



**Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals
Monthly Meeting
March 22, 2011
6:00 PM
Minutes**

**Grimaldi's Pizzeria
4000 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ**

1. **Attendees** – Nancy Favour, Michael Zorba, Patricia Mariella, Dorothy Hallock, Beth Defend, Hugh Davidson, Jen Wennerlund, Maggie Bowler, Greg Wold, Nate Dunkin, Karl Rains, Cary Roberts, David Konopka, Richard Petrus, Kristin Fangmeier, Christine Howard, Mark Hackbarth, Dr. Vasanti Deshpande, Henri Bisson, Pooja Singh, Morgan Garret, Connie Stone, Bernie Frist, Gene Rogge, Deanne Ritz, Kevin Grove.
2. **Call-to-Order** – Nancy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
3. **Introduction of Members**- All Members and guests introduced themselves.
4. **Approval of Minutes** - **A motion was made to approve the Minutes** from February 22, 2011 – approved
5. **Treasurer Report** – Mike Zorba
General fund: \$3,802.26
Scholarship MMF: \$15,431.74
Distributions: Paid out: last meeting \$207.61 to Grimaldi's, reimbursement for flowers \$89.93, web services \$60.00. Monies in: \$105 from last meeting, \$2.95 interest from bank.
6. **Speaker 1:** Nate Dunkin, ASU Senior & 2010 AZAEP Scholarship Recipient spoke on his background and his studies on simpler and faster field methods for testing for fecal coliforms in water.
7. **Speaker 2:** Connie Stone, BLM Archaeologist spoke on the environmental and cultural challenges of renewable energy projects at the BLM.
8. **NAEP Update** – Nancy announced the conference taking place April 26-29, 2011 in Denver.
9. **AZAEP Events & Meetings**
 - a. Nancy and Dorothy summarized the tour of Westech Recyclers, and happy hour at the Duce, that took place on March 18, 2011
 - b. Nancy announced the April 23rd, 8AM to 3 PM joint AzASLA volunteer projects to coincide with Earth Day. We will be planting shrubs for a Phoenix area non-profit.
 - c. Next month's speaker was announced
Speaker: Pooja Singh, HMP Sustainability Solutions
Topic: Greenhouse gas management and the risks and opportunities in Arizona
Location: Grimaldi's Pizzeria, Scottsdale

- d. There are tentative plans for a May (date and time TBD) walking tour of the Ft. Lowell Historic Neighborhood in Tucson. Interested parties should contact Dorothy Hallock so that the tour can be tailored for what participants are interested in.
- e. The planned speaker for May 24th, 6-8 PM:
 - Speaker: Matt Chew, ASU Center for Biology and Society
 - Topic: Social aspects of biology
 - Location: Grimaldi's Pizzeria, Scottsdale
- f. Pat Mariella updated the members on the planned May/June public participation workshop, which will be as close to free as possible for members.

10. Announcements/Comments

Mike Zorba welcomed the new members: David Konopka and Richard Petrus.

Nancy announced that volunteers are needed to serve on election nomination, scholarship, golf, and newsletter committees. Sign-up with Nancy after the meeting.

Nancy announced that AZAEP board member elections are coming up. Applications/nominations are due by April 30.

AZAEP Scholarship Applications are also due by April 30.

The next AZAEP board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th, noon-1:00 conference call. Members are welcome to participate – please contact Nancy for more information.

Speakers and Topics - Let us know your preferences for topics and speakers. If you have suggestions on topics, would like to present, or know an associate that would like to present, contact Mike Zorba mzorba@transconusa.com or Beth Defend beth_defend@urscorp.com.

Membership Renewal - Reminder to renew your membership if it's due. ☺

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.