

**SHC-SE Annual Business Meeting
ASB 2017, Montgomery, Alabama—3/30/2017**

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In attendance: Richard Carter, Emily Gillespie, Kevin Burgess, Lauren Whitehurst, Aliya Davenport, John Schenk, Gil Nelson, Wendy Zomlefer, Mac Alford, Charles Horn, Chris Havran, Ashley Morris, Joey Shaw, Brad Ruhfel, Darrell Brandon, Kathy Mathews, Dan Pitillo, Conley McMullen, Mike Baranski, Ed Lickey, Roland Roberts, Lowell Urbatsch, Theo Whitsell, Zack Murrell, Alexander Krings, Dane Kuppinger, Thomas McFadden, Kathy Zanin ('just crashing because you guys are fun')

1. Meeting called to order 12:58 pm.
2. Presentation by Zack Murrell on Dr. John Herr.
3. Approve minutes: Motion-Baranski. Second-Murrell. Unanimous approval of 2016 minutes.
4. Carter recognized all officers: himself (chancellor), Gillespie (secretary), Morris (rotating off MAL), Mathews (still on MAL)
 - a. Need to elect a chancellor-elect and replacement for Ashley on EC-MAL.
5. Mast update on international SHC:
 - a. Mast reports on plans in the near future.
 - b. Thanks to Kathy for student grant work; announcements soon. Mathews thanks reviewers.
 - c. Elections at national level soon—expect email from membership committee chair to encourage renewal of membership.
 - d. Election will be online this year.
 - e. Austin encourages us to think about mission statement at your herbarium as part of strategic plan for your herbarium as part of workshop led by Weeks, Mast, and Jennings at Botany.
 - f. Also a short-course upcoming; email invitation for applications went out a few weeks ago.
 - g. Looking at a student chapter; will require modifications to constitution and bylaws. Expect info soon. Ruhfel and Morris asked about the purpose of a student chapter. Mast replied that there is a need to focus on early professionals. Lickey asked how many students (answer is ~15%). Follow up, is that enough to justify? Membership committee tasked with addressing student membership issues. Murrell made the point that student chapter would simply provide a voice for students.
6. Vasculum: Schenk will take over for McMullen after June issue. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Mast. Side conv. About ULM collection and the need for SHC to be rapid response unit.
7. Wendy Zomlefer updated on the activities of Georgia Herbarium Alliance. Symposium this morning at ASB, sponsored by SHC-SE Chapter, SABS and ASB, with financial support from SABS and ASB.
8. Roberts (NSF) discussed need to gather data on specimen use, etc...particularly in publications. Need to think about ways to effectively report. Update on CSBR...response of community was factor in re-instituting program for 2018. Suggests allying with other non-plant collections.
9. Morris: Ruhfel, Murrell and Morris are contemplating a publication related to formal citation to collections used. Idea languished because there had been a working group at iDigBio Summit. Still thinks there should be a formal citation for collections data (in text and full citations).

Roland made the point that this change can be made internally in this group in addition to approaching journals formally. Horn (SABS pres.) says he will work with *Castanea* to develop a model/best practices. A number of associate editors in this group; should approach editors—may be a quick fix. Shaw: SERNEC community could troubleshoot/brainstorm and enact guidelines fairly quickly. Ruhfel points out that the programming to automatically generate a citation as specimens from SERNEC portal are used should be reasonably easy.

10. Nelson update on iDigBio: Re-funded for another five years, thanks Roberts & NSF for those efforts. Will be pushing on the research use angle in the future. Lots of research being done with digital data! Continuing to provide workshops on various aspects of biodiversity research. Deb Paul is the person overseeing much of that, but the community is broadening.
11. Murrell: Update on SERNEC. Need to redouble efforts on transcriptions and georeferencing. Upcoming workshop Sat April 1 after ASB conference.
12. New SHC-SE officers announced: Ruhfel (chancellor-elect—now president-elect) and Davenport (MAL).
13. Two proposals to amend SHC-SE Chapter Constitution and Bylaws: 1) change chancellor to president (Carter), and 2) change Southeastern to Southeastern United States of America (SE-USA) since this is an international org (Mast)
 - a. Motion-Morris. Second-Murrell. Unanimous decision on both.
14. Shaw: student survey on collections on-site.
15. New business: none
16. Motion to adjourn-Baranski. Second-Shaw. Meeting ended 2:01pm.