

AZAEP 2006 Member Survey Results Summary

Note: Numbers represent number of similar responses.

1. What is the best day of the week for you to meet?

1st choice __ Tuesday
2nd choice __ Wednesday
3rd choice __ Thursday

2. When is the best time of day for you to meet?

1st __ Dinner (6:00 to 8:00 pm)
2nd __ Evening (sometime between 4:00 and 7:00)
3rd __ Mid-day, after lunch (sometime between 1:00 to 4:00)
4th __ Lunch (11:30 to 1:00)

3. What area(s) of town would be most convenient for you to meet? Please name major cross streets.

Phoenix – Central

Central Phoenix - 6

Central and Camelback – 3

Dinner: Central corridor

Biltmore/Camelback area (Camelback and 28th Street)
24 St and Camelback
Central Phx – Central Avenue Corridor/Camelback Rd. Corridor (Central Phx)
24th St – Camelback to Thomas or McDowell

Downtown Phoenix

Downtown – somewhere other than Central & Camelback region (due to light rail construction)

Central & Washington

Central/Downtown - 2 votes

Macayo's is good for me.

South-Central Phoenix

I work at Durango complex.

East/Central Phx – 24-48th St., Washington – Camelback.

Arcadia, SE Phoenix

Lunch: Central ave. (7th st. to 19th ave.) & McDowell Rd.

Central Corridor – Thomas to Northern

Central

Downtown, central corridor, Biltmore area, Paradise Valley mall area.

Central Phx, Downtown Phx, central Phx

3rd Street & Van Buren

Baseline and I-10

I wonder if there is a place near the AZ Science Center?

Any streets south of Cactus and north of Thomas and 39th Ave. to 39th St work fine for me.

Phoenix – North

N. Phoenix (I-17 and 101)

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Shea Blvd. & Scottsdale Blvd.)

Scottsdale & Shea

South/east of PV Mall

NE Tatum/Greenway

Uptown Phoenix - 2 votes

North Phx

East Valley

Tempe/Phoenix border (48th Street & Baseline/Southern/Broadway) or Downtown Tempe (Mill/University)

Tempe

Tempe – anywhere

Tempe – Northern/Central/Western areas

I'm in Tempe.

Dinner: Tempe

Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Scottsdale

Tempe-Mesa-Gilbert-East Valley

Mill & University - 2 votes

East side of the Valley; anywhere around ASU or south of it.

East Valley, anywhere in the Tempe areas.

Priest & Apache or Broadway (SWC)

Mesa

Downtown Mesa

Mesa Dr. and University

Scottsdale or East side.

East side

southern Scottsdale/Old Town

South Scottsdale

West Valley

West or west central.

Tucson

Tucson! – I cannot come to meetings in Phoenix because it is too disruptive.

Tucson (Central)

Tucson

South – closer to Tucson

4. Do you know of a good meeting location that you would recommend?

Sonoran Brewhouse is good - 7 votes

Spaghetti Company – 2 votes

AZGFD Wildlife Building. Located at Fairgrounds. No cost, esp if you had a Dept sponsor. Limited facilities.

Tonto Nat. Forest has a conference room that could be free –however, during summer months it is subject to being taken over by the fire organization.

Tempe/East Valley

Pizza Uno on Mill Avenue has a good room in the back

Meetings can be held at the City of Mesa.

South Pointe Resort.

Four Peaks.

Desert Botanical Garden.

Ahwatukee Grace Inn – Elliott (or Warner) & I-10. There's a nice conference center.

Tucson

El Parador on Broadway; There has been at least one meeting there previously.

5. Would you be willing to pay \$20 to \$25 for meetings that include a nice dinner (multiple courses with a server)?

Yes - 13

Yes – ever consider using culinary arts students (LeCordon Bleu) for catering/meals? Could save \$.

Only quarterly.

Once or twice a year.

Once in awhile but not for every meeting – 2 votes

Occasionally, but not every month. Would prefer optional dinner/costs. If breakfast meal meeting, \$10-15.

Some months; not needed every month

Not every month

No – 6

\$20 is max.

\$20 is about my limit

Prefer <\$20 or just what I order off the menu.

No, \$15 seems to be good. I like the Sonora Brewhouse – seems like good food/drinks; better than Macayo's.

No, too much money but also too much going on with speaker present.

No – prefer level we are at now. Student= lack of \$ available for extra activities like meetings

I would prefer lower costs.

No – that's too high. I would pay 15.00 though

Probably not. However I would like an alternative to Macayo's.

I don't think that is necessary.

No, but \$15 for lunch is ok

I'm a student, can't afford a pricey meal

I would rather pay that for a nice breakfast/brunch.

\$10 to \$15 When your employer does not cover the cost, \$20-25 is a bit steep. There must be locations that would host us for the cost of a dinner order.

Maybe

depends on topic.

Not able to attend dinner meetings.

6. How long should monthly meetings be?

60 to 90 minutes	= 31 votes
90 to 120 minutes	= 9 votes
30 to 60 minutes	= 5 votes

7. a. What speaker topics are most interesting to you?

River “restoration” technology and techniques; How to get the public educated and to buy in to preserving habitat and species in face of political and budget limits. “Invasive” species – good and otherwise, in habitat work.

Natural Resources.

Generally technical, cradle-to-grave like the one today (APS Fossil Creek)

Natural Resources – stream restoration biology.

Who private-sector consultants are/what they do.

NEPA

All.

Anything water related or fish related.

Anything water related

Anything dealing with environmental/science, policy or compliance.

Regulatory issues

Legislation

Current projects, ongoing restoration...

Ecology of any kind

I’m pretty open to any topic.

Current/changing policies/regulations.

Implementation of unique environmental mitigation/planning.

Compliance changes

Professional development – education
Employment – market rebates
You've been doing well!! Keep going

Networking, training opportunities

Pretty much anything involving ecology, environmental & water resources

How to give good presentations
Dealing with interest groups

Habitat preservation, land-use planning, landscaping, urban forestry or open space planning.

Environmental practical applications like today (Fossil Creek) and Prescott Creeks

Revegetation, restoration, wetlands issues, botany related topics

Wildlife corridors, open space, NAFTA, water, water conservation

Impacts in arid environments; cultural resource impacts; Section 404 permitting.

Ethics, Funding constraints, research, etc.

Anything about restoration or invasive species.

Current topics like 404 nationwide permit changes, updates on the pygmy owl status, changes in other regulations, etc.

Almost anything. May be invite someone from ASU to talk about his/her research?

Projects involving conservation, mitigation measure, restoration, land development projects, project other agencies (AZ Game and Fish/USFWS) working on, volunteer opportunities (fish shocking, trail restoration, etc.)

Upcoming environmental projects.

Recycling, conservation, water and other AZ issues.

Water and compliance related topics.

Current environmental issues topics.

Regulations, NEPA, wetland and stream restoration, watershed management

Current or prospective projects in the southwest, hot topics/cutting edge information.

Water related topics.

Addressing urbanization.

Ecology, biology, plant management, game and fish, environmental planning.

I am interested in the "methods" that will be used to control/eradicate tamarisk. Pesticides?
What environmental-friendly way is there to eradicate an invasive plant species across an expansive region like the West?

b. If you know of a speaker or topic that you would like AZAEP to host, please list below.

Support from NAEP

SRP – John Keane

CWA Section 404 changes

Salt River Restoration through Mesa

Jim Hollway Az Institute for Sustainability (ASU?)

Mercury pollution, particulates in air, changes to existing rules

Any of the Tribes, Riparian Council, Urban Interface

Thom Hulen (from K. Rice)

c. Would you or someone you know like to speak at an AZAEP meeting?

George Ruffner, EcoPlan. Mitigation trials/tribulations.

Yes. I could speak in the future. My topic could include the projects here in Apache Junction (T. Kennedy)

I could speak sometime, but I will need some time to prepare. I can ask others at ADEQ. (Vasanti D.)

I'd be happy to come and talk about National Fish Habitat Action Plan or Western Native Trout Initiative. (Larry Riley, AZGFD)

Yes, Heather Kinkade-Levario from ARCADIS on LEEDS and Rain harvesting

8. What other types of activities would you like to participate in as part of AZAEP?

__31__ field trips

__20__ volunteer efforts

__30__ trainings

__16__ working sessions (committee meetings, etc.)

__7__ other:

- Member get-togethers (to get to know everyone better - BBQ's, picnic, potluck, etc.;
- Community outreach/education if projects, even though sometimes public involvement can get messy;
- Fun events (like the D'backs game we went to in summer) helps members get acquainted.

9. Are there other services or activities you would like to see AZAEP provide?

Co-workshops or conferences with Riparian Council, AFMA, Enviro Clubs at ASU Main and East, Central AZ Weed Management Association – More bang for buck and time.

Potential trainings/workshops in NEPA, EPA-related...

Bring in other professionals – planners, attorneys, businesses that are regulated under environmental laws.

Has AZAEP ever tried to host meetings in a more of a lounge type setting or possibly limiting formal presentation to every other month?

All activities are good.

Trainings

Internships, out to school and university students.

I would like to get a bigger picture of the environmental field. Perhaps information about events on national level would be useful. Information on job market, job openings, possible new developments in the environmental field?

Sponsor environmental events for the community.

Job/resume listings for the field

More involvement with student organizations and other related professional organizations.

I like the level of effort.

No

10. Other comments/suggestions:

Let people eat, then have speaker. Always awkward to eat and try to pay attention.

Great prizes at Golf Tourney.

I think the officers and B.O.D. are wonderful!

Keep up the Good work!!

You folks are doing fine to grow a new group. My time is limited so I can not make it to all events.

Sometimes the meetings tend to be dominated by one person, often this is the same person every week. This seems to extend the lengths of meetings, and is frustrating at times for everyone else. I know that several people, including myself have skipped some meetings to avoid having to listen to this one person. So, my suggestion is that the leadership attempt to limit one person from dominating the conversation and making the meetings run longer than necessary.

I prefer the Sonora brewhouse to Macayos, I would like it to become the new meeting place.

I would like to see better attendance and opportunities to network.

I think some variety in the meeting format may be helpful. For example, alternating fun events and speeches.

I have wanted to attend a meeting, but have been unable thus far due to extensive work travel. I hope to attend soon!

When I was a member in Chicago (long ago) we met at lunch time and it was quite successful.

It may be worth investigating several meeting locations for a monthly rotation. Like a meeting location in Chandler/Tempe/Mesa, One in Scottsdale/PN/NE Phx and one NW/N central Phoenix/Glendale/Peoria as well as the current location.

Move around is okay so everyone gets a chance at a convenient location.

If you are no longer an AZAEP member or will not be renewing, please tell us why:

3 Meeting day inconvenient.

4 Meeting time inconvenient.

Speakers/presentations not relevant/interesting.

Membership fee too high.

4 Meeting cost too high.

Other:

- Meeting place inconvenient
- I haven't made meetings due to they are held at the exact time as another professional group that I'm a part of. I hope the days change!
- I have to pick my activities. AZAEP is new and needs to grow and right now I need to put my limited time in more mature groups. Not able to give time to grow a new group right now.
- I had Tuesdays open but from now on I may have a commitment on Tuesdays. I am having difficulty with the schedule. I have commitments on 2 Wed's, 2 Thurs., 1 Monday so it is difficult to find a convenient day of the week.
- I can not usually make the Tuesday or Thursday meeting held at the current time. Have only been able to attend one meeting that was the first one of the 2006 year.
- I've been taking a class on Tues. – unable to attend...
- I belong to the National Assoc. does that make me a member of the Arizona Association?
[Answer: No.]

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