

The International Association for Society & Natural Resources Student Affairs Committee Procedure Statement

Charge

The IASNR Student Affairs Committee (SAC) is charged with representing the vision and goals of IASNR by engaging with student members to increase student retention and involvement in the association, enhance students' experience at the IASNR Conference, and contribute to professional development of student members.

Composition

The SAC is led by two co-chairs, the Student Representative and the Student Representative-Elect. Both positions are filled through the annual IASNR membership election process. Co-chairs serve for two years with their terms beginning and ending at the IASNR Conference. The co-chairs are responsible for recruitment of additional committee members. All members of the SAC must be student members of IASNR. An additional Executive Officer (either Executive Director, Treasurer, or Secretary) is appointed as the SAC liaison. The co-chairs and all committee members are strongly encouraged to attend the IASNR Conference.

Operations

The SAC corresponds via email, bi-monthly virtual meetings, and other virtual platforms (e.g., Slack). During bi-monthly meetings, the SAC evaluates student experiences within the organization, current student-related activities, brainstorm ideas for additional activities, and form working groups to plan and implement SAC activities, many of which occur at the IASNR Conference. Activities could also be planned to support students year-round. SAC members who serve on additional IASNR Council committees provide updates about ongoing IASNR activities and solicit feedback from SAC members related to those activities. The SAC coordinates "Keeping In Touch" newsletter and the All Members Meeting SAC updates.

Co-chairs' duties

The co-chairs are responsible for leading and organizing the bi-monthly virtual meetings, ensuring that all working group goals are met, and assisting with the working groups. The co-chairs correspond with the IASNR Conference host institution and Conference Support Committee to provide logistical support for student events held at the annual conference. The co-chairs are responsible for communicating student needs and requesting support for proposed student events and activities to the appropriate IASNR committee. They provide student membership outreach and communication on the IASNR website and through IASNR email updates.

The Student Representative is a voting IASNR Council member, they on-board the Student Representative-Elect, and work with the Elections Committee to solicit nominations for the next Student Representative-Elect.

Opportunities for SAC events during the IASNR Annual Conference:

Student Forum

This working group is charged to work with the IASNR Conference Support Committee and host institution to coordinate the annual Student Forum, which takes place on the first day of the IASNR Conference. Members of this working group will help to determine the structure of the Student Forum by assisting Conference Support Committee and host institution with designing the schedule, arranging speakers, coordinating dining accommodations, designing a Welcome Packet for student attendees, Student Forum programming, sending notifications to members of the society about the Forum, and distributing a survey after the Forum to help with planning in subsequent years.

Student Quiz Bowl

This working group is charged to work with the IASNR Conference Support Committee and host institution to coordinate the annual Student Quiz Bowl, which takes place during the IASNR Conference. They solicit and coordinate student teams for the competition, design appropriate game structure to fit host culture, address logistical considerations for the Quiz Bowl, and develop the trivia interface. This subcommittee enlists the assistance of other IASNR members for trivia question development and Quiz Bowl support as judges, scorekeepers, and technical assistance. Members also coordinate awards for participants (i.e., Taylor & Francis).

Student Social

Time permitting, this working group organizes an event held at each IASNR Conference where students can gather and socialize, although other conference attendees are welcome to attend if space allows. The nature of this event is flexible and designed with help from the host institution. Members of this working group are encouraged to work with the IASNR Conference Support Committee and the host institution to determine opportunities that would be feasible for a particular conference. This event may consist of a post-conference outing, depending on local opportunities. This working group may also consider hosting a workshop for students in lieu of a social event at the annual conference.

Student Workshop(s)

Time permitting, the SAC will consider implementing a workshop for students at the annual meeting. Workshop topics may be repeated if there is sufficient temporal distance between workshops on the same topic (e.g., 3+ years). The workshop working group is responsible for coordinating with the IASNR Conference Support Committee and host institution to schedule the workshop and to advertise the event.

Student-Professional Dinner

Time permitting, this working group invites professionals in the field to participate in a dinner designed to increase interactions with students. Participants are assigned to tables based on their primary research interests, and students move freely among tables to maximize their interactions with professionals with different research backgrounds. Participation is solicited via the conference webpage, email notifications, and personal correspondence. Registration takes place shortly after the early conference registration deadline. The host institution facilitates this process by providing a database of registered members so that emails can be directed to those

individuals who plan to attend the meeting. The working group in charge of this event is also responsible for coordinating with host institution and the Conference Support committee to schedule the dinner and to plan the menu.

Coffee with Keynote

This working group coordinates a student-keynote speaker interaction event at the IASNR Conference. It can be held after each Keynote Address in a nearby room where students are able to ask questions and interact in a more comfortable and low-key environment. Working group members coordinate the location, coffee, and advertisement with the host institution and Conference Support Committee.