



Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals
Monthly Meeting
May 13, 2008
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Sonora Brewhouse
322. E. Camelback Avenue – Phoenix, Arizona

Attendees: Amy Corathers, Betsy Carroll, Cris Howard, DeAnne Reitz, Diana Stuart, Ginger Niklas, Greg Wols, Jennifer Cleland, Joe Pinto, Jon Nelson, Justin Ladd, Leigh Waite, Marcie Martin, Mark Turner, Mike Zorba, Nancy Favour, Rachael Williams, Rich Glinski, Stephan Scheufler, Terri Thompson, Tim Flood, Todd Kennedy, Valarie Swick, Jeremy Castel, Todd Ligon, Joy Lyndes, Steve Thomas, Ray Schweinsberg, Siobhan Nordhagen.

1. Call-to-Order – Joe

a. The meeting was called to Order at 6:20 PM

2. Introduction of Members- All

There were several new people in attendance for the meeting and Joe requested that everyone introduce themselves to the group.

3. Approval of Minutes –

Motion: Diana Stuart

Second: Mike Zorba

Approval: The minutes from March were approved by voice vote. No dissensions or abstentions.

4. Treasurer Report – No Report

5. Elections:

Ballots were passed out to the members in attendance to vote. Members could also vote on line as long as the ballots were turned into Leigh by no later than May 15th.

6. Speakers: Ray Schweinsburg, AzGFD "Roadway Ecology and Habitat Connectivity" and Siobhan Nordhagen, ADOT, "Arizona Wildlife Linkages".

Ray and Siobhan started their presentation by discussing the: who, what, how and why of roadway ecology and habitat connectivity. They discussed the process of getting buy in at the federal and state level to develop, design, fund and construct structures to allow the passage of animals through roadway sections reducing the possibility of vehicle strikes and increasing the safety of the motoring public. They also discussed the reasons, rationale and some of the challenges, difficulties and victories in getting agencies to adopt the linkages concept.

A Q & A period followed the presentation and Ray and Siobhan passed out a CD with their presentation slides to the attendees.

Steve Thomas, FHWA presented Ray Schweinsberg with an Environmental Stewardship Award for his work on wildlife linkages.

7. Other Business – All

- **Committee Update**

- **Scholarship Committee-Nancy**
The applications are currently being passed between the committee members for review. Nancy and Marcie have completed their review and the applications were passed to the members in Tucson for review. Nancy indicated that the committee should have their recommendations ready to present to the board for approval by the end of June.
 - **NAEP National Conference 2009 - Phoenix**
 - AZAEP is requesting members and volunteers to contact the chairpersons to assist on these various committees and tasks.
8. **Announcements –Joe/all**
The next meeting will be shortened and there will be no speaker. The new AZAEP officers and Board will be installed. After the installation, the meeting will adjourn and the NAEP Conference Committee working groups will meet.
9. **Next Meeting – Joe**
June 10, 2008 @ Patsy Grimaldi's Pizzeria, 4000 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale
10. **Adjourn – Joe**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.