journal, and saw improved statistics (e.g., shortened turn-around time). Specific highlights from presentation include but not limited to:
 - Increase in total # of manuscripts
 - 63 countries represented
 - Turnaround time has decreased steadily in last three years.
 - # of manuscript revisions has fluctuated considerably
 - More detailed statistics and trends can be found in Appendix 2.
- Steve comments for new EICs: Desk rejections are an essential part of the process. New editors should consider their rationale for desk rejections, perhaps consider sending a few out to associate editors as a double check on the process to see if there is agreement. This would be a check on the validity of this process.
- Tasos: With the number of submissions increasing, we cannot continue without increasing the desk rejection rate. We can consider this point and ask associate editors for opinions, but 2 editors typically have the full overview off the journal and associate editors do not. Screening has to be more strict.
- Emily: EICs will see all submissions and will have overview. Have thought about sending a few out for second opinion by associate editors for specific types of articles.
- Steve: Only suggesting this process for a rare spot check. This is a decision in the power of the editor-in-chief and is very much their purview. I'm sure you will be very thoughtful about this process. I believe there shouldn't be an effort to reduce turnaround time any further. It's at a good level, it can stay at that level. Don't want to sacrifice quality of review. The journal is in great hands.
- Emily: Kristen and Emily have begun to recruit new Associate Editors and Editorial Board Members.
- Brett: Opportunity for process to be as inclusive as possible. As we reach out to Assoc Editors, thinking about diversity is important.

7. Ethics Committee

- Steve: Any more on ethics committee? Hearing none.

8. Site Selection

- Jessica: Jessica, Matt Carroll, and Gene Theodori are working on a new proposal to meet in Maine in 2023. Jessica Leahy is local person involved, along with Matt Carroll's nephew. Proposal is nearing completion. Discussions with local hotel has included discussion of possible pandemics and looks like assurance of full refund. A goal is to have a meeting option in case a meeting falls through – this is a trial run.
- Carena: From site selection committee, we are excited about this proposal. Azahara and Carena as co-chairs of site selection have been discussing scope of committee and plans to get people together to talk about proposals for 2023 and beyond. Feel free to nudge colleagues to consider submitting proposals.
- Jessica: We seem to have growing interests in journal submissions from Latin America, Scotland, but few members. We can have a plan b proposal in various regions as needed with members who are interested in hosting, but do not have university support or time for full hosting duties. IASNR can do more of the hard work of putting on a meeting. This is the idea behind the Maine proposal.

9. SAC

- Student Forum Update
 - Brett: First, student forum planning is moving forward. Will be held Monday July 13th. Will have synchronous session.
- Student Paper Competition Update
 - Brett: Update on student paper competition. After getting the information out on changes, we had 7 PhD papers submitted and 1 undergrad paper. No masters papers were submitted. Of the 7 phd papers, 5 were single authored. A year ago, we talked about changing this rule on single author. We saw an increase in 2 papers. This year, the paper competition is not contingent upon conference presentation, but is on membership. Suggest continuing to disassociate from conference presentation will increase # of paper's submitted and could serve as a potential recruiting method. This is the most submissions we have had in recent years.
 - Kindra: Question about authorship and masters paper.
 - Brett: Nothing was rejected as being too late.
 - Kindra: Opening up scope without having formal requirements is a good recruitment method. Considering including membership as part of award.
 - Brett: Currently, have to be a member to be eligible to win the award. Always open to conversation about how to help students pay for the \$50 membership fee.
 - Jessica: We don't make students be members by time they submit abstracts, just need to be member and registered by the time the conference occurs.
 - Kindra: What's the suggestion moving forward?
 - Brett: This will need to be voted on when Susie is student rep and Kindra is student rep-elect. We had best submissions because we eliminated the conference as a barrier to submitting to the student paper competition. Paper submissions should not be tied to conference presentation.
 - Steve: Work with Bobby on how to move forward, particularly about disassociating paper submission without conference attendance. Would be good to have in place for next year. Because the competition is so much Bobby's game, let's make sure he is involved and invested in this moving forward.

- Brett: Will do. We will come up with a plan of action for transition. Bobby has been involved for years. We need to acknowledge this assistance and make plans for the future.
- Student Affairs Committee Update
 - Brett: Onboarded Kindra (earlier than has been in the past). Making plans for SAC.
- Mentorship Effort
 - Kindra is working with member of professional development committee.
 - Kindra: Ad hoc committee with someone from mentorship committee (Tanja S) and 2 others (Mark, Danya) have had conversations on what is feasible for the coming year. Decided that it would be extremely challenging in traditional format (previously paired people in advance and then they meet in person at conference). SAC discussed that it might be useful with running mentorship due to online format, might be best to receive some qualitative info from IASNR members on mentorship. Ad hoc will run four live focus groups – two for mentees and two for mentors. We are putting together questions, email for recruitment, content for program to go online. It will be very different, but it's an opportune time to develop and work on our mentorship program so we are providing what people are looking for and best process for mentorship. Open for suggestions.
 - Bill: Sounds interesting and important. Wondering about nonmembers. Are you thinking about students who are not members?
 - Kindra: It's tricky because link will be thru whova app and only open to members.
 - Brett: We could potentially get the link out in other avenues. We should consider participation by people who are not members this year.
 - Bill: Could be a different set of questions for those on cusp of membership. Could be worthwhile to explore.
 - Kindra: In recruitment email, could provide zoom links.
 - Courtney: Need to make sure we only provide mentorship to those who are members
 - Brett: This is only about the focus groups, not mentorship itself.
 - Brett: This year, Brett will stay student membership thru the virtual conference. Then Susie will take over and Kindra will be student rep elect.
- Transition of Student Leadership

10. Update on Virtual Conference

- Steve: Remainder of time for update on virtual conference. Jessisca is carrying the ball on this. We owe her a great gratitude for her efforts to pull this all together.
- Jessica: Some things I thought were easy were not, some things I thought were difficult were easy. 159 submissions for videos and 33 for posters. We will have about 200 presentations, 3 workshops, and 10 panel sessions. People are excited about this. Trying to maintain element of an in-person meeting style, but some flexibility. Ask for 10-15 minute presentation, but some are longer. Hardest thing is that people aren't reading the information sent to them. Worked hard on information on website, but 50-100 emails a day on simple questions on website. In future, instead of having website information, we should have a short video for instructions. Many reminders sent on deadline, but over 200 people were surprised by deadline. Normally, work with about 100 people on abstracts, but with this virtual conference, working with nearly everyone on process. A video with instructions might help. We are allowing people to present in different languages. Would love to see this at ISSRM. Working with about 50-60 people on late submissions. Hoping to have

conference app live a week before the conference so people can get set up and see what they want to attend. Hard to find common times for live Q&A. Hope is that there's an hour break between live sessions and no more than 5 per day. But looks like more people are available in the first conference week than the second. Working to find moderators. I will start the zoom link and the moderator will guide the questions/discussion. People can extend in discussions longer than normal. There is nothing running in parallel. Student forum, and Q&A forum schedules are in hand, need the mentorship schedule. Any questions?

- Carena: Question about broader involvement in sessinos. Will nonmembers be encouraged be able to access the links for the conference?
- Jessica: Only way to have access to the app is by invitation. No, no non-members can attend. This was the goal to increase membership. Universities are paying for these in some cases when we change invoice language. We have a 30 day subscription so can't open it just yet. The link from Zoom could be posted and forwarded, but not sure. A co-author that is not a member might be able to join, hard to police. The video links cannot be shared. Can only be accessed thru app.
- Steve: Follow up question. After the conference is over, is there a place where the videos can be posted like a proceedings? So people can have access?
- Jessica: We talked about that. We could send a follow up email to see if people are interested in that. Now, videos are hosted by individuals so we don't host them. There was hope of putting this on IASNR channel, but there were concerns. Keynotes will be on IASNR channel. But otherwise, there were some privacy concerns. It could be only on members only portion of website or open to everyone.
- Jens: It's really great the work you have been doing to organize the conference. May have a lot to offer in the future with climate change. If fruitful, may offer new ways. Interested in Q&A sessions that have the chance to be extended which is what I have been missing in conferences. Quite excited to see how it all plays out.
- Jessica: In-person conference, people use the community forum in the Whova app. Hopefully people will use this with research now. We are watching all the videos now which is cumbersome. They were put together thoughtfully, especially by students. Overall, people are doing a really good job. Excited about this – it helps the non-native English speakers.
- Steve: Thanks to Jessica for her energy, innovation and courage for trying the format.

11. Other business: N/A

12. Motion to adjourn by Carena and a second by Carla

Appendix 1. IASNR Treasurer's Report – June 22, 2020

		<u>Current</u>	<u>January '20</u>
Current Asset Balance as of June 18, 2020:	Bank Balance	\$ 30,688.26	
9,389.17			
	Vanguard	\$464,949.89	463,809.36
	In PayPal	\$ 8,551.85	
	Total	\$504,190.00	473,198.53

Adjusted Budget (as of 6-18-20)

Income for 2020	
Taylor & Francis Contract	\$ 45,000.00
Memberships	\$ 19,695.00
Subscriptions	\$ 10,955.00
ISSRM Refund	\$ 15,752.32
Taylor & Francis Event Support	\$ 1,500.00
Taylor & Francis Paper Award	\$ 500.00
Donations for 2020 Founder's Challenge	\$ 503.70
AmazonSmile	\$ 46.12
Dividends	\$ 5.62
	\$ 93,957.76
Expenditures	
Jessica Contract	\$ 43,923.48
Paulus Contract for 2020	\$ 11,256.50
Jessica Office Expenses	\$ 1,250.00
Subscriptions for 2020	\$ 10,955.00
PayPal Fee on Revenue	\$ 1,074.48
Misc Office Expenses (incl software)	\$ 1,500.00
Accounting Services	\$ 2,000.00
SNR Editor Stipends	\$ 2,000.00
SNR Rollover from UMT	\$ 500.00
PayPal Subscription	\$ 360.00
PayPal Fee on Revenue	\$ 1,074.48
Zoom	\$ 160.39
UT Tax Office	\$ 10.00
ISSRM 2020	\$ 18,019.00
Virtual Conference	\$ 3,024.00
ISSRM 2022	\$ 1,311.49
IASNR D&O Insurance	\$ 800.00
Bank Fees	\$ 250.00
Postage	\$ 100.00
SNR Paper Award	\$ 500.00
U Press of Colorado (for Energy book)	\$ 800.00
Total	\$ 100,868.82
Budget Balance	\$ (6,911.06)

Memberships have doubled since last council meeting!

9 Emeritus
212 Professional
91 Students
312 Total

Focusing only on 2020 related income & expenditures, I anticipate a loss for 2020 of roughly \$7,000.

We will likely have ISSRM 2021 expenses in 2020, but I haven't included those in this current budget. If we are not able to host ISSRM 2021 in Portland, the loss could be substantial. I will work on a budget for 2021 for future reporting.

Appendix 2. SNR Editors-in-Chief Annual Report

Society & Natural Resources Annual Report 2019-2020 (YTD)

Linda S. Prokopy and Tasos Hovardas (Editors-in-Chief)
Jessica Hill (Assistant Editor)

SNR Editorial Board Annual Meeting
Virtual Meeting
June 24, 2020

1. Introduction

The 2020 calendar year (Vol.33 of the journal), is the third and final year of Linda Prokopy and Tasos Hovardas' appointment as Editors-in-Chief. Starting July 1, 2020 Kristin Floress and Emily S. Huff will begin their transition as the new *SNR* Editors-in-Chief. Prokopy and Hovardas will officially finish their term December 31, 2020.

As of May 1, 2020, six issues of Vol.33 (2020) have been completed and submitted to Taylor & Francis and have been published online. The layout for Issues 7-12 will be drafted in the coming weeks/months.

The Editors-in-Chief greatly appreciate the strong, supportive role *SNR's* Book Review Editors Claudia Benham (James Cook University, Townsville, Australia) and Laura Verbrugge (University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland) and *SNR's* Associate Editors (ASEs) play in editorial review process: Nabin Baral (University of Washington), Joan Brehm (Illinois State University), Megha Budruk (Arizona State University), Stuart Carlton (Texas A&M University), Michael Carolan (Colorado State University), Timothy Collins (University of El Paso), Peter Cronkleton (Center for International Forestry Research, Lima, Peru), Bethany Cutts (North Carolina State University), Ashley Dayer (Virginia Tech), Jun He (Yunnan University, China), Gordon Hickey (McGill University, Canada), Trevor Hill (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa), Gerard Kyle (Texas A&M University), Mark Lubell (University of California), Richard D. Margerum (University of Oregon), Thomas Measham (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Brisbane, Australia), Fiona Nunan (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom), Peggy Petrzelka (Utah State University), Victoria Reyes-Garcia (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain), Camilla Sandström (Umeå University, Sweden), Michael L Schoon (Arizona State University), Kate Sherren (Dalhousie University, Canada), Michael Sorice (Virginia Tech), Marc Stern (Virginia Tech), Bruce Taylor (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Brisbane, Australia), Gladman Thondhlana (Rhodes University, South Africa), Lei Zhang (Renmin University of China) (please see Appendix B for a current list of the Editorial Board).

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to outgoing ASE: Cassandra Mosely (University of Oregon).

The Editors-in-Chief also wish to thank all Editorial Board Members (EBMs) for their invaluable, ongoing contribution in the review process of manuscripts submitted to SNR:

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2. *Society & Natural Resources* journal statistics²

The number of manuscripts submitted annually to *SNR* has revealed an increasing trend over the last seven years (Appendix A, Table 1.A). In 2019, the journal received 462 original and 663 total (original and revised) manuscripts; this is up from 458 original submissions and a slight decrease in 698 total submissions in 2018. The increasing trend in submissions was maintained in 2019, despite the fact the number of manuscripts submitted for special issues dropped in 2019 from 25 to 6. As of May 1, 2020, *SNR* had received 154 new and 215 total manuscripts, putting us on par with submissions in recent years. By the end of 2020 we may notice that the increase in submissions has stabilized. In 2018 there were 49 total manuscripts handled for special issues and 25 total for 2019 (see Appendix A, table 1.B).

In 2019, 81% of submissions were General Research Articles (Appendix A, Table 2). The next largest submission category was for Practice-Based Knowledge papers (5%) and Research Notes (4%). Policy Reviews/Analyses, Book Reviews, Comments/Rejoinders, Review Articles, Special Issue Articles, and Special Issue Editorials each accounted for 3% or less of all total submissions.

Table 3 (Appendix A) and Figure 1 present the percentage of manuscripts with one, two, or more than two revisions prior to publication (% of total manuscripts published each year). The trend shows that the relative percentage of manuscripts with two revisions prior to publication drops for years of Editor-in-Chief transition (2014; 2017) and this may be accompanied by an increased percentage of manuscripts with one revision prior to publication (2014) or more than two revisions prior to publication (2017). In 2018, the percentage of manuscripts revised twice prior to publication was restored to account for over 60%, while it dropped again, in 2019 (transition year). In 2019, there was the lowest deviation between the categories depicted with number of manuscript revisions.

² For a full review of the statistics, please see Appendix A

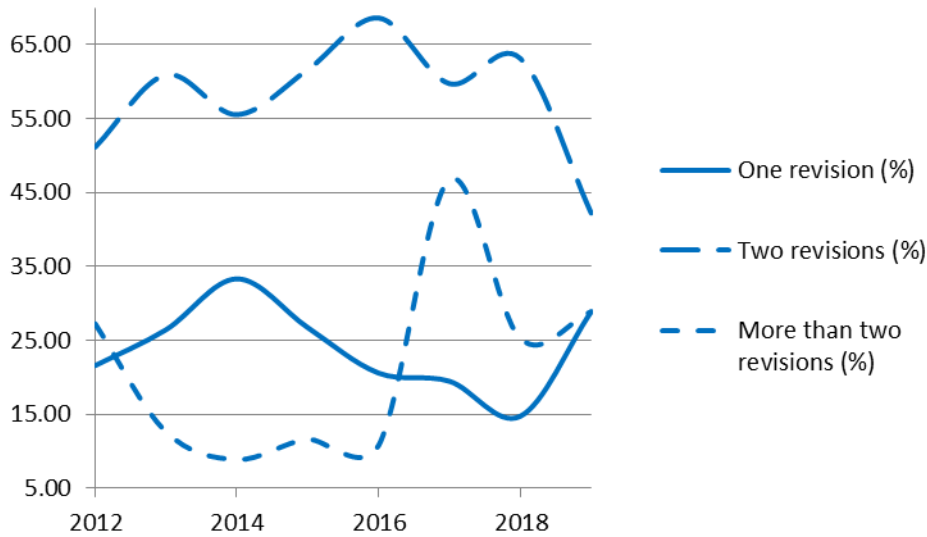


Figure 1. Percentage of manuscripts with one, two, or more than two revisions prior to publication (% of (% of total manuscripts published each year)).

The average time for decisions for revised submissions has decreased from 40 days for both original manuscripts and revised manuscripts in 2018 to 33 days for original manuscripts and 38 days for revised manuscripts in 2019 (Appendix A, Table 4). The time papers spent in a reviewers' queue has not fluctuated much in the last few years and averages to about one month. However, there is a decrease in one day for every year since May 2017 - May 2018 (Appendix A, Table 5). The average time from ASE assignment to ASE recommendation decreased in 2019 for original and revised manuscripts (60.1 days for original manuscripts; 36.8 days for revised manuscripts; 49.8 days for all manuscripts) compared to 2018. This decreasing trend has been seen since 2017 (Appendix A, Table 6). We very much appreciate the crucial role SNR's ASEs and EBMs play in the journal's editorial operations and the decreasing trends observed for average review times (See Appendix B for the list of current ASEs and EBMs).

Acceptance rate (Appendix A, Table 7; Figure 2) and desk rejection rate (Appendix A, Table 8; Figure 2) show reverse trends. In 2019, acceptance rate decreased while desk rejection rate increased compared to 2018. See Table 9 (Appendix A) for additional data on editorial decisions on original and revised manuscripts undergoing review. Figure 3 presents manuscripts accepted divided by manuscripts desk rejected. For each manuscript accepted in 2019, about 2.5 manuscripts were desk rejected.

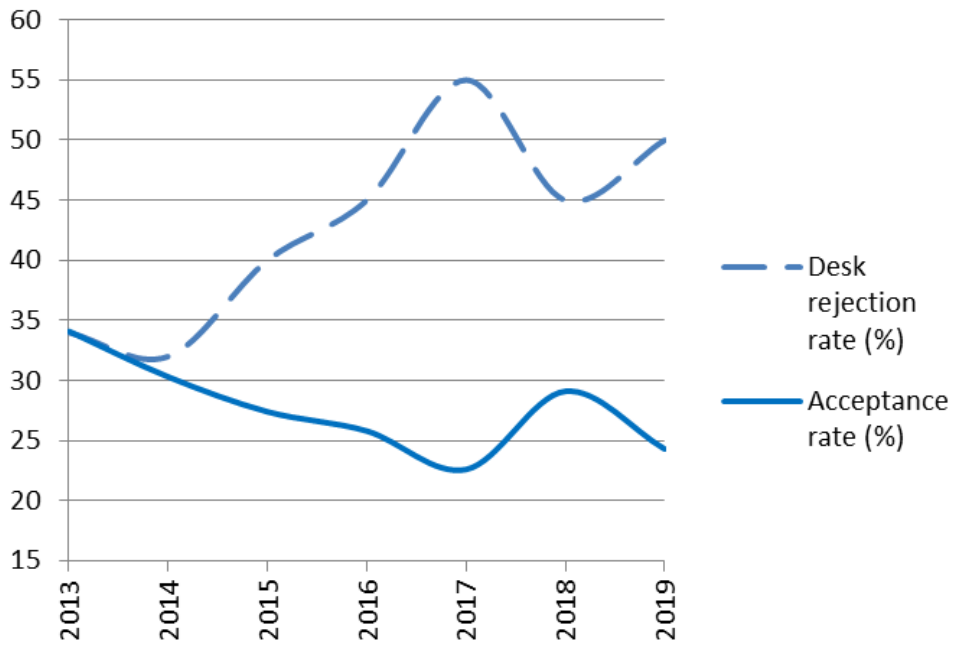


Figure 2. Acceptance and desk rejection rates.

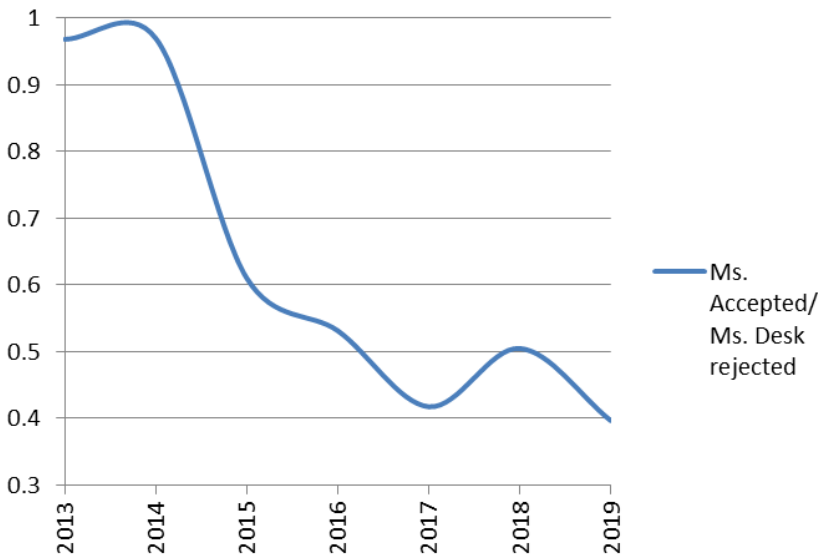


Figure 3. Manuscripts accepted divided by manuscripts desk rejected.

Thomson Reuters' 2018 Journal Citation Report lists *SNR's* impact as 1.949--an increase of 0.126 compared to 2017's impact factor (Appendix A, Table 10). According to the JCR, *SNR's* impact factor compares favorably with trends of related journals such as *Human Ecology*, *Rural Sociology*, and *Ecology and Society* (Appendix A, Table 11). As of 2018, *SNR's* impact factor is now the highest when comparing across other similar journals (Appendix A, Table 11). The 2019 *SNR* impact factor will be available late June or early July 2020.

The geographical diversity of *SNR* contributors has decreased slightly in 2019 (63 countries represented by submissions in 2019 compared to 67 in 2018 (Appendix A, Table 12) but the number of countries were contributors came from remained over 60. It is important for *SNR* to retain its strongly international scope, content, and impact.

3. *SNR* budget

Under the current editorial agreement with Taylor & Francis, *SNR* has received an annual grant of \$45,000 from its publisher, Taylor & Francis, in support of journal editorial operations and managing journal administration for *IASNR*. These funds cover the independent contract fee for the Assistant Editor, editorial support and travel, and other journal-related expenses including bookkeeping and tax accounting, supplies and technology, web support for processing subscriptions as part of *IASNR* memberships, and promoting the journal at the annual meeting of the *IASNR* (ISSRM), and other expenses.

4. Editorial team

SNR Assistant Editor Jessica Hill, ASEs and EBMs have played a crucial role to substantially decrease average review times in 2019 and into 2020 for an increasing number of manuscripts submitted to *SNR*. EBMs have made an important contribution in providing timely reviews, building a closer relationship with *SNR* and enlarging the community of practice around the journal. Our database with about 1,000 Reviewers is continually updated.

The Editors-in-Chief take into account current and cumulative workload when assigning papers to ASEs. To calculate actual average workload for ASEs in 2019, we can estimate the total number of manuscripts handled by ASEs (462 manuscripts received in 2019 minus 232 manuscripts desk rejected by Editors-in-Chief = 230 manuscripts), subtracted the number of manuscripts submitted for special issues, which have been undertaken by Guest Editors (230 - 9 = 221 manuscripts), and then divide the remainder by the total number of ASEs (27 ASEs + 2 Book Review Editors = 29). This gives a result of 7.62, which means that ASEs were assigned on average about 7-8 manuscripts each. Given the increasing number of submissions, the current size of the Editorial Board allows us to carry on editorial operations by keeping the average workload for ASEs below 10 manuscripts annually, provided that the current desk-reject rate is also maintained or increased, if submissions also increase at a higher rate.

For EBMs we have again an annual limit of 10 manuscripts. The 61 colleagues who currently serve as EBMs allow for a thorough “internalization” of the review process (e.g., increase assignments for EBMs compared to assignments for external Reviewers), which secures quality reviews and speeds up review times.

5. Editorial initiatives

5.1 Outstanding Article Award

Taylor & Francis has supported the fifth annual “Rabel J. Burdge and Donald R. Field” Outstanding Article Award for outstanding research article published in each volume of the journal (Taylor & Francis-sponsored \$500 cash prize).

We thank EBMs Peter Edwards (Landcare Research - Manaaki Whenua, New Zealand), Klara Fischer (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden), Trevor Hill (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa), Thomas Thaler (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria), and Christopher Wynveen (Baylor University, USA) who judged *SNR*’s “Outstanding Article” for Volume 32 (2019).

For the second time we have a tie and awarded both papers with this honorable distinction.

The papers that were selected by *SNR*’ Editors and the *SNR* Article Award Committee are “Hybrid Neoliberalism: Implications for Sustainable Development” by Claudia Baldwin, Graham Marshall, Helen Ross, Jim Cavaye, Janet Stephenson, Lyn Carter, Claire Freeman, Allan Curtis & Geoff Syme (published in Issue 5) and “Thinking about Fuel Management: The Potential of Integrative Complexity Theory to Inform Design of Communication about Fuel Management Used To Reduce Wildfire Risk” by Melinda R. Mylek & Jacki Schirmer (published in Issue 9).

The authors of each paper are awarded a \$500 cash prize (split between co-authors); one award was sponsored by Taylor & Francis, publisher of *SNR*, the other award was funded out of funds passed on from former Editors-in-Chief. The co-authors were recognized in the early issue of *Keeping in Touch* – the official newsletter of IASNR.

5.2 Book reviews

After a call for expressions of interest, in March 2019, Claudia Benham (James Cook University) and Laura Verbrugge (University of Helsinki, Finland) were selected as *SNR*’s new Book Review Editors. We thank Kerry Ard (Ohio State University) for her service as Book Review Editor from 2017-2019.

5.3 Special issues

The *SNR* editorial team published two calls for special issues, one in the summer of 2017 and another one in the fall of 2018—three special issues have been published in Volume 32 and another three special issues have been published in Volume 33 already (see list below with special issues published/forthcoming in Volumes 32 and 33). Two more special issues will be concluded and published in one of the remaining issues of Volume 33.

Special issues published/forthcoming in Volumes 32 and 33:

Vol. 32, Issue 8 (Published): “Gender and Sexuality in Agriculture”, guest edited by Isaac Sohn Leslie, Jaclyn Wypler & Michael Mayerfeld Bell;

Vol. 32, Issue 10 (Published): “Novel and Controversial Methods in the Social Sciences”, guest edited by Kristin Floress & Sonya Sachdeva;

Vol. 32, Issue 12 (Published): “Addressing Inter-Institutional Gaps in Natural Resource Governance”, guest edited by June Y. T. Po, Arlette S. Saint Ville, H. M. Tuihedur Rahman & Gordon M. Hickey

Vol. 33, Issue 2 (Published): “Access Revisited”, guest edited by Christian Pilegaard Hansen, Rodd Myers & Vasudha Chhotray

Vol. 33, Issue 4 (Published): “Evaluating the process and outcomes of collaborative conservation: How do we know what works?”, guest edited by Rebecca E. W. Thomas & Arren Mendezona Allegretti

Vol. 33, Issue 6 (Published): “Protected Land Management/Governance in the United States”, guest edited by Thomas L. Daniels & Daniel Moscovici.

Vol. 33, forthcoming: “Climate Change and Energy Futures: Theoretical Frameworks, Epistemological Issues, and Methodological Perspectives”, guest edited by Mark CJ Stoddart, John McLevey, Vanessa Schweizer, and Catherine Wong (expected to be published in one of the remaining issues of Vol. 33)

Vol. 33, forthcoming: “Sustainable Groundwater Management in California: A Grand Experiment in Environmental Governance”, guest edited by Mark Lubell and Lisa Beutler (expected to be published in one of the remaining issues of Vol. 33)

5.4 Relations with Taylor & Francis

SNR seeks to maintain a close, collegial relationship with its publisher, Taylor & Francis and its staff. Taylor & Francis provided a 30% discount on books to ASEs and EBMs. Taylor & Francis has also supported *SNR*'s annual “Outstanding Article Award” by funding a \$500 prize.

5.5 Relations with IASNR and ISSRM

SNR's editorial team seeks to maintain a strong relationship with the IASNR. The *SNR* editorial team has worked closely with IASNR officers to develop the communication strategy of *SNR* and strengthen the journal's profile online and in social media. The IASNR subscription to online virtual meeting platforms has been invaluable for *SNR* editorial office and *SNR* Editorial Board. *SNR* plans to organize a workshop and a “Meet the Editors” session for the 2020 ISSRM Virtual Conference – hosted by IASNR. We wish to thank the IASNR's Executive Officers and Council Members for their strong support of *SNR*.

Appendix A: *Society & Natural Resources* Journal Statistics³

Prepared for SNR Editorial Board Meeting, June 24, 2020

Table 1.A Number of manuscripts submitted⁴ (excluding book reviews)

Year	Original Manuscripts received	Total Manuscripts handled⁵
2020 (YTD)	154	215
2019	462	663
2018	458	698
2017	373	585
2016	353	571
2015	352	559
2014	305	465
2013	275	449
2012	291	482
2011	247	386
2010	209	351
2009	264	421

Table 1.B Number of manuscripts submitted for Special Issues

Type	2019	2018
Original Manuscripts received	6	25
Total Manuscripts handled	25	49

Table 2. Original manuscripts submitted in 2019 by article type

Manuscript Type	# of Manuscripts	Percentage
Research articles/findings	376	81%
Practice-based knowledge	21	5%
Policy reviews/analyses	16	3%
Research note	18	4%
Book reviews	9	2%
Comments/rejoinders	7	2%
Editorial for Special Issue	3	1%
Special Issue articles	6	1%
Review article	6	1%
<i>Total</i>	462	100%

³ All data as of May 1, 2020.

⁴ Beginning mid-2016, this count began to include book reviews.

⁵ Original and revised

Table 3. Number of manuscript revisions prior to publication (includes book reviews in total MS count)

	One R&R⁶:	Two R&R:	Three R&R:	Four R&R:	Five R&R:	Six R&R:	Total MS Published:
VOL 33 (2020) <i>Issues 1-6</i>	10	25	11	1	1	1	49
VOL 32 (2019)	26	38	22	2	2	0	90
VOL 31 (2018)	14	60	16	3	5	0	95
VOL 30 (2017)	15	46	29	7	0	0	77
VOL 29 (2016)	21	70	9	2	0	0	102
VOL 28 (2015)	23	53	10	0	0	0	86
VOL 27 (2014)	30	50	7	1	0	0	90
VOL 26 (2013)	23	53	11	0	0	0	87
VOL 25 (2012)	19	45	23	1	0	0	88

Table 4. Average time from First Submission to EIC decision⁷

	2020 (YTD)	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Average time to first decision, original submission	10 days	33 days	40 days	56 days	80 days	70 days	74 days	69 days	71 days	89 days	112 days
Average time to decision, revised manuscripts	26 days	38 days	40 days	55 days	58 days	59 days	56 days	45 days	51 days	67 days	91 days

Table 5. Average time MS spends in hands of external reviewers⁸

	May 2019-May 2020⁹	May 2018-May 2019	May 2017-May 2018	May 2016-May 2017	May 2015-May 2016	May 2014-May 2015	May 2013-May 2014	May 2012-May 2013
Average reviewer turnaround time, original submissions	28 days	29 days	30 days	26 days	26 days	27 days	27 days	27 days

⁶ Also includes papers with no revisions.

⁷ Data shown in Table 4 is accurate based on date data was collected. Papers submitted in one year can have decision in another year which will affect report.

⁸ Data is collected from May 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018, and so-forth for each respective year.

⁹ As of May 1, 2020.

Table 6. Average Editor Turnaround time (ASE Assignment to ASE Decision)¹⁰

	Original ms.	Revised ms.	Original & Revised
2020 (YTD)	44.2 days	27.3 days	34.0 days
2019	60.1 days	36.8 days	49.8 days
2018	67.3 days	41.8 days	55.5 days
2017	72.0 days	53.0 days	63.3 days
2016	84.3 days	54.1 days	70.4 days
2015	69.2 days	48.5 days	61.2 days
2014	77.9 days	38.4 days	61.5 days
2013	61.3 days	35.4 days	50.5 days

Table 7. Acceptance Rate¹¹

	Number of ms. Accepted	Acceptance rate
2020 (YTD)	26	20.0%
2019	92	24.3%
2018	104	29.1%
2017	86	22.6%
2016	85	25.8%
2015	86	27.4%
2014	95	30.3%
2013	91	34.1%
2012	93	32.9%
2011	61	27.9%
2010	62	32.1%

Table 8. Desk Rejection Rate

	2020 YTD	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Submitted	154	462	458	373	353	352	306	275
Desk Rejected	98	232	206	206	160	141	98	94
Percentage	64%	50%	45%	55%	45%	40%	32%	34%

¹⁰ Data shown in Table 6 is accurate based on date data was collected. Papers submitted in one year can have decision in another year which will affect report.

¹¹ Data shown in Table 7 is accurate based on date data was collected. Papers submitted in one year can have decision in another year which will affect report.

Table 9. Decisions rendered on Original and Revised Submissions¹²(Decisions for manuscripts submitted between January 1st and December 31st for each year)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Original Submissions											
Accept	5	2	6	3	1	6	4	9	1	0	0
Major Revision	92	99	83	108	113	105	88	82	84	78	97
Minor Revision	12	16	9	8	12	19	16	19	9	6	6
Reject	275	244	264	230	216	169	164	160	98	96	127
Reject & Resubmit	78	94	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	48	23	25
Revised Submissions											
Accept	87	102	82	134	134	122	134	116	60	62	66
Major Revision	31	41	24	20	25	8	12	14	22	24	34
Minor Revision	72	85	84	48	35	15	14	45	45	44	37
Reject	11	10	22	15	13	14	13	16	11	12	20
Reject & Resubmit	0	2	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1	0	0

Table 10. SNR's Impact Factor¹³

Year	Impact Factor
2019	Not yet published (will be available late June 2020)
2018	1.949
2017	1.823
2016	1.534
2015	1.758
2014	1.284
2013	1.065
2012	1.034
2011	1.09

¹² Number of decisions may not total the same as the number of manuscripts submitted in a given year because some manuscripts may not have received decisions yet. Data shown in Table 9 is accurate based on date data was collected. Papers submitted in one year can have decision in another year which will affect report.

¹³ Source: Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports (2016). Impact factor = (# of citations in that year to items published in the previous two years) / (# of items published in previous two years). Thomson Reuters' Journal Citation Reports is published annually in late June, so the Impact Factors for 2017 are not available yet.

2010	1.117
2009	1.016
2008	1.167
2007	1.053

Table 11. Impact Factor – Comparing *SNR* to Related Journals

Year	Journal			
	<i>Society & Natural Resources</i>	<i>Human Ecology</i>	<i>Rural Sociology</i>	<i>Ecology & Society</i>
2019 Impact Factor				
2018 Impact Factor	1.949	1.336	1.87	1.81
2017 Impact Factor	1.823	1.64	1.41	3.26
2016 Impact Factor	1.534	1.743	1.718	2.8
2015 Impact Factor	1.758	1.604	2.317	2.89
2014 Impact Factor	1.284	1.891	1.409	2.774
2013 Impact Factor	1.065	1.215	1.163	2.669
2012 Impact Factor	1.034	1.361	1.585	2.831
2011 Impact Factor	1.09	1.629	1.886	2.516

Table 12. Country of Submitting Author for Original Manuscripts Received in 2019

Country indicates the location/address of the submitting author rather than nationality

Country/Region of Submitting Author	# Manuscripts	Percentage
Argentina	2	0.4 %
Australia	13	2.8 %
Bangladesh	3	0.6 %
Botswana	2	0.4 %
Brazil	8	1.7 %
Cameroon	1	0.2 %
Canada	33	7.1 %
Chile	2	0.4 %
China	39	8.4 %
Colombia	2	0.4 %
Czech Republic	1	0.2 %
Denmark	3	0.6 %
Ecuador	1	0.2 %
Ethiopia	4	0.9 %
Finland	3	0.6 %
France	2	0.4 %
Germany	17	3.7 %
Ghana	5	1.1 %
Greece	1	0.2 %
Iceland	1	0.2 %

India	18	3.9 %
Indonesia	2	0.4 %
Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	13	2.8 %
Iraq	1	0.2 %
Israel	3	0.6 %
Italy	1	0.2 %
Japan	6	1.3 %
Jordan	2	0.4 %
Kenya	1	0.2 %
Korea (the Democratic People's Republic of)	1	0.2 %
Korea (the Republic of)	5	1.1 %
Latvia	1	0.2 %
Malaysia	2	0.4 %
Mexico	5	1.1 %
Namibia	1	0.2 %
Nepal	2	0.4 %
Netherlands	12	2.6 %
New Zealand	5	1.1 %
Nigeria	4	0.9 %
Norway	1	0.2 %
Pakistan	5	1.1 %
Philippines	1	0.2 %
Poland	1	0.2 %
Portugal	3	0.6 %
Romania	1	0.2 %
Russian Federation	2	0.4 %
Singapore	4	0.9 %
South Africa	10	2.2 %
Spain	1	0.2 %
Sri Lanka	1	0.2 %
Sweden	7	1.5 %
Switzerland	3	0.6 %
Taiwan	6	1.3 %
Tanzania, United Republic of	1	0.2 %
Tunisia	2	0.4 %
Turkey	4	0.9 %
Uganda	5	1.1 %
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7	1.5 %
United States	164	35.5 %
Viet Nam	1	0.2 %
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	2	0.4 %
Zambia	1	0.2 %
Zimbabwe	1	0.2 %

Table 13. Number of countries represented by submissions

Year	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013¹⁴	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total # of countries	63	67	56	54	63	56	45	45	39	41	34

Appendix B: Society & Natural Resources Editorial Board

Associate Editors	Editorial Board Members	Editorial Board Members
(Term expires in MM/YY)	2018-2020	2019-2021
Nabin Baral (12/21)	Emmanuel Matthew Akpabio	Wiebren Boonstra
Joan Brehm (12/20)	Iosif Botetzagias	Mollie Chapman
Megha Budruk (06/20)	Paolo Omar Cerutti	Lain Dare
Stuart Carlton (06/20)	Alan Diduck	Peter Edwards
Michael Carolan (06/20)	Marla Emery	Darrick Evensen
Timothy Collins (12/20)	Polly Ericksen	Giuseppe Feola
Peter Cronkleton (06/20)	David Flores	Klara Fischer
Bethany Cutts (06/20)	Michael Hand	Ritwick Ghosh
Ashley Dayer (06/20)	Michael Hughes	Anne Short Gianotti
Jun He (12/21)	Michiel Köhne	Troy Hall
Gordon Hickey (06/20)	Zhao Ma	Emily Huff
Trevor Hill (12/21)	Sango Mahanty	Md. Saidul Islam
Gerard Kyle (06/20)	Stephanie Malin	Dawn Kotowicz
Mark Lubell (12/20)	Sandy Marquart-Pyatt	William Leach
Richard Margerum (12/20)	Max Nielsen-Pincus	John Chieh-Lu Li
Thomas Measham (12/20)	Anja Nygren	Kreg Lindberg
Fiona Nunan (12/21)	Christine Overdevest	John Liu
Peg Petrzalka (12/21)	Bishnu Pandit	Ben Marley
Victoria Reyes-Garcia (06/20)	John Parkins	Piotr Matczak
Camilla Sandström (12/21)	Bob Powell	Candace May
Michael Schoon (12/20)	Hua Qin	Brian Mayer
Kate Sherren (06/20)	Leigh Raymond	Lorenzo Pellegrini
Mike Sorice (12/21)	Clare Ryan	Georgia Piggot
Marc Stern (12/20)	Erika Washburn	Archi Rastogi
Bruce Taylor (06/20)	Nigel Watson	Sonya Sachdeva
Glad Thondhlana (21/21)	Rachel Wynberg	Matt Sanderson
Lei Zhang (12/20)	Chenyang Xiao	Rachel Schattman
		Chelsea Schelly
Book Review Editors		Renzo Taddei
2019-2022		Thomas Thaler

¹⁴ Not the same 45 countries as 2012.

Claudia Benham		Rebecca Thomas
Laura Verbrugge		Julie Urquhart
		Christopher Wynveen
		Xiao Xiao