



**Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals
Monthly Meeting
February 10, 2009
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

**Sonora Brewhouse
322 E. Camelback Rd.
Phoenix, AZ**

Attendees: Joe Pinto, Jon Nelson, Nancy Favour, Mark Turner, Ralph Ellis, Mike Zorba, Beth Defend, Christine Howard, Diana Stuart, Jodi Strohmayer, Kevin Grove, Marcie Martin, Rich Glinski, Tatyana Soroko, Valerie Swick, Scott Stapp, Vince Uzo, Mark Brodbeck, Speaker: Karen Apple

1. **Call-to-Order** – Joe
 - i. The meeting was called to Order at 6:15 PM
2. **Introduction of Members-** All
 - i. Members and guests are requested to introduce themselves to the group.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – January 13 minutes are attached to back of agenda.
 - i. Motion to Approve: Valerie Swick
 - ii. Second: Diana Stuart
 - iii. The minutes from January 13, 2008: Approved by voice vote, no dissentions or abstentions
4. **Treasurer Report** – Mike Z
 - i. General Fund= \$7,354.20
 - ii. Scholarship Fund= \$2,540.78
5. **Speaker; Karen Apple, EAS, City of Phoenix.**
Topic: Phoenix-Goodyear Airport Development and Environmental Issues

Karen discussed the function of the Goodyear airport, negotiations with the surrounding municipalities for expansion, the NEPA process in airport development projects, what triggers the various environmental processes during project and airport development and as it relates to development on a superfund site and what mitigation measures are in place, will need to be developed or altered for airport expansion at Phoenix-Goodyear Airport.
6. **NAEP National Conference 2009 - Phoenix**

AZAEP is requesting members and volunteers to contact the chairpersons to assist on these various committees and tasks.

 - i. **Volunteers-** Chair- Ralph Ellis:
 - i. If you are interested in being a volunteer at the conference please contact Ralph at rellis@swca.com.
 - Ralph has received 6 volunteers to date. We need about 20 for the entire conference. Joe reminded the attendees that if they know students they should ask them to volunteer. Students that volunteer

for 1 day at the conference are able to attend the balance of the conference at no charge.

- ii. **Sponsors and Exhibitors-** Co-Chairs Mike Dawson and Greg Wold.
 - i. If your company is interested in sponsorship or exhibiting at the NAEP conference please contact Mike Dawson at mdawson@ecoplanaz.com or Greg Wold at gwold@aztec.us. TIME IS RUNNING OUT.
 - No update but we are still short of our goal for sponsors and exhibitors. If your company is not already signed up as a sponsor or exhibitor members should discuss this opportunity with their marketing and management. This is a national conference and it is being held in Phoenix they should take advantage of this opportunity.
 - iii. **A/V- Chair-Jon Nelson:**
 - i. If your company is willing to provide a laptop computer and a projector for use at the conference please contact Jon Nelson at jnelson@oaconsulting.com.
 - We are two laptops and projectors short to cover all of the Tracks and Keynote speakers at the Conference If your company can spare a laptop and projector for a few days in May, 2009 please contact Jon
 - Mike Zorba will check with URS to determine if they could provide a laptop and projector for the conference. If they will provide we still need one more company to offer the equipment.
 - iv. **Conference Tours:** Co-Chairs-Valerie Swick and Diana Stuart:
 - i. The tours are set but there is still a need for volunteers to both speak on topics of local interest or the natural environment during the tours and also provide logistical support. Speaker(s) are needed to provide general interest information about the specific tour i.e. For the Grand Canyon tour if anyone could discuss (in general terms) the Geology of Arizona that the bus will be passing through from Phoenix to Sedona and on to the Grand Canyon or maybe provide some natural or Arizona history for the areas, your help would be greatly appreciated.
 - Valerie and Diana think that for now they have lined up tour speakers for the majority of the conference tours.
 - They still need assistance with the logistics of the tour such as making sure everyone is on the bus, received their lunch, passing out refreshments and general logistical support.
 - Volunteers would go on the tour(s) for free and it would be a great opportunity to network with the conference attendees on the tour and talk about our wonderful state.
 - v. **Early registration:**
 - i. Early registration is occurring now and if anyone signs up before March 1, 2009 they receive a discount. Government employees also receive an additional \$100 discount if they sign up to attend the full conference. After March 1 to April 10 the price goes up by \$50 and after April 10 there are no discounts available
 - The deadline for the deepest discount is rapidly approaching. If you are considering attending the conference there remains a little over 2 weeks before the cost goes up. Although government employees get another \$100 discount if they register before March 1 that provides the biggest savings.
7. **Other Business – All**
- i. **Scholarship Committee-** Nancy Favour:
 - i. Scholarships are due on February 21, Applications and instruction are available from Nancy Favour. nfavour@epgaz.com
 - The scholarship instructions and application are being placed on the web site. However if you have an intern in your office or know a

student in the environmental field be sure to inform them about this opportunity. AZAEP is awarding two (2) \$1,000 scholarships in 2009.

ii. **Newsletter-** Mark Turner-

i. The first issue of the AZAEP newsletter was distributed to members via email and was posted to the web site.

- We are now looking for articles for the second issue. If you have articles of interest, are interested in helping with the newsletter or becoming the editor, please contact Mark Turner at mark.turner@kimley-horn.com.

iii. **Fundraising events:** Mark Turner-

- On January 27 we held the Coyotes Night fundraising event and raised \$160 for the scholarship fund.
- Spring Baseball- Saturday, March 21, SF Giants vs. Oakland A's, Phoenix Muni Stadium, First Pitch 3:05 P.
- Mark is generating a flier with the ticket costs and should have it ready in the next few days.
- Jon will also add the information to the web site calendar of events.

iv. **Web Site-** Jon Nelson: [http:// www.azaep.org/renew.html](http://www.azaep.org/renew.html)

- PayPal is up and running on the web site. You can now pay for meetings, join or renew your AZAEP membership, pay for job postings and join/renew and pay for an NAEP membership on line.
- There have been several new job listings in the last couple of weeks posted to the web site. You can find them on www.azaep.org/joblisting.html

v. **Speaker Coordinator:**

- AZAEP has been looking for a Volunteer(s) to be the Speaker coordinator for the monthly meetings. Mike Zorba and Beth Defend have offered to serve in that capacity. If you have anyone in your office or through your working contacts that you think would be interested in presenting or have an area or interest in a specific topic please submit your suggestion to them. mike_zorba@urscorp.com or beth_defend@urscorp.com

vi. **Election Committee-**

i. Elections are in May, We need to form an Election Committee this month,

- Jon Nelson has volunteered to chair the election committee
- AZAEP is looking for volunteers participate on the committee. If you are interested helping with the elections please contact him. jrnelson@oaconsulting.com
- If you are interested in serving in an Officer or Board position please submit your name and a brief 1-2 paragraph Bio to Jon Nelson - jrnelson@oaconsulting.com AZAEP Officers must be a member in good standing with both NAEP and AZAEP. Board Members must be a member in good standing with AZAEP.

8. **Announcements –**

- The Arizona Riparian Council is holding their 23rd Conference Meeting on April 16-18 in Camp Verde. The call for papers is out now, anyone interested in presenting at the conference should submit their abstract soon, The theme of this conference is "Who's Invading or Riparian Space?". There will be workshops and training

available on the identification of Non-Native Plant Species along with hands on field session on Saturday. Conference information will be posted to the web site www.azniparian.org soon.

9. **Next Meeting – March 10. In Tucson.** Speaker- Lisa Benton, one of the 2008 Scholarship winners, and possibly a professor from her program.
Location:TBD
10. **Adjourn – 7:55 PM**