



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

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| 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Mingle and Breakfast Fare |
| 10:30 AM – 10:40 AM | Welcome
<i>Dr. Eric Davidson, Director and Professor, UMCES-AL</i>
<i>Dr. Mary J. C. Hendrix, President, Shepherd University</i>
<i>Perry Wheelock, Associate Regional Director for Resource Stewardship and Science, National Capital Region, NPS</i> |
| 10:40 AM – 11:10 AM | Showcase Shepherd: Who We Are and What We Are
Presenter:
<i>Dr. Robert J. Warburton, Acting Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics</i>
<i>Dr. James Broomall, Director, George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War</i>
<i>Dr. Keith Alexander, Assistant Professor of History</i>
<i>Dr. Peter Vila, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies</i> |
| 11:10 AM – 11:40 AM | Business and Updates from the Research Coordinator
<i>Dr. Danny Filer, CHWA CESU Research Coordinator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ FY 2017 Coordinator's Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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