January SAC Meeting
1/20/2022

1) Introductions (5 min) (attendance record)
- Brooke McWherter
- Angela Catalano
- Elizabeth Golebie
- Hannah Whitley
- Dana Johnson
- Kindra De'Arman
- Haisu Huang

2) Student survey workshop (30 min)
- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cYDquoK9ftEPQA5uuBofGqUOFuY4mAq2CqiVYR6Mmbc/edit
- Worked on Jamboard at November SAC mtg.
- Now pilot survey during SAC.
    - Take the survey, what needs to be added? what needs to be modified? do not worry about grammar
    - Soliciting comments on improving this survey
- Comments on survey
    - Q1: students tend not to be consistent members over time. Could reframe the question on how long have students been involved in IASNR? (active or inactive)
    - Q3: events that would be "helpful". Could revise to "or enjoyable" or "Participate in this event again"
    - Q4: clarify what "limited capacity" means
    - Q7: Add: Affinity or identity based Peer-to-peer support
    - Q9: Split "organize or participate" in an event? - these are very different things
    - Questions to add:
        - If we want to ask about conference formats - would you want more hybrid, more languages, etc - this might be a good question addition
        - could add if there is any disability accommodations that are needed
        - Ask if they would be interested in joining a regional hub
        - One of the things the association is thinking about doing is a virtual mini conference in August. So thinking about conference formats - wondering if we should add a question about student interests - whether students would be interested in participating in a mini virtual conference
        - Could add a question about career goals

- Would be important to make sure this is relevant to an international audience
    - Government
    - Non government
    - Academia
    - Non-profit
    - Private
    - Practitioner researchers (pracademics lol)
- The question about "why are you in IASNR"? Could be removed or modified
- Q8: list of skills, add another question that ranks the top three.
- Should we include the socio-demographic questions in the survey?
    - Could list all the time zones and have an "other" option
    - Is affiliation important?
        - Could potentially remove this or modify to country / region

3) IASNR business updates (10 min)
- International Student Travel Award
    - Our association has reached a point where we are able to use money that we get back from financial investment dividends to support committee work
    - The SAC applied for these funds to support international student travel because this is a pretty large barrier for students to attend the conference
    - Our proposal was awarded
        - Our focus and aim is that this award is supported on an annual basis, but this is to be determined
        - We received $2,000 for this award and will be giving 2 x $1,000 awards
        - One of the people on the awards team did have suggestions that we prioritize students from the global south - another part of this proposal is that it is for students who have been involved in IASNR to be competitive for this support
        - There are a variety of criteria going into the selection process
    - Kindra and Dana will not be able to apply because we will help with the selection process, but future student representatives will be able to, if it continues to be funded.
- Conference
    - Still planning for an in-person event (information on website)
    - One of our questions to the conference organizers was around the need to have affordable field trips
        - They created a student-only field trip that is intended to be quite affordable

- Field trips are all held on Sunday and Sunday evening is the open reception
    - Student forum is typically held Sunday as well - it is usually an all day event, but this year will only be 2 hours
    - This was initially a concern of ours, but the student field trip will be organized around the student forum
- Hoping to receive feedback on whether this should be a student only event or should it be opened up to non-student members? And whether this event should be shortened so we should have a longer student forum?
    - Could open it up to post-docs?
    - Combining in the marketing with the meeting would be smart
- Abstracts are due Feb 4.
- Student from the conference who is organizing a student panel on sustainability is looking for more panelists.
    - Title: Understanding the Role of Sustainability in Education: The Student Perspective
    - Abstract: The integration of sustainability concepts into multidisciplinary research at institutions of formal education frequently necessitates the support of student researchers on the project. However, their opinions on the topic may be lost as the project is finalized or developed, leading to potential missed opportunities for growth and improvement in the field. This round table will allow participants from varied geographic, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds to discuss the role that sustainability has played in their education and research, their perspectives on its successes and challenges, and what potential changes they believe would enhance the educational experience for future students.
    - If you are interested contact the organizer, Zoe, at: zlketola@mtu.edu
- Any interest in a virtual mini conference in August?
    - Students indicated that the main conference and mini conference are really close together
        - Leaving about 6 months in between might be better
- Membership Directory
    - IASNR membership directory is live and operational
    - Encouraging folks to use the directory
- Members only SAC page should be updated with pictures
    - If you are comfortable doing so, send photo to Jessica Hill: info@iasnr.org

- Committee searches
    - If you are interested in helping sort through elections then could serve here
    - Treasurer subcommittee is seeking a student

4) Committee reports (15 min)
- Ethics committee (Brooke McWinter)
    - Working on making the ethics bylaws more accessible
    - Interested in making a process that is accessible and inclusive to members of IASNR. Clarifying terms, making it more inclusive, making sure people know about it, easy access on the website.
- SAC and IASNR rep on regional hub working group (Brooke McWhinter)
    - Really help us tailor experiences to various SAC members around the world
    - One thing that Brooke is pushing for is not adding additional fees to join these groups
        - There is one in EU
        - Thailand
        - Planting seeds for Latin American / Caribbean hub
    - Within the regional hubs you can have chapters that include more localized chapters
- Publications committee
    - meeting mid-February with Society & Natural Resource editors to discuss a transnational book series (will be going over potential series topics, concerns the editors have, etc.). No student input needed at the moment...

5) Mentorship feedback (20 min)
- The Professional Development committee has been working through data collected by members over the past 2 years to revamp the mentorship program. There was a document provided with their tentative ideas. This new plan, which is still very much open to feedback before getting implemented, would consist of (potentially) four conference events related to mentoring, where people can create their own mentoring relationships (pairs or groups). The events include: intro icebreaker and information session, lunch tables, quick one-on-one discussions, and a space for decided mentoring relationships to connect before the conference ends.
    - Pre activity - what are expectations, how much do you want to meet, what does this look like?
    - Have a panel of mentors/mentees - to show successful relationships te
    - Can there be a packet of information available to show what successful relationships look like?
    - Could there also be a matching process for those who are more introverted (or maybe a virtual component for those folks?) People don't have to attend every event.

- Sounds like many were interested in a training session, maybe this could take place during the intro ice-breaker?
- Mentees may also be seeking identity-based mentors
- We need to assessing opportunities for safe spaces

6) Next SAC plan (5 min)
- Next meeting will be in March
    - Review survey results
    - Creating working groups for different events held at the conference and for a mid-year event (third working group dependent on how many students we have in attendance)
        - Quiz bowl
        - Student forum
        - Year-round events
- Final meeting in May
    - Prepare for the conference
    - Working groups to finalize plans
    - Next student rep elect will likely be brought into the plans here as well

7) Good of the order announcements (5 min)