



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

**Maynard's Restaurant
400 N. Toole
Tucson, AZ**

Attendees: Joe Pinto, Nancy Favour, Jon Nelson, Mike Dawson, Angela Barclay, Chuck Barclay, Carianne Funicelli, Catherine Bolm, Jonathan Rigg, Joy Spezeski, Karen Whitlock, Lisa Benton, Matthew Bossler, Mike Murray, Scott Stapp, Shirley Kurc, Susanne Cotty, Joy Lyndes, Beau Burgess, Theresa Fortner.

1. **Call-to-Order** – Joe
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM
2. **Introduction of Members-** All
 - Members and guests introduced themselves to the group.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – February minutes are attached to back of agenda.
 - a. Motion to Approve: Mike Dawson
 - b. Second: Jonathan Rigg
 - c. The minutes from February 10, 2009: The minutes of February 10 were approved by voice vote, no negative votes or abstentions.
4. **Treasurer Report** – Jon
 - General Fund= \$ 6,628.87
 - Scholarship Fund= \$2,585.78
5. **Speakers:**
 - a. **Lisa Benton: College of Natural Resources, U of A.**
Topic: Phenology and Seasonal Water Use of Creosote bush in the Sonoran Desert
Dr Shirley Kurc, Professor, College of Natural Resources, U of A
6. **NAEP National Conference 2009 - Phoenix**

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

 - A fifth Keynote speaker: Dr. Fink, President-College of Sustainability, ASU has been added to the program.
 - a. **Volunteers-** Chair- Joe
 - If you are interested in being a volunteer at the conference please contact Ralph at rellis@swca.com.
 - Joe reminded attendees that student volunteers to the conference work one day and then get to attend the balance of the conference for free.

- Joe noted that as a Chapter we need to have at least 40% member participation between training, conference, and tours to secure our Chapter portion of any proceeds. This goes towards our scholarship fund so we need members to participate in the conference.
 - b. Sponsors and Exhibitors-** Co-Chairs Mike Dawson and Greg Wold.
 - 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.
 - Overall we are behind goal for the conference. To date we have raised \$80,000 in sponsorships and exhibitors. We had hoped to raise \$120,000. There is still a little time if your company is interested in conference sponsorship at several levels or being an exhibitor. Contact Mike or Greg.
 - c. A/V- Chair-Jon Nelson:**
 - 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 One laptop and projector 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- 602.527.0553 (c)
 - Note: The day after the meeting Jon was contacted by Diana Stuart, Maricopa Flood Control District and they will provide the additional laptop and projector.
 - d. Conference Tours:** Co-Chairs-Valarie Swick and Diana Stuart:
 - The tours are set but there is still a need for volunteers to assist 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.
 - As of the meeting very few people have signed up for the tours. Unless more people register for the tours some tours may have to be cancelled. NAEP has agreed to extend the deadline to sign up until the end of March. If you plan on attending the conference and are interested in the tours please sign up before March 31.
 - e. Early registration:**
 - Early registration is occurring now and if anyone signs up before April 10 2009 they receive a discount. Government employees also receive an additional \$100 discount if they sign up to attend the full conference. After April 10 the price goes up and there are no discounts available SO SIGN UP EARLY!!!
 - NAEP has extended the early registration deadline to March 27, Tour deadline has been extended to March 31. Government employees get an additional \$100 discount if they sign up for the full conference.
- 7. Other Business – All**
- a. Scholarship Committee-** Nancy Favour:
 - Nancy did not have an exact number but she believes that AZAEP has received about 40 scholarship applications. The committee will start their review of the applications soon.
 - b. Newsletter-**

- If you have articles of interest, are interested in helping with the newsletter please contact Mark Turner at mark.turner@kimley-horn.com.
 - Mark is in the process of developing the second newsletter and is looking for articles. If you would like to submit to the newsletter please contact Mark.
 - c. **Fundraising events:** Mark Turner-
 - Spring Baseball- Saturday, March 21, SF Giants vs. Oakland A's, Phoenix Muni Stadium, First Pitch 1:05 P. Tickets are \$10 each. There are a limited number of tickets available so don't wait contact Mark today.
 - d. **Web Site-** Jon Nelson: [http:// www.azaep.org](http://www.azaep.org)
 - 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. Click on the "Renew" header and a drop down menu will appear. Select the category and it will take you to a secure PayPal web site. Once your transaction is complete it will take you back to the AZAEP site
 - Also 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 under the job listing header
 - e. **Speaker Coordinator:**
 - Mike Zorba and Beth Defend have volunteered to head up this committee. If you know of anyone or are interested in giving a presentation, have topics of interest that you would like to hear at a future meeting or want to help them find and line up speakers contact them at mike_zorba@urscorp.com or beth_defend@urscorp.com
 - f. **Election Committee-**
 - Elections for Board and Officer positions will be held in May. Jon Nelson has volunteered to head the committee.
 - AZAEP is looking for volunteers participate on the committee.
 - If you are interested in serving in an Officer or Board position for the 2009/2010 year please submit your name and a brief 1-2 paragraph Bio to Jon Nelson - jrnelson@oaconsulting.com He will submit your name to the Election Committee. Officers must be a member in good standing with both NAEP and AZAEP. Board members must be a member in good standing with AZAEP.
 - If you want to view the Position Description for any of the Officers or At Large Board members contact Jon and he will email you the descriptions
8. **Announcements** – If you are a member of another organization and would like to have information pertaining to upcoming meetings or conferences for your org. emailed to our list serve database please contact Nancy Favour at nfavour@epgaz.com. If you would like to have your organizations meeting and or conference schedule added to the AZAEP web site please contact Jon Nelson at jrnelson@oaconsulting.com
9. **Next Meeting** – April 14, 2009-6 PM Sonora Brewhouse, 322 E. Camelback, Phoenix
- a. Speaker and Topic will be announced once confirmed
10. **Adjourn** – 8:00 PM