Arizona Association of Environmental Professionals
Monthly Meeting
June 10, 2008
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Patsy Grimaldi's Pizzeria
4000 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ

Attendees: Wendy Terlizzi, Ralph Ellis, Perry Gooch, Kurt Craig, Julie Anderson, Mike Zorba, Mike Dawson, Hugh Davidson, Mike Langley, Joe Pinto, Nancy Favour, Marcie Martin, Valerie Swick, Jon Nelson

1. **Call-to-Order** – Joe

   The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM

2. **Introduction of Members-** All

3. **Approval of Minutes –**

   Motion: Mike Dawson

   Second: Marcie Martin

   Approval: Minutes of May 13 were approved by voice vote, no abstentions or dissentions.

4. **Treasurer Report** – Mike

   Currently the general fund has $5,956.92. Scholarship fund has $6,570.45

5. **Elections: Results and Installation of Officers and Board**

   The following are the results of the election:
   President-Joe Pinto
   Vice President- Nancy Favour
   Treasurer- Mike Zorba
   Secretary- Jon Nelson
   Board Members- Mike Dawson and Ralph Ellis
   There is one open board position. Nancy will send out a request to members for nominations to fill that position.
   Wendy Terlizzi presided over the swearing in and administered the oath of office for the installation of the AZAEP officers and board members.

6. **Other Business –** All

   - **NAEP National Conference 2009 - Phoenix**
     - AZAEP is requesting members and volunteers to contact the chairpersons to assist on these various committees and tasks.
     - The call for papers for the 2009 NAEP conference has been sent out. To date NAEP has received only 3 submittals. The due date is September 15,

2008. Members are encouraged to submit their research or project write up to NAEP for consideration.

- Diana Stuart announced and passed out fliers for the Arizona Riparian Council-dinner meeting to be held on June 19th at Sonora Brewhouse, 322 E. Camelback, Phoenix.
  The speaker will be Jessica Catlin, Board President, Arizona League of Conservation Voters discussing Red v Blue v Green. The meeting starts at 5:30 and is open to all attendees. Contact Diana Stuart at 602.506.4766 or dms@mail.maricopa.gov by June 17 if you want to attend.

7. Announcements –Joe/all

- Fundraising Events: AZAEP will probably not hold a scholarship golf outing in 2008 due to planning and trying to get sponsorships from our corporate partners for the 2009 NAEP conference.

8. Next Meeting – Joe

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in Tucson on July 8 at the El Parador restaurant.

9. Conference Committee working group- breakout session

The meeting was suspended so the chairperson(s) for the various NAEP conference committees could provide an update on the planning progress and status for each group.

Exhibitors and sponsors; Mike Dawson/Leigh Waite

About half of the exhibitor spaces are sold.
They are developing a targeted marketing letter for track moderators and speakers and are developing a customized letter for conference sponsorships to be mailed in the next few weeks.

Course Instructors and Topics: Marcie Martin

The committee has received many suggestions for topics and potential instructors. They are narrowing down the list at this time.
The committee held a conference call with the dean of the ASU Global Sustainability program to discuss the possibility of ASU offering training and certification for a few subjects at the conference.
Another suggestion was to contact the U.S. Green Building Council about possible training and certifications for the conference.

Advanced Program Insert: Wendy Terlizzi

AASHTO and EPA have placed the 2009 NAEP conference notice and link on their websites. Wendy has contacted FHWA about placing the notice and link on their web site.

Tours and Transportation: Valarie Swick/Diana Stuart

They have contacted several shuttle services about transportation from the airport to the resort but none of the services want to sign a contract this far out with the price of gas in constant flux. There may be opportunities to create a window of time for transportation to the resort from the airport on

the Saturday and Sunday before the conference and again back to the airport on Wednesday at the conclusion of the conference. One of the keys to set up the window will be the number of people that arrive in Phoenix during that time period and that will dictate the size of the transport vehicle to get best rates.

Right now the committee has 5-6 good ideas for tours including a day trip to the Grand Canyon, A tour and presentation pertaining to the wildlife corridors created on SR 260, A tour of some of the historic homes in the Roosevelt and Willow districts, A tour and presentation at the Tres Rios wetland project area and maybe a tour and presentation of Fossil Creek decommissioning site.

The committee is still open to other suggestions from the members.

Keynote Speakers: Kevin Grove

Kevin was not in attendance to provide an update.

Audio/Visual: Jon Nelson

Of the total 6 projectors and laptops needed for the conference, Kimley-Horn and Associates has stated that they will provide 2-3 complete units. Jon will contact other sponsors and companies for the additional units.

It was suggested that the committee attempt to find a sponsor that would donate 1-2 laptop units to AZAEP to set up an internet room at the conference so attendees could get emails and messages. The laptops could then be given to our scholarship recipients for 2009. It was suggested that the exhibitor/sponsor committee also include that as an option in their custom letter to potential sponsors for the conference.

Conference Co-Chairs: Joe Pinto/Greta Halle

Joe had no updates and Greta was not in attendance to provide an update.

10. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM