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Press Release

New Leadership and a New Energy

A Change in Leadership has the NHC More Focused and More Organized

March 21, 2013: Recently, President of the National Herpetological Congress (NHC), Justin Meitz decided to step down from his position to pursue other exciting and fulfilling parts of his life that had begun to demand more time and attention. Knowing he could not give the attention needed to the NHC that he knew it deserved, he met with the board and upon leaving, left us with an amazing foundation and direction, along with a drive to further the hobby and the community. We all would like to thank Justin for his commitment to the NHC, his passion for the animals and the community, and the time and effort he put in to help build the foundation that we are now going to build upon.

With this change, the NHC Board discussed the need for a new president and new structure within the Board. A vote was taken and President of the Madison Area Herpetological Society, Ryan McVeigh, was chosen to take over for Justin as active president of the NHC. With that vote as well, Edgar Ortega, President of the Central Valley Herpetological Society was voted in as the new VP. Current VP, Jason Hood, President of the Chicago Herpetological Society, is still an active board member and continues to contribute. The rest of the board is unchanged.

This new structure has everyone excited and pressing forward with detailed goals and a path to get the NHC to where we have all known it needs to be. This organization needs to be a complete guide for finding your local herpetological society, contacting them, starting one in your area, transferring information between the organizations nationwide, and continuing to spread the passion we all have for these amazing animals. The potential within this group is astonishing and we are on track to create something that will change the course of history within herpetology and herpetoculture. This organization is comprised of the hardest working people within the herpetological community. They are the presidents and board members that have the passion to further the knowledge and support of the communities around them. With all of us working together with a common goal and a common vision, there is no limit to the amount of change we can invoke just by helping each other, and informing the community about the need to unify. Don't take a back seat to what's happening around you. Get informed and get involved.

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