LERS: The Past, Present, and Future of the Global SER Network on Ecosystem and Landscape-Scale Restoration
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The Foundation of LERS

- Initiated in 2013 to be the connection between the National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration and the Society for Ecological Restoration

- Potential for increased connection of the restoration community between conference events?
2017 Membership Survey Results

• 190 Responses!!
• Highest response from Australasia and Mid-Atlantic Chapters
Survey Highlights: Rank in Order of Concern/Interest

- On-the-ground Restoration...
- Valuation of Functioning...
- Restoration policy and...
- Adaptive Management
- Funding for Long-Term...
- Collaboration
- Outreach and Communication
- Governance

Low | Medium | High
Survey Highlights: High Level of Interest in...

- Project Highlights: 60%
- LERS Webinars: 58%
- LERS Newsletters: 46%
- In-Person Networking Opportunities: 46%
- LERS Participation in Conferences: 33%
- Virtual Networking Opportunities: 30%
- Member Highlights 23%
Progress to Date

• Over 800 members 😱
• Facebook page (please like us!)
• New website in development
• Initial Webinar Committee interest list
• But...overall a lack of momentum
Under Construction...

We strive to understand innovative solutions for the restoration of large-scale degraded ecosystems through the integration of ecological and socioeconomic aspects.
Lets Proceed!

• Add your project highlights/resources/restoration finds/videos to the website and facebook page. Email me to learn how:
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• Are you a webinar champion!? 
• Do you want to run a committee?
Join Us!

- SER.org
  - Register to be a member (annual fee)
  - Choose LERS as your additional section
Moving Forward

We need your help!