

Section on Complexity and Network Studies (SCNS)

Annual Section Business Meeting Minutes

Denver, Colorado, March 11, Sunday; 5:15 - 6:15PM, Location: Mineral Hall G

In Attendance:

Alexey Kolpakov	Fatih Demiroz
Michael Sicilliano (chair)	Christopher Koliba
Naim Kapucu (Immediate past chair)	Steve Scheinert
Julia Carboni	Thomas Haase
Thomas Morselli	David Dornisch
Travis Whetsell	

Welcome and introductions of members present

Old Business

1) Approval of Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting in Atlanta

Minutes from the 2017 annual meeting was approved anonymously.

2) Dr. Chris Koliba presented the treasurer's report for 2017 – 2018. The section has \$5,332.17 in its bank account and added over \$700 in membership dues

3) Dr. Fatih Demiroz presented communications report. One newsletter was delivered to section members so far. The next issue will be sent out after the ASPA 2018 Conference.

4) Dr. Steve Scheinert announced the SCNS 2018 election results. The results are as follows:

a) President elect: Dr. Qian Hu

b) Treasurer: Jennifer Adams

c) Executive committee members:

i) Tom Haase

ii) Asim Zia

iii) Triparna Vasavada

iv) Goktug Morcol

5) Dr. Goktug Morcol has sent his update on the CGN Journal via email before the conference. Below is his update:

"CGN published a special issue on "Teaching Complexity."

The second special issue of 2018 will be on "Adaptive Governance of Coupled Social-Ecological Systems." This second issue is edited by Asim Zia of the University of Vermont. The special issue editor still accepts manuscript that would be suitable for this topic. See the call for papers at <https://ubp.uni-bamberg.de/ojs/index.php/cgn/pages/view/CallForPapers-2018%20>.

All papers published in CGN are freely available to download from the journal's website: <https://ubp.uni-bamberg.de/ojs/index.php/cgn>.

The editors of the journal invite SCNS members to submit their high-quality manuscripts to CGN for peer reviews. Not only manuscript that fit the special issue

topics, but those on other topics that are relevant to complex systems, governance problems, networks, and network analyses are welcome.

The website of the journal will be upgraded by the University of Bamberg Press in the coming months.”

- 6) Pre-conference SNA Workshop: Dr. Michael Sicilliano provided an update regarding the workshop. About ten people participated in the *Introduction SNA with UCINET* and about eight people participated *ERGM Models in SNA* workshop. Dr. Alexi Kolpakov suggested offering a workshop session for SNA practices. Dr. Fatih Demiroz suggested co-teaching the *Introduction to SNA with UCINET* workshop.

Dr. Naim Kapucu suggested developing a consistent workshop methodology and structure. He also suggested creating a workshop committee consisting of Drs. Sicilliano, Kolpakov, Demiroz, and Hu.

Dr. Kolpakov suggested organizing the workshop on Friday, not Thursday.
- 7) David Dornisch mentioned the Center for Advanced Analytics under the Government Accountability Office dealing with unstructured data. Mr. Dornisch suggested section members to visit GAO and present their work at the agency. The section can organize a visit to GAO at the 2019 ASPA Conference.
- 8) Best Paper Award: This year, the committee for the *Best Paper Award* decided not to award the prize because of inadequate number of submission and decided to offer it next year to a wider audience including papers from outside of SCNS.
- 9) Dr. Jack Meek suggested identifying the benefits of being a SCNS member.
 - A best paper award
 - Newsletters
 - Workshops
 - An additional award (e.g. best dissertation award)
 - Flyers, brochures, and other bag stuffers for 2018 that would highlight benefits of being a SCNS member
- 10) Dr. Alexey Kolpakov expressed his willingness to coordinate panels sponsored by SCNS.
- 11) Dr. Fatih Demiroz offered transferring the social media accounts of the section to a new social media officer. Dr. Sicilliano took the responsibility to find a new social media officer.
- 12) Dr. Steve Scheinert stepped down as the SCNS election officer. Dr. Thomas Haase took the responsibility to run the future section elections.
- 13) Dr. Qian Hu became the SCNS chair-elect and her position as the membership officer became vacant. A new membership officer shall be elected.
- 14) Dr. Sicilliano suggested putting together a panel on networks, complexity, and agent-based modeling for showcasing where the field is going towards. He suggested picking a theme every year and organizing this panel around this theme.
- 15) Dr. Sicilliano suggested offering a *Best Dissertation Award*.

16) Drs. Jack Meek and Chris Koliba are going to organize the NASPAA Conference. Dr. Meek became the new NASPAA president. Dr. Koliba will email the conference information to Dr. Demiroz to present in the newsletter.

The meeting adjourns at 6:15 pm.