Legislation and Regulations Committee

Function
The Legislation and Regulations Committee acts as SPNHC’s clearinghouse for information and events related to laws, regulations, permits and related issues affecting the collection, possession, ownership and transportation of natural history specimens.

Size of Committee
The committee consists of a chairperson or two co-chairpersons and three to five committee members drawn from a good representation of SPHNC’s membership and stakeholders, including appropriate governmental agency representatives, international members, and annual meeting organizers.

Duties
1. Support the mission, goals, and activities of the society.
2. Provide ongoing and breaking information on laws and regulations affecting the natural history collections community and its necessary activities.
3. Host and moderate PERMIT-L and related Web-based information and resources.
4. Develop and implement lectures, panels, workshops and other information activities on behalf of SPNHC.

Calendar items
Ongoing: Manage PERMIT-L membership and postings
Summer: Plan programming for upcoming meetings based on current events, issues and requests; plan any mid-year and/or joint meetings that may arise
August 1: Report to SPNHC Newsletter
February 1: Report to SPNHC Newsletter
April: Annual report sent to Secretary
May or June: Manage programming at annual meeting as planned.

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