



Annual Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Shepherd University
Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education
213 North King Street
Shepherdstown, WV 25443
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Mingle and Breakfast Fare
- 10:30 AM – 10:40 AM Welcome
Dr. Eric Davidson, Director and Professor, UMCES-AL
Dr. Mary J. C. Hendrix, President, Shepherd University
Perry Wheelock, Associate Regional Director for Resource Stewardship and Science, National Capital Region, NPS
- 10:40 AM – 11:10 AM Showcase Shepherd: Who We Are and What We Are
Presenter:
Dr. Robert J. Warburton, Acting Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Dr. James Broomall, Director, George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War
Dr. Keith Alexander, Assistant Professor of History
Dr. Peter Vila, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies
- 11:10 AM – 11:40 AM Business and Updates from the Research Coordinator
Dr. Danny Filer, CHWA CESU Research Coordinator
- FY 2017 Coordinator's Report
 - Primary goal is to make our CESU smaller – gather, share, collaborate, celebrate research.
 - 49 projects in NPS in this CERSU this year – 30% were other Regions of NPS coming to CHWA for universities.
 - Master Cooperative Agreements new this year for NPS.
 - Shepherd and VA tech joined this year.
 - 8 universities interested in joining in FY 2018 – this will increase depth and breadth of fed partners.
 - Continued visits in coming year.
 - Newsletter Unveiling
 - Volume 1, Issue 1.
 - Biannually.
 - Share success stories; reach next generation of federal employees.
 - Distributed electronically.
 - Database Update

- List of all known active CESU projects. Shared quarterly moving forward with all contact with goal of active, up-to-date list. Opportunity for collaboration.
- Survey coming this Fall
 - Satisfaction/ideas for improvements
- Proposed 2018 Annual Meeting – June 8 at NCTC
- Natural Resources Internships for Undergraduate and Graduate Students in the National Park Service, *Dr. Tim Watkins, Science Access and Engagement Coordinator*
 - *Opportunities for partners in CESU to be involved with potential reduction in EPA resources? Tom Fish – Attempts for EPA to become federal partner in CESU.*
 - Support CESU networks behind the scenes as liaison between federal partners and universities.
 - Three internship programs for students in NPS:
 - GIP (Geoscientists in the Park) (paid summer internships, undergrads/recent grads)
 - MIS (Mosaics in Science) diverse group underrepresented in STEM
 - Future Park Leaders of Emerging Change (FPL) authorized under direct hire authority – noncompetitive hire authority
 - Pathways opportunities, CR internship programs, Intergovernmental internship program, Howard University fellowship were all discussed

11:40 AM – 11:50 AM

Restroom Break and Mingle

11:50 AM – 12:20 PM

Enhancing Bioinformatics Capacity within the United States Fish and Wildlife Service through University Partnership
Dr. Meredith Bartron, Regional Geneticist
Aaron Maloy, Geneticist

12:20 PM – 12:30 PM

Q&A period and wrap up