

Society of Herbarium Curators-SE-USA Chapter minutes. 29 March 2018.

Minutes taken by Emily Gillespie

In attendance: Emily Gillespie, Dane Kuppinger, Travis Marsico, Ed Lickey, Darrell Brandon, Chris Havran, Austin Mast, Jordan Metzgar, Kathy Mathews, Lowell Urbatsch, Zack Murrell, Conley McMullen, Mac Alford, Mike Baranski, Brian Keener, Meredith Hemphill, Brad Ruhfel, Joey Shaw, Ashley Morris, Gil Nelson, Richard Carter, Charlie Williams, Ella Vardemen, Wendy Zomlefer, Curtis Hansen, Darin Penneys

1. Meeting called to order 12:15 pm.
2. 2017 SHC-SE-USA minutes approved. Motion: Ashley Morris; Second: Mac Alford. Minutes approved unanimously with no abstentions.
3. **Gil Nelson:** Update on iDigBio. iDigBio is in its 7th year, with lots of progress! 'Data use' has been focus recently. Looking for opportunities with GBIF and sustainability models. Workshop in summer 2017 focused on data use and research rather than digitization. Upcoming workshop in Berkeley. Next year (date TBD) workshop at Yale. Comment: **Travis Marsico**-teaching new course on natural history project experimental design. Happy to share aspects of course development. Also, (Ericka) Krimmel, Marsico et al are FINISHING the small herbarium data manuscript that has been in the works for about 4 years. Summer 2018 anticipated completion! iDigBio is very interested in working with conservation communities; hoping to engage more agency researchers.
4. **Zack Murrell:** SERNEC is in year four, formal end date is in August 2018. All states will be asked to do a one-year no-cost extension. (Michael) Denslow and (Herrick) Brown will be kept on salary for that year. There are now many resources for classroom use to engage students in research and service, to drive geo-referencing and transcriptions. Zack advises pushing in that direction. Reminder of Friday morning SERNEC Symposium, where various innovations using digitized data are being presented! Biggest question facing SERNEC is, what is next for SERNEC and who will take up the cause? Phylogenetics, coordinated phylogeography, ecology/community ecology, education, concept mapping, etc... are all opportunities for expansion of the SERNEC mission and reach. Zack encourages mid-career faculty to take up 'big picture' projects, to develop new approaches, and to maximally use the research engine that we have collectively built through the SERNEC project. In other words, Next-Gen SERNEC 😊
Comment: **Gil Nelson**-Underlying need exists to reach out to other domains, because they have independently developed datasets, layers, analyses, etc... Example: cicada emergence predicted in a multivariate fashion using specimen and weather data. Comment: **Ashley Morris**-reminder of submitted RCN-UBE proposal that was very strong and went unfunded and consequently, some concern about the viability of some of these. **Zack's** response-be persistent, actively and openly pursue collaboration, etc...Think bigger picture rather than focusing on just the next step. He points out that the SERNEC grant went through three rounds of review before success in funding.
5. **Austin Mast:** Recognizes the cohort at the international SHC level; he has been pleased with the good work done and offers that folks should make themselves available for service. Voting will start mid-April 2018 for 1) Members-at-Large, and 2) a proposal to make a free membership available to any curator in a developing country, in line with the desire to expand to a global organization and in recognition of some challenges in engaging folks from those countries. For example, PayPal accepts only about 20 currencies. Governance document editing is also on the

docket for this year. A second Herbarium Strategic Planning course is coming this summer. Interest in the course remains strong; 24 applications for 15 spots for the inaugural course in 2017; 51 applications for 15 slots for the upcoming 2018 course; Austin suspects that at least some of this interest stems from NSF panel feedback regarding the need for herbarium strategic plans within submitted grants. Also, an Early Career Section was created and the initial group has been formed. Additionally, student grants for 2018 were just announced.

6. 2018 election: Candidates were **Kathy Mathews** (Secretary) and **Curtis Hansen** (Member-at-Large). Motion to accept candidates by acclamation from Gil Nelson, Second from Ashley Morris. The candidates were accepted unanimously with no abstentions.
7. Meeting adjourned 1:04pm