Update from Matt

Working on short groupings of tasks with deadlines

Last major task list was including search functionality and DLIOS in the new system

Issues with dates

Issue with slow search when results over 10,000

Building indexing server on new hardware

Hoping to wrap up by Friday

A week behind on that

Other tasks include getting the secondary pages for Global Rangelands

Moving some secondary content from RW to GR

Nov. 30 is deadline. Should include all the second page info on the existing site and new site

May need some more decisions if they should move from RW to GR. Might make RW less heavy. Like hot topics

Topics is moving over to GR

Second server isn’t talking to the site, so nothing to test yet. Will send out a link on the listserv to test the search once it’s linked. Hopefully soon, but can’t estimate the time because don’t know what the problem is.

Soft launch about Dec. 20th 21st.

AZ team will have a work day on Nov. 30 to add content. Will know by end of Nov what else needs to happen. After that, all the secondary pages should be up and they will be adding the content to those pages on the workday. 10-2 Arizona time. Lovina may want to join for a few hours. Nicole may be able to join as well. – They’ll just jump on Skype when they are available

Survey go out after the testing and showing of the new site.

When survey is ready, will send it to John Harper to create the survey online

Sarah – broken links are done

Sheila – have redone YouTube playlist to match the website org better – this is don’t, but not all in as DLIOS’s yet

Amber – social media
Chris B. will be leaving U of AZ and may not be able to participate as much with this in his new role. Need to think of the strategy because he’s been working on that a lot. Especially keeping the memes going. Can we split it up so it’s not just AZ doing it?

Maybe discuss it and work on memes at the workday.

Nicole’s ideas from email

Need more communication from the group

Amber – maybe have a working group at the conference to set up ideas for Social Media for the year

Lovina – maybe need to start reaching out to the state sections, range clubs, etc. maybe someone who would be willing to contribute. As long as you have a game plan. Maybe like each person sign up for a single month that they’d be responsible for social media. (SRM state sections). SRM used to have an outreach intern. Sheila – students are a great option, as long as they know what we want to put out there. Amber – maybe something for the AZ student workers?

Sheila – we need to look at the bylaws and see if we can have partners in non-partner institutions, land-grant institutions. To see if Chris can stay connected to the group

WERA proposal – Lovina hasn’t heard anything yet. Deadline is coming up fast. Haven’t heard from Beth. Will email her and include Nicole

Amber – newsletter

Scoop it and mail services. After discussion, Sheila and Amber pushed for having more information about the partnership rather than external articles. Hoping to get updates from the states. Could highlight events in the state, or highlight people. To facilitate interaction. The problem will become content. Doesn’t have to be a long newsletter. Can even be just 4 bits of information. Would the EC be willing to write one article on anything every so often?

Lovina – need a solid road map to make sure contributions are coming in. need maybe a newsletter editor or something like that capacity. Give people an option of a couple of months that we can choose from and commit to. Lovina will send something to Amber by Dec. 11 for the newsletter

Amber will run it

Nicole – will write up something by Feb. 12th and send it to Amber.

Sheila – Lovina, have you been in touch with Mark. Thought he was going to be on the call today. Lovina will follow up with email. Nicole sent email to ask if he needed help with the conference and hasn’t heard yet. We’ll try again.

Lovina – Teaching clearing house

Going slowly. Was a task list developed a few months ago. A few items that needed attention but have not been done. An intern took 12 items that were uploaded and made
edits/improvements and is working on uploading them. Working with Toby on some improvements to website functionality (?). Rangelands Education Council Meeting at Corpus Christi end of Jan 31

Amber - Fun facts for GR page. May be a pooling effort to talk about later.

How many can be in there at one time? Up to us. The more there are, the more random it is. Maybe something the AZ undergrads can work on (Amber). Agree 😊. It can handle thousands. Could try maybe 5 at a time and then change out the sets. Or just have large set that rotates all the time. Shoot for a large set and then see how it goes. Amber will suggest it for the students to work on, along with maybe making some memes and pulling in some pictures.

Member website

Still being updated by Ann or Rachel? Rachel just had her second baby, so probably won’t be working on it right now, and Ann had stepped away. Are we at a standstill right now?

Sheila will contact Ann and ask her

Could maybe have a newsletter archive on the member website

Need to add the dates to the next meeting pretty visible on the member website

Newsletter

- 27 opens out of 80 some people on the listserv
- Another newsletter will go out Mon or Wed
- Is sent from MailChimp (rangelandspartnership@gmail.com), so doesn’t show up as coming from the listserv. Lovina will send a message to the listserv to let them know to be aware of this.