



Summary of Minutes from the Annual Meeting

- Zack Murrell, Co-Chair:
 - Welcomed the participants and invited each person to introduce themselves.
 - Summarized changes in the landscape within which the project works, e.g., establishment of iDigBio, dismantling of NBII.
- Stella Coakley, Administrative Advisor
 - Welcomed delegates and provided an overview of the project from the AES perspective.
 - Noted that the project's review was favorable but requested more explicit information on outreach and educational activities.
 - Answered questions from the participants, most of which focused on funding issues.
- Pamela Soltis, iDigBio
 - Reviewed the history, purpose, and current status of iDigBio.
 - Highlighted some of the opportunities for engagement with iDigBio.
 - Answered questions from participants.
- Mary Barkworth, Co-Chair
 - Reviewed the activities of the executive over the past year, including the appointment of Dr. Ellen Dean (UC Davis) as Secretary.
 - Presented a summary of information received up to that point from the 2012 survey that had been sent to over 575 herbaria. This led to considerable discussion. She asked those present to encourage their colleagues to respond to the survey before August 31 so that the data in the final report would be more complete.
- The meeting adjourned at 5.40 pm.

The full report of the meeting will be available on the project's new web site, <http://www.wiu.edu/USvirtualherbarium/>.