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Keeping in Touch

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Notes From the Executive Director

I hope that you are all having a happy, healthy, and productive 2018! Thank you for being a member of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR). IASNR's staff, leadership, and many volunteers are working hard to make this a great professional association for you.

We provide unique professional development, publishing, and conferencing opportunities to students, scientists, and managers from around the world working at the interface between society and the environment. Our professional development work focuses on students and professionals with active Facebook and Twitter accounts that help you keep on top of current events, opportunities, issues, and publications. Our activities also include webinars, mentoring, and networking events.

We publish the journal *Society and Natural Resources* (SNR) through publisher Taylor & Francis. Our Social Ecology Press publishes books through our University Press of Colorado consortium. Our conference, the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM), moves around the world



linking students, managers, and scientists to each other through their research and practice.

Most of IASNR's operating budget comes from your membership fee. You can help us continue to provide and expand these activities by renewing your IASNR membership for 2019 independent of your ability to attend ISSRM 2019. Thank you in advance for renewing!

What do we have planned for 2019? The first in a two-part webinar series on emerging social science methods, planned for February 2019. A new and exciting IASNR website. A potential change to the ISSRM name. An amazing ISSRM 2019 – look for the article later in this newsletter for details. Continued amazing research published in SNR (see the article in this issue from the Editors) and by Social Ecology Press. Ongoing posts

and tweets via IASNR Facebook and Twitter (don't forget to give us the heads up via @info_iasnr for Twitter and at International Association for Society and Natural Resources – IASNR on Facebook when you publish new work). Look for periodic email, website, and social media announcements with more details on all of these plans.

Thank you to Jessica Hill, our IASNR and SNR staff member whose passion and dedication for her work is unparalleled. And to Paulus Mau whose continued assistance with all things IASNR and ISSRM website-related is invaluable. I also want to thank our many IASNR volunteers. Mysha Clarke has served this year as the IASNR Council Student Representative and Co-chair of the Student Affairs Committee. Tom Fish, Neelam Poudyal, and Erin Seekamp are finishing up several years of active, dedicated service to IASNR as Council members. Thank you to you all!

I want to welcome our new Council members incoming in January 2019. Anne Junod moves into the IASNR Council Student Representative position from Student Representative-Elect.

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Notes from The Executive Director, contd.

She will co-chair the Student Affairs Committee with incoming Student Representative-Elect Brett Alan Miller. Our new professional members of Council are Jens Emborg, Azahara Mesa Jurado, and Chloe Wardropper. Welcome all! And thank you for serving.

Thank you to Courtney Flint who has been working very hard as the IASNR Treasurer for the past year. And to Zhao Ma who likewise has contributed many dedicated hours to serving as the IASNR Secretary. The three of us form your IASNR Executive Officer team, working closely with IASNR staff, IASNR volunteers and Council, *SNR* editors, ISSRM hosts, and the University Press of Colorado to oversee all IASNR activities. Thank you to Linda S. Prokopy, Tasos Hovardas, and Jessica Hill for working hard to make *SNR* the great journal it is. Rick Krannich and Jordan Smith organized an amazing ISSRM 2018 with about 490 attendees – thank you both! And thank you to Paul Van Auken, Elizabeth (Za) Barron, and Kevin Crawford for all their hard work on ISSRM 2019 in Oshkosh, USA and to Tom Measham and Stewart Lockie for doing a great job planning for ISSRM 2020 in Cairns, Australia.

See you @info_iasnr, International Association for Society and Natural Resources – IASNR on Facebook, and at ISSRM 2019 in Oshkosh, USA!

It's Time to Renew your Membership for 2019!

Whether you are a current or former IASNR member, we ask you to renew for 2019 through the online membership renewal and management system. Please also encourage your colleagues and students to join IASNR as new members!

Simply go to the IASNR web site, www.iasnr.org, and select the “click here to renew your membership for 2019” link on the right of the main page. Doing this takes you to the membership management page where you can renew your membership (or establish a new membership) online. All online membership transactions are processed via credit card payment through a secure PayPal account established by IASNR specifically for this purpose.

IASNR is the world's premier professional organization dedicated to understanding the relationships between people and natural resources, applying social science information in natural resource decision-making, and facilitating dialogue and the exchange of ideas among scientists and practitioners. Whether you are a student or a professional, IASNR offers you professional development opportunities; our annual conference, the International Symposium for Society & Resource Management (ISSRM); the journal *Society & Natural Resources*; the chance to publish via our Social Ecology Press; and access to social media via Twitter and Facebook that helps you keep up with news and publications. Membership also grants you the ability to vote on IASNR bylaws changes and elect IASNR Council members and executive officers.

Also, please note the donation category on the membership renewal form for members interested in supporting IASNR efforts to provide students with scholarships designed to encourage their participation in the annual ISSRM conference. IASNR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

Please feel free to contact the [IASNR Office](#) if you have any questions. We value your involvement with IASNR and look forward to hearing from you, processing your membership renewal, and seeing you at the 2019 ISSRM in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA!

Update from the Elections Committee

The last election resulted in three new professional Council members – Jens Emborg (University of Copenhagen), M. Azahara Mesa-Jurado (El Colegio de la Frontera Sur), and Chloe Wardropper (University of Idaho); and Brett Alan Miller (Utah State University) as the new Student-Representative Elect. Congratulations! to these newly elected individuals, who will begin their official duties on January 1st.

Service on the IASNR Council provides opportunities for members to contribute substantially to current and future directions of the organization. IASNR relies on this group of dedicated individuals to bring their knowledge, experience, energy, and ideas together to provide leadership over the coming years.

Elections will be held in the spring of 2019 for four positions – three professional Council positions and the Student Representative-Elect. The term of service for IASNR Council positions is three years for professional Council positions and two years for student representative. Official duties for newly elected professional Council members will begin January 1st of the year following election. Starting in 2019, the official term and duties for the new student representative-elect will begin immediately following the ISSRM. Watch for additional information included with the call for nominations next spring!

The Elections Committee is responsible for overall coordination of the IASNR election process, working closely with the executive officers and IASNR staff. The committee includes a Council member as chair, the Student Representative, and at least one additional IASNR member. Several members of the current Elections Committee will be cycling off over the next year, so we encourage any members interested in serving on the committee to please get in touch.

Inquiries regarding nominations, elections, or committee service should be directed to the Elections Committee chair (c/o Tom_Fish@nps.gov).

Update from the Ethics Committee

Greetings, members of the Ethics committee are excited to support the IASNR by carrying out fair and timely investigation of matters related to violation of IASNR ethics code. We aim to foster a welcome environment where members can freely express and exchange ideas with mutual respect and trust.

Recently, the committee submitted a proposal to amend IASNR Ethics Code (V.B.4 Filing of Complaint), and increase the time limit of filing ethics violation complaint from 5 years to 7 years. The rationale for this change is to allow more (if not sufficient) time for graduate students and young professionals in filing a complaint against their colleagues or mentors that are also the members of IASNR. The IASNR council meeting on August 15, 2018 approved the proposal. The amended code is currently effective but has to be approved by the general assembly in 2019 summer during the ISSRM symposium.

The Committee urges all members (new and existing) to review and abide by the IASNR code of ethics ([click here to view](#)).

As always, the committee appreciates your respectful and ethical conduct in both formal and informal venues of the IASNR.

Update from the Finance Committee

The finance committee (Courtney Flint, Steve Daniels, Rich Stedman, and Rudy Schuster) established a new investment strategy that was approved by Council and implemented with Vanguard in July 2018. This includes a mix of stock and bond indices as well as US and international options. We will ride the waves of the global economy together, hopefully for the good of IASNR!

The finance committee oversees IASNR accounting and in the coming months, the committee will review the year's financial information and look ahead to the coming years to help guide the organization.

What's new from the Communications Committee!

Greetings from the Communications Committee! Currently, the Communications Committee is co-chaired by Zhao Ma from Purdue University (zhaoma@purdue.edu) and Kristin Floress from the U.S. Forest Service (kfloress@fs.fed.us). Neelam Poudyal from the *University of Tennessee* (npoudyal@utk.edu), Kathy Halvorsen from *Michigan Technological University* (kehlavor@mtu.edu), and Jenn Domenech (student rep) from Purdue University (jdomenec@purdue.edu) are committee members. As we move towards 2019, Neelam and Jenn will both cycle off the Communications Committee. We want to thank them for their great service! We are recruiting one Council member, one member-at-large, and one student to join our wonderful committee in the next two months. In particular, we hope to strengthen IASNR's communication effectiveness by incorporating non-North American perspectives. To do so, we would like to **recruit additional committee members from non-North American institutions and organizations**. Please let us know if you have an interest in becoming part of the Communications Committee! We welcome everyone from everywhere in the world!

We have made a lot of progress towards our 2018 workplan! Specifically, this plan includes six goals, some of which have been / will be completed this year while others are being addressed on a continuous basis: (1) review and potentially revise the current format and delivery mechanism of Keeping in Touch Newsletter to make it more effective as an organizational communication tool; (2) establish a clear social media presence of IASNR; (3) continue to help and facilitate SNR, Student Affairs Committee, Professional Development Committee and other committees to communicate the value of IASNR, ISSRM and SNR with members and the broader academic and practitioner communities; (4) review and make recommendations for next-step actions to the IASNR Council in terms of organizational branding; (5) manage and organize IASNR web presence, cloud storage, and document sharing mechanisms; and, (6) make sure Operational Handbook is reviewed and updated on a yearly basis.

As we review our work this year against this workplan, we would really like to pat ourselves on the shoulder a little bit and hope you would agree! ;-). Since you are reading this newsletter, we hope you have noticed that we renamed this year's biannual Keeping in Touch newsletters as early 2018 issue and late 2018 issue, instead of the old spring issue and fall issue, to be more globally oriented, as not all countries have springs and falls at the same time of the year. We continue to have discussions about how to improve the content and delivery of the newsletter. More recently, we have discussed with the broader IASNR Council and web specialists and made a plan to add a more permanent and easily-accessible home on the soon-to-be revamped IASNR website to store current and previous Keeping in Touch newsletters as a way to enrich IASNR website and to maintain our organizational memory.

The Social Media Subcommittee, led by Kathy Halvorsen and staffed by Jenn Domenech, Anne Junod, and John *Strauser*, continues to do amazing work. Specifically, this subcommittee is pushing out content via Facebook and Twitter on a weekly basis following three objectives: (1) keeping members informed about IASNR and related events by sending out IASNR/ISSRM/SNR announcements; (2) building broader awareness about IASNR by posting news of IASNR/ISSRM/SNR, posting work of IASNR members, and building synergies with SSWG/AESS; and, (3) adding value to members by posting content that our membership would be interested in learning about and promoting the work of our members. Currently, IASNR has 686 Facebook followers and 660 Twitter followers, already an increase from 600 Facebook followers and 400 Twitter followers in April! If you have any feedback on what the Social Media Subcommittee is doing or ideas to help boost our effort, please do not hesitate to contact any member of this subcommittee.

We have been leading a discussion with the IASNR Council about some of the branding concerns and needs of our association. As part of this effort, Taylor & Francis, the publisher of *Society and Natural Resources*, has added our association information on the journal website, and we continue to work with them to get our association name onto the cover of the journal just like many other professional associations and their journals have done.

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What's new from the Communications Committee! Contd.

Talking about the soon-to-be-revamped website! With the help of our wonderful Paulus Mao and Jessica Hill, the Communications Committee, along with the IASNR Council, have picked a new template for the IASNR website that will allow us to highlight the four signature areas of IASNR's work—our annual meeting (ISSRM), our journal (Society and Natural Resources), our professional development opportunities (through the amazing work of the Professional Development Committee and Student Affairs Committee), and the new book publisher (Social Ecology Press). The website is being reprogrammed currently and should go live soon this month. Please keep an eye out for our brand new looking and functioning website soon.

As always, we are happy to hear from you if you have any comments, ideas, concerns, or just random thoughts to share. We will be even more thrilled if you want to consider volunteering with the Communications Committee! Just give us a holler!

Update on Society & Natural Resources

By Tasos Hovardas and Linda Prokopy

We submitted the annual report for SNR to both the IASNR board and our editorial board at ISSRM 2018 in Snowbird. We are grateful to Jessica Hill for her diligence in helping us report accurate numbers. Some key statistics from the report that may be of interest:

- The number of manuscripts submitted annually to SNR has steadily increased over the past five years and 2018 looks like it will continue this trend. In 2017, the journal received 373 original and 585 total (original and revised) manuscripts.
- In the first half of 2018, the average time for original submissions from first submission to decision is 25 days, down from 56 days in 2017.
- The time from manuscripts' assignment to Associate Editors and a decision being delivered to authors decreased in 2017 to an average of 63 days for original and revised manuscripts (from 70 days in 2016) and decreased further in the first half of 2018 to 43 days.
- SNR's acceptance rate is currently about 29%. Desk reject rates for 2017 were at 55%.
- In 2017, SNR received submissions from authors in 55 countries.
- We are working with guest editors on six special issues that should be forthcoming in the 2019 volume of the journal.

Since ISSRM 2018, we have put out a second call for special issues and a call for new editorial board members. We keep ourselves busy reviewing manuscripts (as of October 15, 2018, we have 381 new submissions in 2018), managing manuscripts in the review process, and preparing content for future issues.

Update on Social Ecology Press

An Ad hoc committee (Courtney Flint, Sarah Clement, Candace May, Neelam Poudyal, and Aaron Thompson,) was formed to establish the Social Ecology Book Series Editorial Board. With the help of Rachael Levay from the Utah State University Press, we drafted guidelines for the future board and came up with a list of senior scholars to invite to sit on the board. Currently we have 4 members of the board: Jill Belsky (University of Montana), Mallika Bose (Penn State), Naomi Krogman (University of Alberta), and Rick Krannich (Utah State University Emeritus Professor). New members will be added in time and anyone interested (particularly senior members from beyond North America) should contact Courtney Flint at courtney.flint@usu.edu.

Two new books are in progress as part of the new co-publishing agreement with the University Press of Colorado/Utah State University Press. The Editorial Board will recruit new books and oversee the publishing process for the Social Ecology Book Series.

Please think about submitting a book proposal in the coming years!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Report on 2018 ISSRM—Snowbird Resort, Utah

The [2018 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management \(ISSRM\)](#) was held earlier this year at the gorgeous Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah. The symposium was attended by over 500 registrants from over 25 different countries around the world! The symposium was a memorable experience for all those who were able to attend.

The stunningly beautiful venue served as home base for five different action-packed field trips that preceded the symposium. Those who participated got to learn about the unique bird species that call the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge home, raft down the Weber River, mountain bike in Park City, or learn about the unique geologic features at Mount Timpanogos National Monument. Many conference goers also took on the challenge of hiking to the top of the 11,000 ft (3,353 m) Hidden Peak, which was located right behind the symposium venue.

The symposium offered an astonishing array of scientific presentations that addressed the complex social and natural resource problems that define the Anthropocene. The conference theme of *Landscape Legacies and Global Trajectories* acknowledged that humanity's relationship with natural resources shapes the landscapes that we live on, and leaves enduring legacies of individuals' and communities' lived experience.

The symposium was highlighted by three keynote addresses by prominent scholars and activists. Dr. Tom Dietz (Michigan State University) kicked off the symposium by outlining seven criteria for sound decision making and eight bases for conflict in resource governance. He was followed up by award-winning documentary filmmaker James Redford who discussed the political struggles involved in increasing America's use of renewable energy sources. Dr. Nalini Nadkarni (University of Utah) rounded out the plenary talks with a riveting discussion on how to engage non-scientific audiences with the research process.

Finally, the symposium provided an opportunity to acknowledge the legacy of Dr. Don Field, whose thoughts and ideas shaped the field of natural resource sociology for decades before his passing in early 2018. Don's scholarship left an indelible mark on the field; his presence will be sorely missed by the community.

~ Jordan W. Smith and Richard Krannich, ISSRM 2018 Co-chairs



Richard Krannich (left) and Jordan W. Smith (right)



Courtney Flint, IASNR Treasurer (left), Kathy Halvorsen, IASNR Executive Director (middle), and Zhao Ma, IASNR Secretary (right) at the 2018 ISSRM



Kathy Halvorsen, IASNR Executive Director (left), Megan Bonham, 2019 ISSRM Best Student Paper Award Winner, PhD. (middle), and Robert (Bobby) Jones, Paper Award Committee Chair (right)

Update on the 2019 ISSRM



University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Campus

Your hosts for ISSRM 2019 at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh are excited about the June symposium. Some highlights of our plans include a one-day Land Ethic Leaders workshop put on by the Aldo Leopold Foundation on the Sunday before the sessions begin and, later in the week, a special screening of *Green Fire*, the documentary about Aldo Leopold at a nonprofit theater downtown, with the student quiz bowl to follow in the same venue; a keynote by New York Times-best selling author, humorist, musician, and Wisconsinite, Michael Perry; a partnership with the Sustainable Development Institute of the Menominee Nation, which will provide several unique experiences; and a conference picnic at a downtown amphitheater featuring local music, food, and beer. We also want to emphasize that not only does our conference hotel sit less than a mile downriver from campus, on the water, and feature affordable rooms, but we also have nice and extremely affordable housing located right on campus, a short walk from our conference buildings. We encourage not only students but attendees of all types to consider lodging on campus and making ISSRM like a week at camp, taking time to enjoy a slow pace, walking or borrowing a bike to ride along the river, playing volleyball on the outdoor courts or frisbee in the grass next to the water, socializing with friends new and old in and around the dorms and more. Hope to see you there!

~ 2019 ISSRM Organizing Committee



Door County Kayaking — ISSRM Field Trip



The Aldo Leopold Center — ISSRM Field Trip

Update on the 2020 ISSRM



City of Cairns — ISSRM Location



The Pullman Cairns International Hotel — ISSRM Venue

ISSRM 2020 will be held in Cairns, Australia, June 23-26, 2020. The theme will be “Re-creating Landscape and Culture in a Time of Global Change”. The conference will be held at the Pullman Cairns International Hotel in the tropical city and capital of the Far North Queensland region of Australia. Close to two World Heritage areas – Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics World Heritage Area – this setting is sure to be a fantastic destination for an international gathering focused on changing relationships between culture and landscapes and more.

Please Consider Hosting ISSRM in 2021, 2022, or 2023!

Greetings from the members of the IASNR Site Selection Committee! We are dedicated to fostering the development of new proposals to host ISSRM conferences. We solicit proposals for future meetings, assist with their development, review material, provide feedback to potential hosts, and contribute to pre-meeting and on-site conference activities as needed. The Committee is co-chaired by two Council members, Carena van Riper and Courtney Flint, and includes Azahara Mesa Jurado, Erin Seekamp, Kate Sherren, and Gene Theodori. The Executive Director, Kathy Halvorsen, also sits on our Committee. Since the last Keeping in Touch newsletter was released, we met at the ISSRM meeting in Snowbird Utah to facilitate a conversation between current and future conference hosts. We have also had several teleconferences to discuss how best to revise the Call for Proposals to host ISSRM 2021 and Beyond. We have also developed a sample timeline and budget template as resources for potential hosts. We are happy to announce that all of this material is now [available here](#). If you are thinking about hosting a meeting, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We will be happy to engage in conversation about how the process would unfold.

~ The IASNR Site Selection Committee: [Carena van Riper](#) (Co-Chair), [Courtney Flint](#) (Co-Chair) [Erin Seekamp](#), [Kathy Halvorsen](#), [Kate Sherren](#) (member-at-large), & [Gene Theodori](#) (member-at-large)

Updates on Student Affairs—Election

Hello IASNR friends and colleagues!

If we haven't met yet, I'm Anne Junod, Phd candidate at Ohio State University's School of Environment and Natural Resources, and I'm looking forward to moving into the role of Student Representative on the IASNR Council starting in January 2019. I'm also happy to virtually introduce Brett Alan Miller, Phd candidate in Sociology at Utah State University, who will be moving into the Student Representative-Elect position. It has been such a pleasure serving as Student Representative-Elect this past year with Mysha Clarke, outgoing Student Representative, and I look forward to continuing on the legacy of her hard work.

If you are an undergrad or graduate student interested in working with the IASNR Student Affairs Committee, helping plan student events at the 2019 ISSRM meeting in Wisconsin, or would like to talk about research or professional development opportunities, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via email at junod.6@osu.edu, on Twitter at @AnneNJunod, or connect with Brett at brett.alan.miller@aggiemail.usu.edu.

Over the next year, we look forward to meeting and working with you -- so don't be shy, drop us a note -- we'd love to connect.

Looking forward to seeing you at ISSRM 2019 in Wisconsin!

Anne Junod
Ohio State University



Anne Junod, Student Representative



Brett Alan Miller, Student Representative-Elect

Updates from Student Chapters

We are so impressed with our student chapters and the amazing work they do on their campuses and in their communities. Check out these recent highlights from our Michigan Tech University and North Carolina State University chapters:



Picture is IASNR student chapter members at the 2018 ISSRM in Snowbird, Utah and student leadership - our future!

North Carolina State University—Student Chapter

The 2018 academic year has been a busy, but exciting, time so far. The IASNR chapter at NCSU has continued its partnership with the George Wright Society and united as one umbrella organization: Nature & You. We kicked off the year celebrating Public Lands Day with a park clean-up event hosted by the City of Raleigh. Fall break followed quickly after, where over 30 students from Nature & You and the National Parks Club at NC State ventured to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. There, we worked with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club to backpack over 600 pounds of mulch to one of the park's backcountry privies. The work was rewarded with glimpses of the Milky Way and elk sightings. Following the camping trip, the park's superintendent, Cassius Cash, visited NC State to deliver his lecture on Conservation Leadership. Nature & You hosted a lunch with Cash and organization members. We will wrap up the semester with our Lake Raleigh Clean-up, Plant Sale Fundraiser, and a civic voice training lesson presented by the National Parks Conservation Association.



Michigan Technological University—Student Chapter

Association of Students for People, Environment, and Nature (ASPEN)

ASPEN Fall 2018 Activities

Social Events: We organize social events to provide opportunities for students to get together and interact in different settings. We recognize that our students are hardworking, and work can be stressful. To that end, we have focused on increasing stress-relief activities.

- o K-Day (Keweenaw Day) – September 07, 2018
- o Happy Hour – September 14, 2018
- o Fall Color Hiking – September 29, 2018
- o Bowling – November 2018
- o Snowshoeing – November/December 2018

Service Events: We organize service events to promote positive change on campus and around our community. For the fall semester we partnered with the MTU campus student activities office to volunteer for the Make A Difference Day event on October 20, 2018.

Academic Events: We organize academic events to assist our members in their academic success and professional development. This fall, we organized a Prep Session for grad students that will be competing on the 3MT Competition. The mock 3MT will allow students to get feedback on their presentation from volunteer faculty and ASPEN members' prior to the day of the competition.

- o 3MT (3-Minute Thesis) competition prep – November 5, 2018





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**We Look Forward to Seeing Everyone
at the
2019 ISSRM!**