Emerging Professionals Committee

Function
The Emerging Professionals Committee is responsible for understanding the needs of the emerging professionals of the Society, as well as serving as a liaison between these members and other committees within the Society. This Committee shares information about job postings, career opportunities, and any other topics considered relevant to the membership, via blog posts and social media (Twitter, Facebook).

Leadership and Composition
The committee consists of a chairperson or two co-chairpersons. There is no fixed term for this office. Ideally, emerging professionals who have been members of the Society for a few years and are in the process of becoming established professionals would fill these positions. This will allow them to inform the new emerging professionals of the different resources available to them.

Duties
- Publish the “Cracking the Collections” Blog, as well as recruit authors
- Organize and host a committee meeting during the SPNHC conference, to get in touch with the members to understand their interests and how to be of better service to them
- Organize and host a Luncheon during the SPNHC annual conference, to connect emerging and established professionals, and answer any questions they may have about their future in natural history collections
- Manage and curate the Facebook SPNHC Emerging Professionals Group
- Manage and curate the Twitter SPNHC EPC account (@spnhecpc)
- Update the Society on the committee’s activities via the SPNHC Connection newsletter and committee reports

Calendar items

1 February: Send report to Newsletter Editor.
April/May: Send report to Secretary for Annual Business Meeting.
Monthly (ideally): post blog entries on “Cracking the Collections”.
For SPNHC Annual Conference (May or June)
  Organize and host Emerging Professionals Committee Meeting
  Organize and host Emerging Professionals Luncheon
1 August: Send report to Newsletter Editor
31 August: Submit any corrections or text revisions for the Leadership Manual to the SPNHC Secretary.
September: Transfer important records and items of committee business to the Archives Committee.

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